

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 Wednesday 27th June 2018

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Councillors N Harris and P Harrison, PCSO Nathan Chater accompanied by a trainee PCSO and six members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs E Dale, B G Lilley and District/County Councillor R Vale.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time notes of which are appended to these minutes.

The Chairman invited PCSO Nathan Chater to give his report. Only one item to report which is that the Police attended a fire at Bank Farm.

3. Dispensations: Cllr Potter was retrospectively granted a dispensation for agenda item 10 a) planning application 18/0408/FULL THE HOLLIES TRIMPLEY LANE SHATTERFORD to participate in the discussion of the specified business.

4. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 30th May 2018 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

5. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Nick Harris advised that following a successful Police operation in Clows Top a speeding camera is to be installed, he is keen to achieve something similar for the B4194 and would be grateful for any support the Parish Council can give. The Safer Roads Partnership is keen to speak to Parish Councils as part of the Safer Roads Campaign. Surveys on levels of speeding traffic can be taken with the possibility of action on the information gathered. Cllr Harris is working closely with Cllr Becky Vale on this project. Cllr Harris thanked residents for raising the issue of dog fouling in Pound Green Ward which he will take up with the Enforcement Team at Wyre Forest District Council. He currently has a large amount of casework to deal with and is grateful for matters being reported to him.

The Clerk had met with Cllr Becky Vale earlier in the day to discuss issues at Shatterford including Japanese knotweed and highways concerns raised by residents which includes speeding traffic. Due to other commitments Cllr Vale has been finding it difficult to attend Parish Council meetings but is more than happy to meet with the Clerk to receive reports and give updates on matters concerning the Parish.

6. Items Requiring Discussion/Decision:

- a. Severn Trent: Cllr Cheadle advised that the water pressure is just about adequate at the present time. We will need to check to see if the work in the field where the valves are has

been done. Cllr Jackson advised that there are issues with the water pressure at Hawkbatch at the moment and tests are being carried out to establish the problem.

- b. Car Park: The Clerk had been advised by the Planning Officer that planning permission for the car park could be re-submitted, without cost between now and February 2019, should this be required. Cllr Cheadle advised that one of the Memorial trees in the field adjacent to the proposed car park has died off.
- c. Public Toilets: The Chairman and the Clerk met with representatives from Wyre Forest District Council who are looking to obtain a full asset transfer to the Parish Council. The current agreement will continue until March 2020 though the grant currently paid by the District Council is diminishing each year.

7. Service Reports:

- a. Lengthsman Report: Time sheets were circulated. Cllr Cheadle reported some areas which need attention which will be passed on to the Contractor.
- b. Parish Paths Report: Nothing to report.

- 8. Highways Issues:** Clerk advised that all the sites for village gateways have been approved by County Highways and an order has been placed with the supplier. Traffic concerns at Shatterford on the A442 had also been discussed with County Highways on a site visit. The Clerk had met on site with County Cllr Becky Vale earlier that same day so she could see for herself the problems with the volume and speed of traffic on the A442.

9. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Council noted bank balances at the 16th June 2018.
- b. Council approved payments as per the list with the addition of the following payments; Eurooffice £120.45 and Lengthsman/Contract work £462.00.
- c. Members ratified the payments on the list.
- d. Alveley First Responders, Bewdley First Responders and the Midlands Air Ambulance: Members resolved to make a donation of £250.00 to each organisation.

10. Planning and Development Control:

- a. Planning Applications
18/0408/FULL THE HOLLIES TRIMPLEY LANE SHATTERFORD
Conversion of stables to residential unit. Members discussed the application and noted that the Clerk had asked the Planning Officer to extend the consultation period so that the application can be on the agenda for the next meeting taking place at Shatterford. This will give local residents a chance to attend the meeting and make their comments to the Parish Council. It was noted there is no site notice and that one adjoining property is not listed as having been notified of the application.

18/0245/FULL THE GRANGE UPPER ARLEY
Change of use from residential (existing three apartments) to a nine bedroom hotel including single storey extension, Use of existing garage as breakfast room and associated works. Members reviewed the additional information provided in regard to this application but did not withdraw their objection.

18/0246/LIST THE GRANGE UPPER ARLEY

Extension of existing dwelling and internal/external alterations to create a nine bed hotel, along with alterations to existing garage to create breakfast room. Members reviewed the additional information provided in regard to this application but did not withdraw their objection.

b. Planning Decisions

18/0105/FULL THE OLD GAOL FRENCHMAN STREET UPPER ARLEY

Change of use from an unoccupied store to two apartments and tourist accommodation.
Approved.

11. Correspondence for Information: The Chairman advised that he had received notice of resignation from Cllr E Gatehouse. Clerk read out the correspondence report.

12. Road Accident Report: None.

13. Clerk's Report: Clerk read out the report.

14. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Mrs Rickhuss enquired when the refurbishment of the kiosk at the bottom of Arley Estate would be completed. Cllr Mrs Jackson spoke about the Safer Access into the Wyre Forest from Bewdley initiative and asked for the Parish Council's support in writing to Worcester County Council in favour of creating an active travel corridor. Cllr Cheadle voiced his approval that the Parish Council were again able to hold meetings in Pound Green Ward and hoped it would continue. Cllr Lawley reported that the barriers on the approach to the footbridge have still not been put back in place correctly. Cllr Potter raised the issue of overgrown hedges along Trimpley Lane encroaching on the highway.

15. Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 p.m. 25th July 2018 at Shatterford Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.30 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

Six members of the public were in attendance – the following issues were raised

- Request for dog fouling signage and stickers in Nib Green Lane area
- Noise from an event at Arley Arboretum
- Outstanding jobs reported to County Highways not being actioned