

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held on Monday 27th March 2023 at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall, the meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr J Lawley, Cllr H Link and Cllr A Potter

In attendance: Mrs A Preece (Clerk), District Cllr P Harrison and six members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S McLachlan, District Cllr J Byng, County Cllr D Morehead and the Local Policing Team.

2. Co-option: No further update on the remaining vacancy for Pound Green Ward. The vacancy remains advertised on the Parish noticeboards and website along with information regarding applying for the vacancy plus notification of the election to take place for all seats on the Parish Council on the 4th May 2023.

3. Declarations of Interest: None.

4. Community Policing: Apologies received from the Local Policing Team, nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned for **Public Question Time**; notes of which are appended to these minutes

The meeting was reconvened to conduct the following items of business:

5. Dispensations: No dispensation requests received.

6. Minutes: The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

7. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Harrison confirmed the intention of Wyre Forest District Council to demolish the toilet block in Upper Arley Village. Wyre Forest District Council are not honouring their statutory duty with regard to litter and are passing their responsibilities onto Parish and Town Councils. Cllr Harrison thanked the Parish

Council for advising him that the Mad March Hare cycling event had been rerouted to go through the Parish.

8. Service Reports:

- a) Lengthsman: The Lengthsman's timesheets were circulated for Members perusal.
- b) Streetlights: The structural survey on the streetlights has been completed, now waiting for report to be received for recommended course of action to be taken. Members approved the replacement of the bracket and lantern on the streetlight at Arley Quayside.

9. Highways Issues: Members commented that the Mad March Hare Cycle Race which took place on the 26th March 2023 had not caused any issues.

10. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

- a. Members noted the bank balances at the 17th March 2023.
- b. Members approved payments as per the schedule.
- c. Members ratified payments as per the list.

11. Planning and Development Control:

- a) Planning Applications Received
23/0131/HRA Bannut Tree Farm Button Oak to Arley Road, Arley, Bewdley
Remove and replace approx. 290 metres of hedgerow along the Button Oak to Arley Road at Bannut Tree Farm, Arley. No objection.

23/0187/TCA Station House, Station Road Arley, Bewdley
T1 Sycamore - Remove to ground level. T2 - Sycamore Remove to ground level. T3 - Oak Remove to ground level. G1 - Oaks x 2 Crown lift to 4-5m and prune to separate the canopies. T4 - Weeping willow Remove to ground level
T5 - Weeping willow Remove to ground level. T6 - Oak Crown lift over the railway track by removing the lowest limb and directional pruning of 2 secondary branches. T7 Beech - Crown clean. T8 - Western red cedar. Remove the lowest branch growing over the fence and remove 1 stem on the drive side. No objection.
- b) Additional Planning Applications/Other Planning Matters since close of Agenda
23/0213/PNR PROPOSAL: Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) AT: Eaglespur House, Bridgnorth Road, Shatterford, Bewdley. For information only.
- c) Planning Decisions Received
None.

12. Clerk's Report: Clerks report on ongoing items noted.

13. Correspondence for Information: Correspondence report received from the Clerk.

14. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Potter reported excessive mud on the road at the Trimpley Lane/A442 junction. Cllr Link reported broken posts on the handrail alongside the river heading towards the reservoir. Cllr J Lawley reported an issue with horse manure on the footbridge. The Chairman requested arrangements be put in place for clearing the vegetation on both sides of the riverbank, and then scheduled in to be done periodically throughout the growing season. Also, clearing of the footpaths to be scheduled in to be done during the growing season.

15. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at Shatterford Village Hall immediately preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting which commences at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss

Notes of Public Question Time

6 Members of the public in attendance for public question time, the following issues were raised

- Members were asked to introduce themselves by new residents of the Parish.
- Issue of litter heading towards river and offer of voluntary litter-picking.
- Request for 'think bike' signs on Arley Lane, Pound Green leading to the river.