

## UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at Shatterford Village Hall, the meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr S McLachlan and Cllr A Potter

In attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Cllr J Byng and District Cllr P Harrison.

**1. Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr I Latimer, Cllr H Link, District and County Cllr D Morehead.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** The Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss and Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss declared an other disclosable interest in agenda item 10 a) planning application 23/0683/FUL relating to High Trees Farm, Beacon Lane, Shatterford. Cllr McLachlan declared an other disclosable interest in agenda item 10 b) planning application 23/0636/FUL received since close of agenda, in relation to The Old Gaol, Frenchmans Street, Arley, Bewdley.

**3. Community Policing:** No Officer able to attend but a report was received from PCSO Marc Grind. Members noted that, again, there were no incidents reported on the Police report, even though they were aware of two incidents having been reported during the preceding month.

No members of the public were in attendance for Public Question Time
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**4. Dispensations:** No dispensation requests received.

**5. Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall were approved.

**6. District and County Council Matters:** No District reports to be received. The Clerk advised that Cllr Morehead had attended Upper Arley School to speak to the children about the proposed additional road signage on the approach to the School. A thank you email had been received from the School's headteacher Mrs Lowe.

### 7. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Lengthsman timesheet circulated.

b) Public Toilets: Members noted the response from Cllr Hart advising that he was minded not to interfere with the extant decision regarding disposal of the public toilets in Upper Arley Village.

## **8. Highways Issues:**

a) Reports from Members on any highway issues, including any reports of road accidents.

None.

b) Bus Shelter Arley Lane: Members discussed the request for a bus shelter at the top of Arley Lane and asked the Clerk to proceed with further investigations into the suitability of the location and the type of bus shelter that might be appropriate for the site.

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

a) Members noted the bank balances at the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

b) Members approved payments as per the schedule.

c) Members ratified payments as per the list.

d) Bank reconciliation: The Chairman completed the bank reconciliation for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## **10. Planning and Development Control:**

a) Planning Applications Received

23/0683/FUL High Trees Farm Beacon Lane Shatterford

Replacement of a barn with a dwelling and garage and demolition of further existing barn. Members resolved to ask District Cllr John Byng to call the application in to be determined by the planning committee.

b) Additional Planning Applications or other Planning Matters.

Planning application notified since close of agenda.

23/0636/FUL The Old Gaol, Frenchmans Street, Arley

Change of use of holiday lets to residential dwellings Location. No objection.

c) Planning Decisions Received

None.

**11. Wyre Forest Polling District and Polling Places Review:** Members considered the review but had no comment to add.

**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:** Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss asked if County Highways could be approached to clear some of the debris on the A442 at Birch Bank, particularly the protruding pieces of wood. Cllr Mrs S Snodgrass had been involved in some discussions with Severn Trent regarding the pipeline work being undertaken in the

Parish. There is the possibility that there may be some funding to be used for community projects. The Clerk's contact details to be provided to Severn Trent for further information.

**15. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Arley Memorial Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

*The meeting closed at 21.43 p.m.*

*Signed .....*

*Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss*

Notes of Public Question Time

No members of the public in attendance