

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at Arley Memorial Hall, the meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss was elected as Chairman for the meeting.

Present: Acting Chairman Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr I Latimer, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr H Link and Cllr A Potter.

In attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Cllr J Byng, District Cllr P Harrison, District Cllr N Wilson and PC S Thomas.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr S McLachlan, District Cllr E Bourne, District and County Cllr D Morehead.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Community Policing: PC Thomas gave the Police report. A low level of crime has been recorded on the system, however, there has been a spate of thefts from vans by an organised group who are targeting the whole Wyre Forest area. They operate by cutting a hole in the vehicle before emptying it, most incidents appear to be taking place just after midnight. There is a possibility of another Officer joining the Local Policing Team.

No members of the public in attendance for Public Question Time .
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5. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at Shatterford Village Hall were approved.

6. District and County Council Matters: District Councillors referred to the correspondence from Cllr Hart regarding the public toilets in Upper Arley Village (to be added to the agenda for discussion at the September meeting). County Councillor D Morehead gave his apologies and had provided his report via the Clerk. He wished to know if Members were supportive of the proposals for road signage outside the School. Members agreed that they were in support of the proposals. For information, he had chased the completion and agreed standard of the bollards by the riverside and will provide an update as soon as possible.

7. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Lengthsman timesheets were circulated for perusal.

8. Highways Issues: Cllr H Link reported overhanging branches on Beacon Lane. Cllr Potter reported some possible damage to the road surface in Trimpley Lane.

9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

a. Members noted the bank balances at the 12th August 2023.

b. Members approved payments as per the schedule with the addition of the following payments

TG Builders Merchants (postcrete)	£26.40	BACS
Handyman (installation of noticeboard Pound Green)	£150.00	BACS
Wyre Forest District Council (Election fees)	£180.28	BACS

c. Members ratified payments as per the list.

d. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23: Members noted receipt of the completion of audit report for the 2022/2023 financial year by external Auditor PKF Littlejohn.

10. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

None

b) Additional Planning Applications or other Planning Matters

None

c) Planning Decisions Received

21/0431/FUL The Engine House Arley Lane Shatterford. Change of use of agricultural grazing land to holiday use (sui generis) including the siting of 3 Shepherds Huts and new car parking area. Withdrawn.

11. Clerk's Report: Clerks report on ongoing items noted.

12. Correspondence for Information: Correspondence report received from the Clerk.

13. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Potter advised that he had been contacted by a resident regarding changes to the local bus service provider. The Parish Council has not been contacted directly but believes there will be no changes to the current timetable.

14. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Monday 25th September 2023 at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 20.15 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.