

Minutes of Upton Warren Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 27th November 2013.

PRESENT.

Councillors C. Scott (Chair), T. Dunkley (Vice Chair). I James. C. Poole. R. Edgington.
District Councillor Mrs. J. Pearce. County Councillor Broomfield.

NO APOLOGIES.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting on Wednesday 25th September 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

CONSERVATION APPRAISAL.

Prior to the Business of the Meeting Rachel Godden – Wychavon Conservation Officer presented a conservation appraisal of Upton Warren. Councillors were asked to comment regarding any change to the area since the last appraisal in 1975 in readiness for the first draft of the Public Consultation.

PROGRESS REPORT.

BYWATER FARM. No decision at this point in time.

GRIT BINS. Delivery promised beginning of December.

HIGHWAY PROPOSALS. The proposed footpath adjacent to the entrance to the Wildlife Park was considered too costly.

VAS SPEED SIGN – SWAN LANE. It was agreed to hire the VAS sign from Dodderhill Parish Council for one month at a cost of £100 and fix it to the existing bend sign at Swan Lane.

Approval was obtained from Worcestershire Highways.

Special thanks to Councillor R. Edgington for his determined effort.

FINANCE.

PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2014/15. The Council were advised to consider the anticipated Parish Council contribution to the Council Tax. It was therefore agreed to increase the precept by 1.9% representing a figure of £2,802. 00. Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Cheques were drawn in favour of:-

HMRC £70. 00.(PAYE). David Miles £546. 00 Lengthsman (Sept, Oct & Nov). Proposed by Councillor C. Scott. Seconded by Councillor Poole.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT.

In their efforts to reduce public spending Wychavon were putting a stop to food waste collection, no staff reduction but no new recruitment.

Shorter opening hours at Wychavon shop.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Worcestershire County Council proposed to remove subsidies from bus transport which would result in a reduction of many routes.

PARISH MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

The overgrowth on the footpath at Swan Lane required attention, the Lengthsman to be informed.

A dangerous structure adjacent to the footpath at the rear of the barn at Stags Meadow.

There being No Further Matters for Discussion the Chairman Closed the Meeting at 8.20pm.