

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held at Shatterford Village Hall on Wednesday 22nd August 2018

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk). District Cllrs N Harris and P B Harrison, PC S Thomas, PCSO N Chater, John Duddington Chairman of the Accreditation Panel for the Local Council Award Scheme and five members of the public.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Lawley declared an interest in agenda item 11a) planning application 18/0496/FULL Hexton Farm Arley

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time notes of which are appended to these minutes
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John Duddington, Chairman of the Accreditation Panel for the Local Council Award Scheme congratulated the Parish Council on achieving the Foundation Level Award. He stated that the Award Panel had been very impressed with the submission and the work being carried out by the Parish Council. The Parish Council Chairman was presented with a certificate acknowledging the award.

3. Community Policing: PC Thomas gave his report. Crime was generally low in the area but there had been a serious fraud case where vulnerable people were targeted. A local resident in the Arley area had been targeted by fraudsters and had withdrawn a large sum of cash but fortunately, due to a last minute intervention, the money was not handed over. In Pound Green area there had been some loss of sheep due to sheep worrying and a lurcher dog had been shot, this might have been connected with the incident when the deer were killed. Some complaints regarding speeding vehicles have been received and this month's priority is speeding.

4. Dispensations: No requests received.

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday the 25th July 2018 at Shatterford Village Hall were approved.

6. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Nick Harris gave his report. He congratulated the Parish Council on receiving the Local Council Foundation Level Award. Cllr Harris advised that he had met with residents of Dowles Road who have concerns regarding speeding vehicles and he, along with Cllr Vale, had been in contact with the Police and the County Council regarding this issue. A referral to the Safer Roads Partnership has been made. At a meeting with the residents of Clows Top, concerns were raised by residents about the A456, the County Council and Safer Roads Partnership will be contacted with these concerns. Cllr Harris advised that he has been appointed to the Wyre Forest District Council Planning Committee.

Cllr Paul Harrison advised that he had attended Kidderminster Foreign Parish Council two days previously. It was a packed meeting with residents raising their concerns regarding the planning

application on the former Habberley Golf Club site. There are concerns that the road network is inadequate for this development which might also have an effect on the neighbouring Parishes.

7. Items Requiring Discussion/Decision:

- a. Severn Trent: Severn Trent have advised that they intend to dispose of the land on which the chlorination plant has been sited, this land was originally compulsory purchased. Members agreed that Severn Trent should be asked to offer the land back to it's original owner. Severn Trent also need to provide a date when the work in the field opposite Majuba will be completed. The field surface is uneven between the valves sited there and it is impossible to maintain the land.
- b. Co-option of new Councillor for Pound Green Ward: There had been no response for the vacancy for Pound Green ward. With regard to the vacancy for Arley Village ward - no election will be called and the vacancy is to be advertised with a view to co-opting at the next meeting on the 26th September 2018.
- c. Policy Review: Members reviewed the Council's Finance Policy, Grants Policy and the Complaints Policy and agreed no amendments were necessary. All policies were readopted and subject to review in August 2019.

8. Service Reports:

- a. Lengthsman Report: Cllr Mrs Dale requested the Parish Council look into purchasing bespoke litter bins for the Parish. Quotes to be obtained from suppliers.
- b. Parish Paths Report: Reports of footpaths being obstructed were received, to be reported to County Highways.

9. Highways Issues: Reports received of a water leak in Trimpley Lane close to the Parish boundary. Clerk advised that the Safer Roads Partnership had agreed to collect traffic data from the A442 as vehicles travel through Shatterford.

10. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Council noted bank balances at the 12th August 2018.
- b. Council approved payments as per the list.
- c. Members ratified the payments on the list.

11. Planning and Development Control:

a. Planning Applications

Cllr Lawley left the room.

18/0496/FULL HEXTON FARM ARLEY
Conversion of farm building to 3No. residential dwellings. No objection.

Cllr Lawley re-joined the meeting.

18/0455/FULL OAK TREE FARM POUND GREEN
Proposed garage with room over. Construction of a proposed porch and driveway (variation to previously approved scheme 18/0075/FULL). Carried over from previous meeting.

Members agreed to withdraw the objection to this application providing the conditions outlined in the email from the Planning Officer were adhered to.

- b. Planning Decisions
None.

12. Correspondence for Information: Clerk read out the correspondence report.

13. Road Accident Report: A vehicle had gone into the hedge by Batemans Cottages.

14. Clerk's Report: No additional items to report.

15. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Potter advised he was re-cladding the timber on one of his farm buildings, should any queries be received as to what was taking place. Cllr Cheadle advised that he is still waiting to hear from the Forestry Commission with regard to the damaged information panel from Seckley Point.

16. Date of Next Meeting - 7.30 p.m. 26th September 2018 at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.32 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

Five members of the public were in attendance, the following issues were raised.

- New initiative 'Police adopt a Post Office' scheme
- Police Surgery to take place Thursday 30th August 11.00 p.m. – 12 noon at Arley Riverside Tearooms
- Noise complaints from entertainment at local venues