

UPTON UPON SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL
M I N U T E S

Of a meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 17th October 2006 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber
of the Memorial Hall

50/06/07

Present: Chairman Town Mayor Councillor John Thompson
Vice Chairman Deputy Town Mayor Councillor T Perry
Councillors C Mair, A Morgan, J Surtees, P Martin, S Walsh, S Yates, P Thomas
E White, M Morgan

Also Present: Town Clerk Ms G Jennings
County Councillor Bob Bullock, District Councillors Mary Wilkinson, Sue Adeney
Reporter (Malvern Gazette) Father Round, Mrs B Williams

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Cllr. T Drake, Cllr. J Dean, Cllr. Mrs T Dickson
There were no declarations of interest.

Decisions

2. To receive and approve minutes of the Town Council Meeting of 19th September 2006 - **Approved**
3. To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee of 19th September & 10th October 2006 - **Adopted**
4. To adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee of 26th September 2006 - **Adopted**
5. To adopt the minutes of the Hall, Finance & General Purposes Committee of the 3rd October 2006 and to agree allocation of funds from Capital Reserves – Purchase of Litter Bins approved. Councillor Walsh proposed an amendment to Minute 8 in that she wished it to be noted that the Committee had not yet agreed day release. Councillor White queried if the clerk only working part-time due to coursework would time off in lieu still be appropriate, he thought not. Councillor Morgan said not right time to discuss. Councillor Thompson advised would be considered by appropriate committee. Minutes adopted with proposed amendment. - **Adopted**
6. To adopt the minutes of the Staffing Committee of 4th October 2006 - **Adopted**
7. To consider applications for Co-option and to co-opt a new Council member by majority
Vote – Two applications were considered from Mrs Betty Williams and Father Dominic Round. **Father Dominic Round co-opted by majority vote (6/5)**
8. To appoint a Councillor to the Hall, Finance & General Purposes Committee – **Father Round appointed**
9. To discuss the link between the Town Plan, QPS and the Charter and to decide whether to sign up to the Charter – **The Council agreed to sign up to the Charter and work towards QPS and a Town Plan. It was also agreed that a training session should be set up during December 2006.**
10. To receive an Interim Report from Community Pride and to decide what assistance can be given. (Cllr Morgan/Cllr Yates) – Cllr. Yates said involvement of community still needed before Town Plan could be completed as a document, officer help would be appreciated. He was asked to explain what this meant in terms of time commitment. **Referred to Hall, Finance & General Purposes Committee**
11. To nominate a councillor for consideration for MHDC Standards Committee (WorcsCALC) –**No nominations made**

Adjournment for Public Participation – No participation

Information

12. Reports from County Councillor
County Councillor Bullock suggested Kempsey provided a good example of QPS and Charter working.

13. Reports from District Councillors

District Councillor Mary Wilkinson advised the hub building programme would be finalised on the 20th October and it was hoped to open the new facility in April 2007.

District Councillor Sue Adeney advised letter being sent out to shopkeepers explaining how they may claim for loss of business during the recent roadworks, although it appeared disruption had been kept to a short period. Cllr Adeney had attended the recent Homes & Living event which had received an enthusiastic response and showed how everyone had a part to play in improving their environment.

She advised the Town Council would be approached by Janet Yates regarding a new funding initiative Better Welcome. She was keeping a close check on how changes in bus timetables affected passengers.

14. Reports from Town Councillors

Cllr. White reported that he had written to a resident in School Lane about their overhanging branches, had received no reply and wondered which Council could take action. Referred to Cllr. Bullock.

Cllr M Morgan asked if MHDC would be doing anything about parking problems? Cllr Walsh mentioned potential danger of pothole in Hanley Road carpark and removal of barrier preventing exit into New Street without providing alternative barrier. Cllr Perry wanted to know if MHDC would provide a trade refuse day for traders to take waste to the tip without charge? Also could Monday refuse collection day be changed to another weekday to avoid unsightly rubbish bags being left out on Sundays.

Councillor P Martin reported that although the clerk had asked Worcs CC to provide a flood marker at the pavement edge in New St. outside Cllr Martin's home this had not been agreed – Referred to Cllr. Bullock She also asked if Hall chairs could be replaced as they were very uncomfortable.

Councillor Morgan/Councillor Yates reported that they had attended Worcs CALC's AGM – although the subscription rates still vague it was intimated that the cost might be reduced.

15. High St Toilets – to be advised that survey results awaited from MHDC but in the meantime correspondence received from the brewery that they have requested MHDC comply with the terms of the Conveyance and put the toilets back into use. – District Councillor Wilkinson advised that a letter of response had been drafted to the brewery and was awaiting legal department approval.

16. Invitation from the Royal British Legion to attend a Remembrance Day Parade & Church Service on the 12th November 2006 at 10.45am - there were 12 acceptances

Councillor Thompson advised Tourism & Trade Association had asked Council to apply for funding for Christmas lights from Central Networks. **Council agreed to send application in its name.**

The meeting closed at 9pm