

Upton Snodsbury Parish Council

Parish Councillors - T.Eagle (TE); Celia Young (CY); Nick Taylor (NT);
Stewart Logan (SL);
S. Share (SS); C Milner (CM); J. Round (JR)

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (7.30 pm)

Tuesday 21st June 2011
Location - The Village Hall

- 11/40 **Apologies.** **None**
- 11/41 **To Approve Minutes - of the Meeting on 17th May -2011.**
- 11/42 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
CM mentioned that the item 11/37 should be worded slightly different and listed under item 11/38. Actioned.
- NT 11/33 Court Farm Issues.**
Stuart Smith had been seen by NT. For update see appendix.
- SS 11/34 Refund of cost of Domain Name**
Matter in hand, not done yet. Further report to follow. Action SS
- TE 11/36: Standard Training Event.**
A summary of the event was given by TE, i.e. role of Clerk, Planning Application procedure etc.
- 11/37 1. Rural Play Area Workshop CM**
Following enquiries made, it appears it would not be of interest to Parish Council. Matter is not to be progressed at the present time.
- 2. Help with IT SL**
a, GRANT FOR I.T. An application was seen by Rebecca Gore in applying for a grant for IT equipment. It was agreed that the possibility of obtaining equipment should be investigated. SL to action.
- b, WEBSITE DESIGN.** SL reports that there had been problems in website access at first. Numerous templates available under consideration at present, but it was agreed the number of pages at present are out of date and excessive and should be reduced to 8 or 9 pages on the new site.
- 3. Heating Oil and LPG Bulk purchase TE**
Update given. Wychavon District Council plan to promote and event in September to which Calor and Countrywide will be invited.

4. **a, Britain In Bloom CM**

Matter not to be pursued at present as it was thought the disused garage site would have an adverse effect on any application.

b), Joint Village /Insurance Matters CM

TE read letter from USPRA making proposals for cost sharing their insurance with that of Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed in principle and after some debate it was proposed by SS and seconded by NT that a working party of SS, JR and USPRA treasurer together with Terry Shepherd (Clerk) to look solely at “the possible consideration to incorporate Parish Council and the USPRA Park Insurance” and to report back. This was formally agreed. Clerk is to write to Chair of USPRA re invitation to Treasurer.

11/43

To adopt annual budget (see appendix):

Adopted, Proposed by CM and seconded by SS.

11/44

To appoint Planning Committee.

In order of priority was proposed by TE. Seconded by SL
SS, JR, TE, CY, NT, SL, and CM

Clerk to organise at least four members on receipt of planning application

11/45

To note planning consultations:

Cowsden Bank Farm Building Mr Collins

Concerns by parishioners present were expressed regarding the building in question and were advised that at present Parish Councils have little input regarding agricultural planning applications. It was observed by CY that this was unacceptable and after further discussion it was agreed that our Clerk write to WDC requesting that in future, Agricultural Planning Applications be subject to the same procedure as Residential Applications.

The Clerk will write to Planning Department requesting that we are notified of every Planning Application received and all Parish Councillors will be informed.

1. School Cottage Gable end replacement

Mr and Mrs Gillick Noted.

2. 1 Pershore Road Conversion of flat roof to pitched.

Mr and Mrs Allen Noted.

11/46

To adopt reports:

a) Footpaths.

Noted, with thanks to David Mathews for his assistance.

b) Website

Noted, with thanks to Stuart Logan for his on-going help.

b) Litter picking

Noted and again thanks to Stuart Logan who will advise helpers.

c) Rebecca Gore application re I.T. Noted, thanks again to Stuart Logan who will action.

e) Speeding sign data passed to Highways. Thanks to Steve McCarthy.

**11/47
18th**

To nominate delegates for New Homes Bonus Event on July

Letter read out by TE. If anyone wishes to attend to contact the Clerk

11/48 **To Propose Items for Next Agenda.**

No proposals made

11/49 **Dates of next meetings -**

October 18th2011. January 24th 2012. March 13th
2012.

Meeting closed at 2155hours

Appendix.

Court Farm

Mr Jude Stuart Smith from Court Farm was present at the meeting and stated that the lighting problems arose from security measures he was advised to adopt by the local Police in relation to illumination and CCTV coverage of the property. Light sensors and screens were not suited to the property but Mr Smith did state that if there were any problems with Parishioners he would be more than happy to speak to them at any time to discuss problems.

Woodfield Garage.

TE gave update to the effect that that there were still no developments, mainly due to the fact the owners had not been able to raise finances to demolish the site and so far there were no buyers for the proposed 39 Bedroom Care Home. JR expressed concerns regarding the security of the site and suggested the Council have a "Duty of Care". The Clerk is to write to the Council expressing concerns of Parishioners and requesting the site be looked at with a view to improve safety.

Councillors Input

Linda Robinson gave an input in relation to the Worcestershire Development Plan and Localism Bill. In brief there are no matters decided yet.

Rob Adams spoke about the road improvements in the village and speed limits. Both matters are ongoing. Resurfacing of road in the village is hopefully to be included in next year's budget. RA to press for this.

Parish Council Clerk

CY raised the issue regarding clarification of the Clerk's position. It was agreed that Mr Shepherd will progressively become Clerk to the minutes, correspondence and contact point at a remuneration of £500 per year and that Mr Lane the previous Clerk will then take over the role of RFO.

Terry Shepherd. Clerk.