

Upton Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

PRESENT.

Councillors:- R. Edgington (Chairman), T. Dunkley (Vice Chair), I. James, C. Scott.

APOLOGIES.

Councillor C. Poole, District Councillor Hamilton, County Councillor Broomfield.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

SOLAR FARM – RECTORY FARM. Matter referred to the Secretary of State, decision expected 23rd May 2016.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PROGRESS REPORT.

1. BYWATER FARM. Appeal to be heard on 11th February 2016
2. WEBSITE – BROADBAND IN THE PARISH. Historic photographs posted on website. It was agreed to invite a representative from BT and the County Council to a special meeting to discuss a way forward to faster broadband in the Parish.
3. REPORT M5 SMART MOTORWAY. Highways England had agreed to erect a section of acoustic fencing. Tree planting was planned when proposed bund was completed. For Parish records a letter of agreement was sent to Highways England confirming acceptance of remedial actions outlined by Highways England and the Parish Council. Neighbouring Parish of Dodderhill were experiencing similar problems at Wychbold. Upton Warren Parish Council were prepared to provide support.
4. REPORT ON FOOTPATH MEETING.
The Council were led to believe that Worcestershire Countryside Trust were enlisting the help of residents to identify footpaths in the Parish. It appeared however, that residents would be encouraged to form working groups to assist with fencing repairs etc. It was suggested that a Parish Footpath Guide could be produced.
A booklet identifying historical features of the Parish to be considered with possible New Homes Bonus funding. Proposed by Councillor Edgington, seconded by Councillor James.

FINANCE.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR. It was proposed by Councillor Edgington and seconded by Councillor Scott that Iain Selkirk be appointed Internal Auditor for the year 2015/16 at a fee of £95.00. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Cheques were drawn in favour of:-

Aztec Adventure £20.00 Room Hire (Meeting January) £20.00 (Meeting 2/2/16). David Miles £546.00 Lengthsman. R. Edgington £7.00 (Shovels for grit bin). Proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Edgington.

MATTERS FOR ACTION.

NOTICE BOARD. Soon to be installed.

COMMUNITY EVENTS.

The Council were keen to involve members of the Parish in community events and would consider financial support.

No Parish Matters for Discussion.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50pm.