

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

Of a meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, 21st November 2006 at 7.30pm

58/06/07

Present: Chairman Town Mayor J Thompson
Vice Chairman Deputy Mayor T Perry
Councillor J Dean, T Drake, C Mair, P Martin, M Morgan, D. Round, J
Surtees, S Walsh
Also Present: Town Clerk Ms G Jennings
District Councillor Mary Wilkinson, County Councillor Bob Bullock
Reporter Malvern Gazette

Procedural Matters

1. To receive apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies received from Cllr. S Yates, Cllr E White, Cllr A Morgan

Absent: Cllr P Thomas

There were no declarations of interest

**The Council observed a silence for prayer in memory of
the late John Neale Shipp who had served as Town Councillor for many years and
passed away on the 30th October 2006**

2. To agree the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of 17th October 2006

The Minutes were **agreed as a true record.**

3. To adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee of 17th Oct & 14th Nov 2006

The Minutes were **agreed and adopted.**

4. To adopt the Minutes of the Hall, Finance & General Purposes Committee of 14th Nov
2006

The Minutes were **agreed and adopted.**

Matters Arising

5. Chairman to sign the Charter document - Councillor Thompson signed the agreement
which was passed to Cllr Mary Wilkinson for the District Council to sign and return.

6. Appointment of Chairman to the Recreation Ground Charity – **Councillor Thompson was
appointed.**

Decisions

7. To adopt the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee of 24th October 2006
and to sanction capital expenditure of £5709.00 (damp-proofing) £1224.00 (electrical work)
recommended by Committee and to consider the further cost of £920 (ventilation)
advised by supplier. **Minutes adopted and expenditure sanctioned.**

8. To receive presentation/information from Upton Tourism & Trade Assn. re: Christmas
lights and to decide whether grant is appropriate.

Mr Webb not present to give further information. It was difficult to see from the details
produced so far where exactly the £500 requested might be spent. The Association had
changed their scheme of fixed lights back to trees & lights following failure of the funding
application. The installation of trees and lights was a difficult task for them and involved
electrical testing. The Council **agreed** that they would fund up to a maximum of £500 if it
could be allocated against actual expenditure. Clerk delegated to ensure financial details
were in place before release of funds.

Adjournment for Public Participation

No public present.

Information

9. To receive report from Working Group – High Street Toilets

The Working Group had examined the survey reports. £17150 was required for remedial repairs before refurbishment. Also further work might be needed for drainage repairs. Council needs advice from the British Toilet Association and the Working Group would need £1000 allocation from budget. Council would be asked to consider budget allocation for the whole project at the December meeting.

10. Reports from Councillors – County/District/Town

Delegation of litter-picking – In Cllr Mary Wilkinson's view the appointment of a coordinator was necessary to bring together an additional litter-picking operation. There would not be a cessation of the existing service. External funding would be sought to improve services. Town Councillors were appreciative of the existing performance by MHDC operatives and would await the outcome of the co-ordinator's work.

Reduction in County Council's Contribution to the Lengthsman Scheme - Councillor Bob Bullock felt that this was just a rumour and not reality.

County/District Council's financial assistance with Phase 3 Riverfront Scheme

County and District Councillors were urged to find funding support from their Councils.

In addition:

District Councillor Mary Wilkinson reported that:

- there would be a special meeting to discuss the Marina application, the Town Council would be invited to send a representative.
- the tarmac over the teeth barrier of Hanley Rd carpark temporary and barrier will be reinstated
- litter collection times could not now be changed due to programme being fixed

County Councillor Bob Bullock reported that:

- £7/8000 made available for expenditure in each councillor area for dropped kerbs. He was in receipt of a survey which indicated an extensive need in Upton upon Severn. He agreed with the comments made by Cllr Round that the pavements sloped dangerously toward the road in some places. He also advised Paul Jameson had reviewed proposals made by Halcrow and would be calling a meeting with the Town Council to discuss shortly, hopefully before Christmas.
- County Council had looked at Britain in Bloom proposals and would make funds available if possible although budgets tight as always
- An organisation chart was provided to the Town Council to assist with communication
- Cllr Mrs Walsh mentioned that cycle barrier rails seemed too narrow for disabled in wheelchairs or on mobility scooters to navigate, Cllr Bullock said this would be surveyed in the course of time.

Correspondence

1. An invitation extended to Councillors to attend the Memorial Service for John Neale Shipp at 11am in the Parish Church on Monday 27th November
2. An invitation to send a representative to the County Councils Budget Consultation Meeting on Monday 4th December 2006 at 7pm in County Hall.
3. The Tourism & Trade Assn had written to National Express asking them to introduce a stop in Upton upon Severn. This idea was supported by the Councillors present.

Date of Next Meeting

12th December 2006 (Precept Meeting – Full Council 7pm)
(Public Meeting – Planning/Town Council 7.15pm)