

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall on Wednesday 26th June 2019.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr A Cheadle, Cllrs Mrs S Rickhuss, Mrs T Lawley, Mrs L Snodgrass Mrs L Woolgar, J Lawley and A Potter.

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), Cllr Mr R Coleman, Cllr J Byng, Cllr P Harrison and eight members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs A Coleman and the Local Policing Team.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time – notes of which are appended to these minutes
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3. Community Policing: The Local Policing Team were unable to attend but advised that there were no incidents of note to report in the last four weeks.

4. Co-option to fill the vacancy on Pound Green Ward: Deferred pending advice from the Elections Office.

5. Dispensations: No requests for a dispensation received by the Clerk.

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 8th May 2019 at Shatterford Village Hall were approved with clarification that item 15 'Highways' refers to Arley Lane, Pound Green.

7. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Harrison gave his report. He advised the Local Plan Review Panel reconvenes the following Monday, it is not expected that there will be any changes to the sites allocated. Further consultations will take place from September 2019. The District Council is running a campaign about fly-tipping, any hotspots can be referred via our District Councillors.

8. Items Requiring Discussion/Decision:

- a. Parish Makeover: The Parish Council has been nominated for a Parish Makeover by Cllr Becky Vale. The Clerk and Cllr Cheadle had met with a representative from Ringway to discuss potential work that can be done including tidying back the verges, straightening some of the sign posts and clearing around blocked drains. They are also going to cut back the hedge by the 30mph signs in preparation for the installation of village gateways and a vehicle activated sign.

- b. Information Panel at Seckley Point: Cllr Cheadle had met with Representatives from the Forestry Commission and discussed updating and replacing the panel. They have since advised the Clerk that they will be working with the Forester to cut back some of the overgrowth to widen the view and will continue with the project in the Autumn. There is a time capsule, put together by pupils at Upper Arley School, buried at the site which will be need to be taken into account with any updating of the site.
- c. Litter Bins and Planters for Village: Post mounted bins and the planters have been installed.
- d. Vehicle Activated Signs: The posts have been installed, the siting of one of them is being queried with County Highways.
- e. The Poor's Land Charity for Upper Arley: Members resolved to appoint Mr E Blount and Mr G Lilley as representatives to the charity.

9. Service Reports:

- a. Lengthsman Report: Contractor's time sheet circulated.
- b. Parish Paths: Footpath works have been dealt with by Contractor.

10. Highways Issues: Cllr Cheadle reported a car overturned on Dowles Bank the day following the resurfacing of the road. The footpath from Arley Estate up towards the A442 needs spraying to clear the weeds.

11. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Council noted bank balances at the 18th June 2019.
- b. Council approved payments as per the list with the addition of payments to Rushmere Nurseries £660.00, Janitorial Direct £103.53 and Stinkyink £29.67.

c. Members ratified the following payments:

Public Conveniences Cleaning 1.6.19	£260.00	BACS
Lengthsman and Contract work 16.5.19	£242.00	BACS
Reimbursement to Clerk Dan (bander) 24.5.19	£132.00	BACS
Dolittle and Dalley 29.5.19	£300.00	BACS
Amberol (bins and planters) 30.5.19	£4,519.54	BACS
ALVC (website) 31.5.19	£551.99	BACS
Lengthsman and Contract Work 17.6.19	£818.40	BACS
Handyman work (bins) 17.6.19	£107.75	BACS
Handyman work (quayside)	£104.00	BACS
Grounds Maintenance Contractor 17.6.19	£936.00	BACS
Came & Company Insurance 20.6.19	£377.38	BACS

- d. Increase in Clerks Salary: Members approved the increase in the Clerk's salary from £12.81 to £13.15 per hour in accordance with the NJC Agreement.
- e. Internal Auditor: Members resolved to appoint Claire Wass as internal auditor for the 2019-2020 financial year.

12. Planning and Development Control:

- a. Planning Applications
None.

b. Planning Decisions

19/0244/CERTP THE MEADOWS TRIMPLEY LANE SHATTERFORD
Single storey side extension to form utility. Permitted.

19/0032/OUTL LAND AT ARLEY LANE POUND GREEN
Erection of a detached dwelling. Approved.

19/0179/FULL DOWLES LODGE DOWLES ROAD BEWDLEY
Erection of Oak framed porch

13. **Correspondence for Information:** Clerk read out the correspondence report.
14. **Clerk's Report:** Clerk read out the report.
15. **Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas.** Cllr Mrs Rickhuss enquired if a letter of thanks had been written to the Councillors who stood down at the Election. Cllr Mrs Woolgar had received an enquiry regarding the gate at the entrance to the Church from Arley Estate being locked. Cllr Cheadle thanked the Clerk for providing notices regarding dog fouling and damage to the notice board at Pound Green.
16. **Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 24th July 2019 at Shatterford Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 21.00 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

Eight members of the public in attendance, the following issues were raised

- Cattle on Pound Green Common and more particularly the response received from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust regarding resident's concerns.
- Concerns regarding the fact that the Parish Council did not nominate a representative to Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall Committee.