

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 on Wednesday 27th March 2019

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

In Attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), Cllr N Harris, Cllr P Harrison and four members of the public.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs L Woolgar and District/County Councillor Mrs B Vale.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time – notes of which are appended to these minutes
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3. Community Policing: No report received.

4. Dispensations: No requests received.

5. Minutes: The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at Shatterford Village Hall were approved.

6. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Harris thanked everyone for the good work done in their communities. He advised that he is not seeking re-election, he has enjoyed his time as a District Councillor and felt that he has been able to do a lot for the people of Pound Green. He has helped the Hawkbatch Friends group by donating £200 from his Community Fund towards the purchase of a defibrillator. He has also donated to the Wyre Forest talking newspaper, the Citizens Advice Bureau, Rock Parish Council and Bliss Gate village field. He has enjoyed sitting on the enforcement panel. He is proud of the contributions he has made to the community and hopes his work will inspire younger people to get involved more in their communities. Cllr Harrison advised that Cllr Mrs Vale has received the results of the speeding survey at Button Oak and asked the Clerk to make contact so that a site meeting could take place with County Highways Officers.

7. Items Requiring Discussion/Decision:

- a. Severn Trent: It appears that the work to restore the ground in the field has been completed. Severn Trent have been contacted regarding some form of compensation for the lack of services provided. It's suggested they contribute towards the reparative works for the panel at Seckley Point. Cllr Cheadle has been chasing the Forestry Commission for their contribution without success and will now contact their Head Office.
- b. Litter Bins and Planters for Village: Litter bins have been ordered. Rushmere Nurseries will be planting up the troughs ready to be put in place at the village gateways and other sites.

- c. Vehicle Activated Signs: Pending installation of the posts by County Highways before the signs are ordered.

8. Service Reports:

- a. Lengthsman Report: Contractor's time sheet circulated. Notification from Worcestershire County Council Lengthsman scheme that they would no longer pay for PPE and they may not provide the level of training previously supplied. Application for the Parish Paths Partnership scheme had been made for the new financial year.
- b. Upper Arley Village: Work should be commenced shortly on painting the railings in Arley Village.

- 9. Highways Issues:** There had been a van on fire in Trimpley Lane. There had also been an incident at Hawkbatch to which Police Officers with Police dogs and the Police helicopter were dispatched. The Police couldn't find Hawkbatch and had been attempting access via Northwood Lane, this has happened previously with emergency services and the Clerk was asked to make the Police and Crime Commissioner aware of this. Cllr Cheadle advised that, working with two residents, the wooden railings approaching the footbridge had been repaired and the locks had also been removed.

10. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Council noted bank balances at the 13th March 2019.
- b. Council approved payments as per the list with the addition of a payment of £393.00 to the Lengthsman Contractor.
- c. To Members ratified the following payments:
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| Public Conveniences Cleaning 1.3.19 | £260.00 | BACS |
| Reimbursement for purchase of materials for railings | £57.00 | BACS |

11. Planning and Development Control:

- a. Planning Applications
18/0724/FULL CORNER HOUSE BUTTON OAK KINLET BEWDLEY
Removal of existing fencing, brick pillars, timber 5 bar gate and tiled canopy. Erection of a rendered block wall with brick pillars and a timber boarded gate. Revised plan.
No objection.

19/0117/FULL THE MEADOWS TRIMPLEY LANE SHATTERFORD
Rear extension. No objection.

19/0122/FULL THE CLEES TRIMPLEY LANE SHATTERFORD
Demolition and rebuilding of existing garden room with extended balcony above.
Upgrading and new windows to elevations. No objection.

19/3011/PNRES OAK TREE FARM POUND GREEN ARLEY BEWDLEY
Conversion of Agricultural Building to form residential dwelling (re-submission of 17/3033/PNRES). The Parish Council objects to this application.

- b. Planning Decisions
19/0042/S73 COLDRIDGE FARM SHATTERFORD
Variation of conditions 2 and 5 of Planning Permission 08/0270/FULL to allow increase in curtilage and use of 'Annex' in connection with 'The Stables'. Permitted.

For information only: WCC Planning Application for a mobile classroom at Upper Arley School approved to 2024.

- 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:** Obstructive vehicle parking in Trimpley Lane had been reported. Cllr Cheadle would like his thanks recorded to the two local residents who worked with him repairing the damaged fence on the access road to the footbridge. Cllr Potter had reported some issues with trees on Trimpley Green, the Parish Council’s contractor had dealt with it. The Chairman reported some branches were down over bridlepath 519c, Clerk to ask contractor to clear. The Chairman advised that Cllr Mrs Jackson had decided not to stand at the forthcoming election and thanked her for all the work she had done for the Parish Council.
- 15. **Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Wednesday 24th April 2019 at Shatterford Village Hall. Annual Parish Meeting immediately prior to Parish Council Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 20.37 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

- Issue with cattle on Pound Green Common – response from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
- Weed spraying on Pound Green Common – response from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
- Blocked drains on Bannut Tree Bank and [along the A442](#)