

## UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall, the meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr I Latimer and Cllr S McLachlan.

In attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Cllr J Byng, District Cllr P Harrison, District and County Cllr D Morehead plus four members of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr H Link, Cllr J Lawley and Cllr A Potter.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3. Community Policing:** No Officer able to attend, nothing to report other than a new Officer has now joined the Local Policing Team. Members asked that the priority for the next three months to be an increase in Police patrols in the Parish. Cllr Morehead reminded everyone to report incidents to the Police to enable them to deploy their resources to the areas where they are most needed.

Four members of the public were in attendance for Public Question Time: Notes of which are appended to these minutes
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**4. Dispensations:** No dispensation requests received.

**5. Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

**6. District and County Council Matters:** Cllr Harrison advised that following the change of administration Wyre Forest District Council has now gone through the procedure to change localism. Parish Councils can apply now for grant aid to assist with litter collection. The District Council, under the new administration, has returned to honouring its legal obligation to collect litter. Members had already received a copy of the new localism strategy.

### 7. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Lengthsman timesheet circulated.

b) Pound Green Noticeboard: Members are looking to get the vandalised noticeboard repaired and then consider relocating at a later date. It was suggested that the noticeboard belonging to Worcestershire Wildlife Trust could be used in the interim. The Chairman will make first contact to see if this is a possibility.

c) Public Toilets: Clerk to make further enquiries with Cllr Hart regarding the public toilets in Upper Arley Village.

**8. Highways Issues:** None.

**9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.**

a) Members noted the bank balances at the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

b) Members approved payments as per the schedule.

c) Members ratified payments as per the list.

d) Memorial Wreath: Members approved the purchase of two Memorial wreaths for Remembrance Day (Remembrance Sunday falls on the 12th of November 2023).

**10. Planning and Development Control:**

a) Planning Applications Received

23/0444/HOU Micklefold Button Oak To Arley Road, Pound Green

Reinstatement of access way. No objection.

b) Additional Planning Applications or other Planning Matters

None

c) Planning Decisions Received

None

**11. Meeting Dates for 2024:** Members approved the draft meeting dates for 2024.

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

**13. Correspondence for Information:** 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at Shatterford Village Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m. (please note earlier start time).

*The meeting closed at 21.10 p.m.*

*Signed .....*

*Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss*

### Notes of Public Question Time

Four members of the public in attendance for public question time. The following issues were raised

- Volunteer litter pickers required to litter pick from The Meadows, Pound Green, down to the riverside
- Items being fly-tipped by the litter bin in Pound Green