

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at Arley Memorial Hall. The meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr Graham Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr I Latimer JP, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr S McLachlan and Cllr A Potter.

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Cllr J Byng and District Cllr P Harrison.

1. Declaration of Acceptance of Office: The Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss duly signed the declaration of acceptance of office having been elected as Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which took place on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

2. Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr H Link, District/County Cllr D Morehead and the Local Policing Team.

3. Declarations of Interest: Cllr A Potter declared an other disclosable interest in agenda item 11 a) planning application 25/0407/CLE in relation to The Bumbles, Upper Birch Road, Shatterford. Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr J Lawley declared an other disclosable interest in agenda item 11 a) planning application 25/0411/S73 in relation to Nash End Farm, Lion Lane, Arley, Bewdley and confirmed they would leave the room when the agenda item was discussed.

4. Community Policing: Members set the Policing priorities for the next three months as

a) antisocial behaviour in Upper Arley Village from 10.30 p.m. onwards, particularly on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

b) Speeding traffic in Arley Lane and Trimpley Lane.

No members of the public in attendance for Public Question Time.
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The meeting was reconvened to conduct the following items of business:

5. Dispensations: No dispensation requests received.

6. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

7. District and County Council Matters: District/County Cllr D Morehead will provide an update on his current casework by email. Cllr Byng advised that there had recently been some issues with waste collection and that Bewdley bridge should be reopening the following month.

8. Service Reports:

- a) Lengthsman: Timesheets circulated – no issues to raise.

9. Highways Issues: Clerk asked to confirm with Cllr Morehead if the damaged road surface near to Park Attwood was being actioned. Cllr Latimer reported that he had received a request from a resident for the installation of an additional visibility mirror at the top of Arley Lane, Pound Green with the junction of the B4194.

10. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts:

- a) Members noted the bank balances at the 17th June 2025.
- b) Members approved payments as per the schedule.
- c) Members ratified payments as per the list.

11. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

25/0407/CLE The Bumbles Upper Birch Road Shatterford

Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing use for the use of building (building A) as domestic residential outbuilding as part of the curtilage of The Bumbles along with the stationing of a log cabin (building B) and the laying of hardstanding (area C) for in excess of ten years prior to application. No objection.

25/0313/HOU The Forge Lion Lane Arley

Proposed replacement roof covering. No objection.

Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr J Lawley left the room for the discussion of the following planning application.

25/0411/S73 Nash End Farm Lion Lane Arley Bewdley

Variation to Condition 13 attached to Planning Permission 24/0079/FUL (approved plans). No objection.

Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr J Lawley rejoined the meeting.

b) Additional Planning Applications or other Planning Matters since close of Agenda

Members considered a response to the draft planning obligations supplementary planning document and the draft green infrastructure supplementary planning document consultations by Wyre Forest District Council

c) Planning Decisions Received

25/0169/CLE Heathfield Button Oak To Arley Road Pound Green Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of land as garden and vegetable garden in excess of 10 years. Withdrawn.

12. Clerk's Report: Members formulated a response to the Shape Worcestershire consultation as part of the Governments proposed changes on Reorganisation and Devolution.

13. Correspondence for Information: Members noted correspondence report received from the Clerk.

14. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: None.

15. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at Shatterford Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss

Notes of Public Question Time

No members of the public in attendance for public question time.