

**UPTON UPON SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Held on Tuesday 11th December 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr T. Perry (Mayor)
Cllrs P. Thomas, S. Yates, Mrs J. Surtees, Mrs S. Walsh, Mrs A. Morgan,
Mary Wilkinson, J. Thompson, T. Drake, E. White
District Councillor Mrs S. Harrison
County Councillor Mr R. Bullock

In Attendance: Mrs A. Oliver, Clerk
Mr T. Al Rasheed, Malvern Gazette.

Procedural Matters

Adjournment for Public Participation

Mrs D. Bellamy from Upton in Bloom, attended to talk to the councillors regarding Upton upon Severn becoming 'Plastic-Free'. An exhibition will be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday and Saturday 11th and 12th January with suppliers attending with information and samples. Information had been sent to all the traders in Upton upon Severn. A target date of 1st May 2008 had been set. Mrs Bellamy explained that meat could be wrapped in bags made of corn and potato and they are compostable. Some bags are bio-degradeable which are better than degradable, but take a long time. It was pointed out that at festival times the public houses use plastic glasses. Mogbury and Hay-on-Wye are plastic-free. Upton in Bloom are hoping for a grant to provide every home in Upton with a bio-degradable bag. Cllr Mrs Walsh proposed that the Council should support Upton in Bloom with their 'Plastic-Free' Campaign. This was seconded by Cllr Thompson.

6. Apologies and Declarations of Interest apologies were received from Cllrs. A. Goadby, J. Dean, Father D. Round, and Mrs P. Martin. There were no declarations of interest.

7. Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 20th November 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Yates, seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Walsh and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

8. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of 20th November 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry with the amendment to item 16 a that 'all of the proceeds will go to charity'. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Walsh, seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees, proposed for adoption by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan.

9. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 27th November 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr White, proposed for approval by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Mrs Walsh, with the additional information from Cllr Yates that one bike rack on the car park is at an angle and may need to be replaced. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Thomas.

10. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 4th December 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Walsh, seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees, proposed for adoption by Cllr Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

11. Minutes of the Hall, Finance and General Purposes Meeting 4th December 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr Yates, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Thompson, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Surtees and seconded by Cllr White.

12. To consider the Dates for Town Council and Committee Meetings for 2008 The clerk presented the list of dates for 2008 with changes to the configuration for Open Spaces and Council meetings. As there will now be a three-week gap between Planning Meetings, Cllr Thompson suggested holding an emergency planning meeting prior to an Open Spaces meeting should the deadline date for a planning application be early.

13. Update on £80,000.00 MHDC Expenditure Cllr Perry reported that the streets had been deep-cleaned. It is hoped to have new street lights, lighting on the bridge and new baskets or tubs for Upton in Bloom, new litter bins and benches along the riverside and

maybe some benches along the old road. Cllr Mrs Walsh asked if the bridge could be power-washed in the Spring of 2008.

Information

14. Report from County Cllr R Bullock

a. **Bus Shelters** The one opposite the surgery is to be relocated. It is hoped to install one opposite the Church for children waiting for the school bus. The cost for the installation of this would be £650. Concern was expressed about the cost of maintenance. Cllr Mrs Walsh asked if this could be a bus stop for the general public. Thanks were expressed to Worcestershire County Council for their kind offer of a bus shelter.

b. **Audio System** Cllr Bullock reported that he is endeavouring to obtain for the Council an audio system that is no longer needed in the County Council's Chamber. Cllr Perry thanked Cllr Bullock.

15. Report from District Cllr Mrs Harrison

a. **Climate Change.** Cllr Mrs Harrison reported that she had attended a very interesting talk on climate change and she would endeavour to obtain it for the council.

16. Report from Town Councillors

a. **Hanley Road Car Park.** Cllr Yates asked District Cllr Mrs Harrison when the flaps were going to be replaced at the New Street junction. Gordon Morris, Street Scene Manager, has stated that there is no budget for this work. District Cllr Mrs Harrison will follow this with Mr Bocock, Chief Executive, MHDC.

b. **Co-op Store.** Cllr Drake had received a complaint that the alarm for this store rings in the night and for a long time. Cllr Thompson asked if the keyholder's name is available.

c. **School Lane.** Cllr Perry reported that School Lane is busier now that Oak Row is blocked due to building works at the Library. Gordon Morris will clear the footpath.

d. **New Street.** Cllr Perry reported that he would like New Street to be block-paved, but the cost of doing one side would be £8,500. Cllr Wilkinson commented that all the pavements in Upton are in bad condition.

e. **Road Signs.** Cllr Mrs Walsh reported that many road signs are damaged and dirty. She asked councillors to help to compile a list which can be sent to Highways.

f. **Christmas Evening.** Cllr White proposed that the cost for this evening, which was a great success, should be met by the council. This was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, who congratulated The Mayor, Cllr Perry on the success of the evening.

g. **Red Cross Flood Relief Fund.** This fund contained £72,000.00. It will be distributed around the district to households who have been flooded, uninsured, and on benefits. Five households in the Upton area will receive substantial benefits.

Date of Next Meeting 29th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.