

UPTON UPON SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of a meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

23/05/06

Present: Chairman: Town Mayor Councillor John Thompson  
Vice Chairman: Deputy Town Mayor Councillor S Walsh  
Councillors M Kerrigan, A Morgan, M Morgan, T Perry, J Surtees, R Tyler, E. White, S Wilkinson, S Yates

Also Present:

Mike Davis & Paul Cooper (Worcs. County Council)  
Stuart Kurton, Chris Barski (Halcrow)  
11 members of the public, reporters from Malvern Gazette, Worcs Evening News, County Councillor B Bullock. The Town Clerk was in attendance.

1. To receive apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies received from Cllr. Mrs T. Dickson and Cllr Mrs P. Martin. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Traffic Survey

1. To receive results of survey - Paul Cooper circulated a summary of the traffic count. This showed a total of 329 HGVs travelled through Upton between 0500hrs and 2100hrs on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005. The number of cars passing was 6748 which made the number of HGVs less than 6%. This level of HGV activity was not therefore seen by Worcs County Council to be a problem. The Town Council were unhappy with the survey results in that they did not show a comparison with previous survey figures, had been collected over a short period of time and did not supply a breakdown of the type of lorry surveyed. The County Council were asked to provide a copy of the complete survey and make a comparison of figures.

**Action WCC**

3. Accident Remedial Study

1. To receive information on the draft proposals – Stuart Kurton gave a brief outline of the accident levels and possible solutions in 4 zones. (The proposals are attached to the Minute Book and library copy of the Minute Book). The following questions and comments were raised in response:

- Traffic waiting at lights outside White Lion would cause noise disturbance/vibration
- Given the 1 minute waiting time – what would be the build up of traffic in terms of queue length?
- Could problems be solved with full-time traffic warden?
- Could one way system be extended along Severn Drive/Dunns Lane?
- Would further bollards along Old Street prevent vehicles mounting the pavement?
- Could consideration be given to slowing the traffic to 20mph High St., Old St. and also outside the school?
- Would illegal parking be solved by making car-parks free of charge for first 2 hours?
- The Post Office and other businesses in the narrow part of Old St. would have difficulty in receiving deliveries/collections
- The relocation of the bus stop in Church St seemed a dangerous choice of location
- The pedestrian refuge was seen by some as a hazard to HGV movement around the bend in Church Street and by some necessary in both options A and B
- There was a need for a weight restriction to prevent heavy vehicles from coming through town
- Could 30mph be extended up to new medical centre?
- Would build-outs and red speed pads be the answer.

Pedestrian safety and improvements to pavements were agreed as being necessary.

The suggestion of a bypass was supported by the Town Plan and the majority of those present at the meeting, together with the need to slow traffic down and control illegal parking. It was felt that the problems existed partly due to lack of police presence.

The above sentiments were shared by members of the public who had written in to the Council with their comments.

Councillor Wilkinson proposed that whilst there was obviously support for the proposals in Zones C & D there was a need to further consider the proposals in Zones A & B, therefore the Town Council should not make a decision at this meeting but allow more time for consideration. This proposal was agreed by the majority of Councillors.

#### 4. Council Membership

1. To consider applications for co-option and to appoint a new councillor - Mr T Drake had offered his services and was co-opted onto the Council by majority vote.
2. To note the resignation of Councillor D Slade – The resignation was noted and the clerk had sent a letter of thanks to Councillor Slade for his past service.

#### 5. The Council adjourned for Planning Committee to consider current planning applications.

6. To agree the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2005. At Cllr. Wilkinson's request 5.2 line 8 "decision" admended to "advice". 5.3 re Hub line 11 " excluded Upton's businesses" instead of "excluded Upton"

**Agreed**

7. To adopt the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> May & 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Adopted**

8. To adopt the Minutes of the Open Spaces & Cemetery Committee Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Adopted**

9. To adopt the Minutes of the Town Plan Committee of 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Adopted**

10. To adopt the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Adopted**

11. To adopt the Minutes of the Hall, Finance & General Purposes Committee of 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Adopted**

#### 12. Individual Reports

1. To receive a report from County Councillor

Councillor Bullock had to leave the meeting at this point but gave a written report:

The balance of political power in the County Council was split as follows:

Conservatives 29, Labour 17, Lib Dem 8, Others 3 giving 57 members with a conservative majority.

The viaduct was due to be officially opened on the 18<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am and had achieved an Award for civil engineering. The milestone on Welland Road had been restored by Upton Civic Society and paid for by the County Council.

2. To receive reports from District Councillors – None received.

3. To receive reports from Town Councillors

1. Councillor Wilkinson advised the Council that the funding application to AWM had been submitted in outline. There was a possible snag with the riverfront application in that the County Council appeared to be reluctant to register ownership of land from the Swan to Ham gate. The assistance of County Councillor Bullock would be sought in bringing about a satisfactory conclusion to the matter.

2. Councillor Kerrigan reported he had attended a PCCG meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June, the minutes of which would be circulated. He advised MHDC were considering employment of 1 traffic warden to cover the district. The PCCG meet again in Upton on the 7<sup>th</sup> September and members of the public were encouraged to participate.

3. Councillor Morgan reported on a meeting of the Sports Club which had discussed purchase of new crockery and the problems encountered with the new fencing alongside the car-park.

4. Councillor Perry and Ms Jennings had attended a housing strategy workshop. It was disappointing that the workshop contributor's opinions were ignored in the summary. The clerk circulated a draft reply to the housing strategy. MHDC had recognised a need for affordable housing but unfortunately had decided to collaborate with RSLs in the delivery

which may mean a lack of low cost private housing. Every town and village would be expected to accommodate affordable housing.

13. Correspondence

1. BT Consultation - Review of payphones – proposal to make Welland Road payphone into chargecard/emergency phone – The Council felt the cash payment facility should be retained.
2. Invitation to attend Wildflower Grassland Seminar at Great Witley Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-4.30pm – Councillors given opportunity to attend.
3. Invitation to attend 2 day conference SLCC at University of Glos. 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July £150 – Clerk given opportunity to attend if required.

14. Authorisation of Payments

Payments of cheques 4589 – 4604 were authorised for payment.

15. Date of Next Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> July 2006