

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 23rd January 2019

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District/County Councillor Mrs R Vale, PCSO Nathan Chater, and four members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr J Lawley and District Councillor P Harrison.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mrs Woolgar and Cllr Cheadle declared an interest in agenda item 7 b). Cllr Cheadle declared an interest in a planning application which been received since close of the agenda 19/0032/OUTL Land at Arley Lane Pound Green Arley, erection of a detached dwelling. Cllr Mrs Dale and Cllr Potter declared an interest in agenda item 11 a).

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time – notes of which are appended to these minutes
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3. Community Policing: PCSO Nathan Chater gave the report. He noted the comments made regarding speeding vehicles in Pound Green and said he would see if some speed enforcement could be done. In the last month there had been an incident of gas cannisters being taken from a premises, there had also been attempts to remove machinery from farms throughout the district. Thieves had been stopped from stealing a pipe from a field alongside the A442.

4. Dispensations: No requests received.

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

6. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Mrs R Vale gave her report. The Library consultation is currently taking place. It is suggested that Kidderminster Library would remain as it stands and Bewdley Library would become a community Library managed by volunteers.

A meeting had taken place to discuss speeding issues at Shatterford and some road line marking will be put down in the Spring. The locations for vehicle activated signs have been agreed. Dowles Road will be getting road markings and a pedestrian crossing, a concrete pad will be installed to enable a speed enforcement vehicle to park there. Worcestershire County Council needs to make financial savings, Adult Social Care and Children's services are costing a huge drain on finances. The District Council is looking at future management of the public toilets in Upper Arley.

7. Items Requiring Discussion/Decision:

- a. Severn Trent: Severn Trent have advised they have completed all work on site. The Community Relationship Team should be contacting the Clerk to discuss the issue of compensation. Cllr Cheadle agreed to contact the Forestry Commission regarding the upgrade

of the information panel for Seckley Point, which could possibly be something Severn Trent will contribute to.

- b. Upper Arley School: Members were advised there was no statutory power to enable them to contribute towards the provision of a mobile classroom at Upper Arley School. Cllr Mrs Vale would take up the issue of the mobile classroom with the School.

8. Service Reports:

- a. Lengthsman Report: Contractor's time sheet circulated.
- b. Parish Paths Report: Contractor's time sheet circulated.
- c. Litter Bins and Village Gateways: Members approved the purchase of new litter bins from Amberol.

- 9. **Highways Issues:** There was a report of an overturned vehicle near the entrance to the housing estate on Arley lane which took place on Christmas Eve. Speeding vehicles on Dowles Road (already covered by Cllr Vale). The Clerk, Cllr Mrs Rickhuss and Cllr Mrs Vale had met with Paul Green from County Highways to discuss speeding issues in Shatterford along the A442 and any traffic calming measures that could be installed. Two new vehicle activated solar panel signs will be installed at either side of Shatterford Village and new posts will be installed to accommodate the signs.

10. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Council noted bank balances at the 15th January 2019.
- b. Council approved payments as per the list with the addition of the following payments
Janitorial Direct £64.48 and £147.81(toilet supplies)
Shatterford Village Hall 30-94-70 £120.00
- c. Members ratified the payments on the list.

Public Conveniences Cleaning 1.12.18	£260.00	BACS
Public Conveniences Cleaning 1.1.19	£260.00	BACS
Lengthsman and Contract Services 17.12.18	£1041.50	BACS
Lengthsman and Contract Services 9.1.19	£308.00	BACS
- d. Bank Reconciliation: The Chairman completed the bank reconciliation for the period ending 31st December 2018.
- e. Parish Precept: Members resolved to set the Parish Precept at a level which would mean no increase in the Parish Precept for the 2019-2020 financial year.

11. Planning and Development Control:

a. Planning Applications

19/0012/CERTE COLDRIDGE FARM SHATTERFORD

certificate of lawful development for existing use of double garage, 2 x rear single storey extensions and conservatory. More information required before the Parish Council can formulate a response.

18/000063/REG3 UPPER ARLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARLEY LANE, UPPER ARLEY
Worcestershire County Council. Proposed retention of existing double mobile. No objection.

19/0032/OUTL LAND AT ARLEY LANE POUND GREEN ARLEY BEWDLEY
Erection of a detached dwelling. The Parish Council objects to this application.

b. Planning Decisions

18/0245/FULL THE GRANGE UPPER ARLEY

Change of use from residential (existing three apartments) to a fourteen bedroom hotel including single storey extension, Use of existing garage as breakfast room and associated works.
Approved.

18/0408/FULL THE HOLLIES TRIMPLEY LANE SHATTERFORD

Conversion of stables to residential unit. Approved.

18/0595/FULL OAK TREE FARM POUND GREEN ARLEY

Single storey side extension. Approved.

18/0638/FULL ARBOUR FARM NIB GREEN ROAD ARLEY

Creation of new vehicular access. Approved.

18/0616/FULL THE HOLLIES POUND GREEN ARLEY

Erection of two storey rear extensions and construction of detached double garage. Approved.

12. **Correspondence for Information:** Clerk read out the correspondence report.
13. **Clerk's Report:** Clerk read out the report.
14. **Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas:** Cllr Mrs Rickhuss suggested a new computer should be provided for the Clerk. Cllr Mrs Jackson advised she would be unable to attend the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Dale reported that two people had been caught trying to steal a pipe from the field on the A442 at Shatterford. They were arrested and the vehicle seized, though no charges were made. The Chairman gave an update on the inclusion of Shatterford Village Hall in the proposed allocation of sites for development as part of the current Local Plan Review.
15. **Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 27th February 2019 at Shatterford Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council

Notes of Public Question Time

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

- Condition of the road surfaces
- Drains
- Speeding traffic