

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

Held on Tuesday 19th August 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr. T. Perry (Mayor – Chair)
Cllrs. P. Thomas, E. White, S. Yates, J. Dean, A. Goadby, Mrs P.
Martin, Father D. Round, Mrs J. Surtees, J. Thompson. Mrs S. Walsh.

County Councillor R. Bullock
Mrs M. Foster, Chairman Upton Community Pride
Mr M. Brown, Tree Warden.

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

16. To Receive Apologies and Declarations of Interest Apologies were received from Cllrs. M. Wilkinson, Mrs A. Morgan, T. Drake and Dr. G. Wilson. There were no Declarations of Interest.

17. Minutes of the Planning Meeting 29th July 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr. Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr. Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr. Yates, proposed for adoption by Cllr. Yates and seconded by Cllr. Goadby.

18. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting 29th July 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr. Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr. Yates, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Surtees, with an amendment to item 18 (e) that 'walkways' replaces 'surface'. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr. White and seconded by Cllr. Goadby.

19. To Discuss the Letter Regarding Street Furniture on Pavements It was agreed that the tables, chairs and 'A' boards attract visitors to Upton and add a continental feel. Cllr. Thomas had spoken to the manager of The Star, who has moved some chairs, consequently the tables are closer to their windows, leaving more room for passers-by.

Public Participation

Cllr. White informed the Council that people who live outside the parish of Upton upon Severn cannot speak at council meetings, however, Cllr. Thompson felt that people with an interest in Upton upon Severn should be allowed to speak.

Mrs Foster, Chairman Upton Community Pride, thanked County Cllr. Bullock for his support for her project to paint Upton bridge. County Cllr. Bullock informed the Council that all bridges in Worcestershire are structurally surveyed every six months and Upton bridge will be repainted in the year 2009/2010. It will cost approximately £500,000. Cllr. G. Lord, the Chairman of Worcestershire County Council said that the funds would be provided from the county council budget. County Cllr. Bullock reported that the walkways are wide enough for disabled chairs plus pedestrians.

Mrs Foster reported that she has possibly acquired funding for the Upton radio station.

Mr Brown informed the Council that, when it was first formed, Upton Community Pride included three councillors and the clerk. One councillor and the clerk no longer serve on the Committee and Mr Brown asked if the clerk or deputy clerk could give one hour a week to attend their meetings. Cllr. Yates said that there are many groups in Upton who all benefit Upton. Cllr. Thomas asked the clerk if she or the

deputy clerk would be able to do some work for Upton Community Pride. The clerk reported that both of them are fully stretched and are, therefore, unable to add extra work under the present staff budget. Cllr. Yates suggested regular meetings with all the voluntary groups and Cllr. Perry will organise a meeting to discuss this issue.

20. Report from County Councillor

a. Road Improvements – County Cllr Bullock reported that on the police advice, the one-way system planned for Court Street and Dunns Lane had been abandoned due to the risk of accidents from vehicles travelling at higher speeds. The changes to the pavements and kerbs will go ahead, hopefully, before the end of December.

b. Bus Shelter – Cllr. Perry asked why the bus shelter for the children had not been installed.

c. Traffic Signs – Cllr White reported that the cross-roads sign on Minge Lane had disappeared as had the Gardens Walk sign at Laburnum Walk; the barrier at the junction of School Lane and Hillsfield has broken and the ‘Lorries’ sign on Minge Lane needs moving to a position before School Lane turning.

21. Report from District Councillors there were no District Councillors present.

22. Reports from Town Councillors

a. Cllr Mrs. Martin reported that there is still some barbed wire around the perimeter fence of the Sports Field that had not been cleared. The clerk said she would speak to the caretaker about this matter.

b. Cllr Mrs. Walsh reported that Cllrs. Mrs Martin, Morgan and herself had formed a working group to look at the play areas for children. She reported that they would be meeting Amanda Graham from Malvern Hills District Council for assistance and advice. Cllr. White informed the Council that the Vice-Chairman of Open Spaces, Cllr. Mrs Walsh will be attending, with Cllrs. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Martin, an exhibition of childrens’ play equipment at Windsor and their travel costs will be reimbursed from Open Spaces budget.

c. Cllr Mrs. Surtees reported that judging for Britain in Bloom had taken place on 4th August and the comments from the judges were positive. The results will be announced in September.

23. Correspondence The clerk read out a letter from Mrs Bullock, thanking the Council for paying the Luncheon Club’s insurance premium of £120 and reducing the weekly rent from £20 to £15.

Date of Next Meeting 30th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.