

UPPER ARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of Upper Arley Parish Council held on Monday 26th June 2023 at Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall, the meeting commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley, Cllr Mrs S Rickhuss, Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass, Cllr I Latimer, Cllr H Link, Cllr J Lawley and Cllr S McLachlan

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

1. Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Cllr G Rickhuss, Cllr H Link, Cllr S McLachlan and Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass signed the declaration of acceptance of office following the uncontested election on the 4th May 2023. Elected Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss signed the declaration of acceptance of office for the role of Chairman for the forthcoming municipal year.

2. Co-option: Members resolved to co-opt Anthony Potter, in his absence, to fill the vacant seat representing Pound Green Ward.

3. Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Emily Bourne, County Cllr Dan Morehead and the Local Policing Team.

4. Declarations of Interest: None.

5. Community Policing: Nothing to report from the Local Policing Team, however a request for the Parish Council to set its priorities for the July/August/September 2023 quarter had been made. The priorities set by Members were

- Speeding vehicles during the early hours in Arley Village
- Suspicious behaviour Arley Village
- Speeding vehicles during School run periods in both Pound Green and Upper Arley

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:

6. Dispensations: No dispensation requests received.

7. Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at Arley Memorial Hall were approved.

8. Council's Scheme of Delegation:

Members were appointed as representatives to the following Committees

Staffing Committee: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs T Lawley and Cllr S McLachlan were appointed to the staffing committee

Finance Committee: Chairman Cllr G Rickhuss, Cllr I Latimer and Cllr Mrs L Snodgrass were appointed to the finance committee.

Members were appointed as representative to the following outside bodies:

Arley Memorial Hall Committee: Cllr Mrs T Lawley

Shatterford Village Hall Committee: Cllr H Link

Pound Green and Button Oak Community Hall: Cllr I Latimer

9. District and County Council Matters: Cllr Harrison advised that the new administration at Wyre Forest District Council is currently working towards honouring its manifesto pledges however, they are still working with the budget set by the previous administration.

10. Service Reports:

a) Lengthsman: Lengthsman's timesheets circulated.

b) Litter: Members had been made aware of litter being left around the litter bin on the Riverside car park in Arley Village, some of which could be fly-tipping and discussed various options which might help reduce the amount of litter being left there.

11. Highways Issues: Cllr Link raised a concern regarding speeding traffic past the School in Arley Village, there have been a few incidents of speeding cars as the children are leaving School. Clerk to report to County Cllr Morehead to see if anything could be done to improve the situation.

12. Financial Report and Payment of Accounts.

a. Members noted the bank balances at the 17th June 2023.

b. Members approved payments as per the schedule with the addition of the following payments

Med UK (replacement pads Shatterford defibrillator)	£124.68	BACS
Lengthsman and bin emptying contract (invoice 20.6.23)	£238.00	BACS
Lengthsman and bin emptying contract (invoice 6.6.23)	£136.00	BACS

c. Members ratified payments as per the list.

13. Planning and Development Control:

a) Planning Applications Received

23/0374/HOU The Meadows Trimpley Lane Shatterford Proposed Porch
No objection.

b) Additional Planning Applications/Planning Matters since close of Agenda

None.

c) Planning Decisions Received

23/0271/HOU Dowles Manor Dowles Road Bewdley
Installation of solar panel array. Permitted.

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

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

16. Councillor's Reports and items for future agendas: Cllr Mrs Rickhuss had reported an overgrown footpath to the Clerk for investigation. Reports were received of further incidents of horse manure being deposited on the footbridge and also an increase in the number of padlocks fixed to the side of the bridge. Cllr Mrs T Lawley passed on thanks from Shatterford Village Hall Committee for the grant approved by the Parish Council.

17. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at Shatterford Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 20.55 p.m.

Signed

Chairman to Upper Arley Parish Council Cllr G Rickhuss

Notes of Public Question Time

Five members of the public were in attendance. The following issues were raised

- Complaint about grass verges not being trimmed in Pound Green
- Replacement of the damaged notice board in Pound Green