

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held on Wednesday 27th May 2020

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr J Middleton and Cllr A Potter.

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), County Councillor Mrs R Vale, District Councillors J Byng and P Harrison.

1. Election of Chairman: Cllr Graham Rickhuss was duly elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed at a later date.

2. Election of Vice Chairman: Cllr Arthur Cheadle was elected as Vice Chairman in his absence.

3. Emergency Delegation of Authority: Members resolved to extend the delegation of Council decisions to the Clerk, in conjunction with consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman (by email or telephone) during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of the Covid-19 virus.

4. The General Power of Competence: Members resolved that the Parish Council meets the criteria for eligibility of the General Power of Competence at this particular point in time in accordance with Localism Act 2011 S8 set out in a Statutory Instrument known as the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012 No. 965).

5. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr A Cheadle, Cllr Mrs A Coleman, Cllr R Coleman and the Local Policing Team.

6. Declarations of Interest: None.

No Members of the Public in attendance for Public Question Time.

7. Community Policing: No report received.

8. Dispensations: No requests received.

9. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday the 26th February 2020 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

10. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Byng advised that he had been contacted by a resident who was angry about obstructive parking at the entrance to Arley Village. A request was made for double yellow lines to be put on the road, however, as the parking was causing an obstruction Cllr Byng passed the request onto Cllr Mrs Vale and the Local Policing Team.

Cllr Mrs Vale gave her report. She had been advised that there had been a spike in Rural Crime in recent months, particularly with the theft of livestock. Young animals are being targeted and sheep rustling is taking place in the surrounding areas. Police Officers are visiting local farms to warn farmers to be vigilant. Mrs Vale had also been notified that there were 'closed' signs placed at the entrance to Arley Village, following a complaint from a local resident. An Officer from County Highways attended to remove them, however the Police can enforce against obstructive parking.

Worcestershire County Council is currently prioritising its resources to help fight the Coronavirus pandemic. The number of new admissions to Hospital with Coronavirus is currently levelling and the level of infections in care homes in Worcestershire seems to be stabilising. Fortunately, there have been no issues with PPE in the County.

The waste amenity sites are now open with additional traffic measures in place as they are extremely busy. Plans are being drawn up to help with social distancing ready for when businesses reopen to help support the local economy. Schools are also beginning to open up.

Cllr Harrison advised that there had been a complaint about the car park being closed in Arley Village, the complainant was unaware it was a private car park and not owned by Wyre Forest District Council. Bewdley Town Council has been given a provisional date of 15th June for re-opening the toilets, nothing has been mentioned about Arley toilets so Cllr Harrison will try and find out what is happening.

11. Service Reports:

- a. Lengthsman Report: Current Lengthsman retains the contract.
- b. Parish Paths: Grant approved by Worcestershire County Council for 2020-2021.
- c. Public Toilets: Further updates to be provided following WFDC meeting.

12. Highways Issues: Lion Lane has been resurfaced; Members are pleased with the standard of work that has been completed.

13. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Members noted the bank balances at 17th May 2020.
- b. Members approved payments as per the schedule.
- c. Members ratified payments as per the schedule.
- d. Grant Application: Members approved the grant application from Arley Memorial Hall.
- e. Members resolved to make donations to Alveley First Responders and Bewdley First Responders in the sum of £350 each.

10. Planning and Development Control:

a. Planning Applications Received

20/0269/FUL Oak Tree Farm Button Oak To Arley Road Pound Green
Alterations and Extensions to pair of dwellings to include loft conversion, dormer window, solar roof panels, velux rooflight, conservatory and detached garage to each (amendments to planning approval 19/0788/FULL). Notification of revised plans.
Application withdrawn.

b. Planning Application Consultations received since last Meeting

20/0273/OUT Land At Nib Green Road Arley Bewdley
Outline approval for erection of detached dwellinghouse with all matters reserved.

c. Planning Decisions Received

19/0788/FULL OAK TREE FARM POUND GREEN ARLEY
Conversion of agricultural building to form 2 dwellings, including replacement roof and alterations to building. Approved.

19/0795/FULL DREAM SKERRY POUND GREEN ARLEY
Erection of Oak framed, timber clad garden store outbuilding following demolition of existing steel frame garden store. Approved.

18/0724/FULL CORNER HOUSE BUTTON OAK KINLET
Removal of existing fencing, brick pillars, timber 5 bar gate and tiled canopy. Erection of a rendered block wall with brick pillars and a timber boarded gate. Approved.

19/0618/FULL BUTTON OAK HOLIDAY PARK HOMES BUTTON OAK TO ARLEY ROAD POUND GREEN BEWDLEY
Change of Use of Land at Button Oak Holiday Park Homes for the siting of 5 additional Static Caravans for Holiday Lets for 11 months usage. Approved.

20/0039/LBC The Grange Frenchmans Street Arley
Additional works to ceilings to provide routes for building services. Approved.

18/0454/FULL THE Farthings, Arley
Ground and first floor extension at rear of property. Withdrawn.

20/0138/PNH Hillfields House Bridgnorth Road Shatterford
Single Storey Rear Extension. Approved.

20/0110/OUT Land At Os 375750 278740 Button Oak To Arley Road Pound Green
Residential Development of 4 Dwellings (Outline Application with All Matters Reserved)
Refused.

20/0123/PNR Barn Adjacent High Lea Button Oak To Arley Road Pound Green Bewdley
Conversion of Agricultural Building to Residential Dwelling
Granted.

20/0035/RES Land Off Arley Lane Pound Green Arley Bewdley
Reserved Matters application for one dwelling following outline planning permission
19/0032/OUTL Approved.

11. **Correspondence for Information:** Report given by Clerk.
12. **Clerk's Report:** Report given by Clerk.
13. **Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas:** Cllr Potter reported a blocked footpath in Coldridge Wood.
14. **Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 24th June 2020 – details to be provided at a later date.**

The meeting closed at 20.45.p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

No members of the public were in attendance.