

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

Held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

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

In Attendance: Mr. P. Webb, Upton Tourism and Trade Association  
Mr. T. Al Rasheed, Malvern Gazette.  
Mrs A. Oliver, Clerk.

Procedural Matters

6. Apologies and Declarations of Interest apologies were received from Cllrs. T. Drake, Mrs A. Morgan, District Cllrs. Mrs S. Harrison and M. Morgan, County Cllr. R. Bullock. Their apologies were accepted. Cllr Yates declared an interest in item 13 on the Agenda, Flood Defences.

7. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 29th January 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr. Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Yates, proposed for adoption by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr White.

8. Minutes of The Town Council Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Martin, seconded by Cllr Yates, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Surtees and seconded by Cllr Thomas.

9. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Father Round, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Martin.

10. Minutes of The Hall, Finance and General Purposes Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Yates and following a correction to the date of the meeting, they were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Thompson, proposed for adoption by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees.

11. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr White, proposed for approval by Cllr Father Round, seconded by Cllr Mrs Martin, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees.

12. Market Mr Webb, Chairman of Upton Tourism and Trade Association (UTTA), reported that members of UTTA have expressed concerns regarding the loss of parking in Lower High Street due to the position of the fruit and vegetable trader's stall and lorry. The lorry has subsequently be moved. Upton's Market Charter dates back to 1216. Malvern Hills District Council has offered free parking to stallholders on Hanley Road Car Park. The stall-holder will be selling eco-friendly bags instead of plastic bags.

13. Flood Defences The recent meeting was well attended. There will be a meeting of the Flood Forum on 4<sup>th</sup> March to discuss collapsible barriers. Cllr White suggested that Hanley Road should be raised and the bund on Fish Meadow should be removed. A plan has been given to The Environment Agency for a bund to be built at the back of Hanley Road Car Park, New Street and to include the sports field. There was a consensus of opinion, after discussion, that permanent demountable barriers would be the best solution for the Town.

14. The Pitt Report on Flooding It was felt that, although the document contains some good comments, most of it was common sense. The document did not mention Worcestershire and it was, therefore, not specific enough. Concern was expressed at the cost of implementing the recommendations contained in the report.

15. Housing Needs Survey Cllr White expressed concern at some of the questions in the survey, in particular, the question regarding the number of bedrooms in the recipient's homes.

**Adjournment for Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

### Information

16. Report from County Councillor As County Cllr Bullock had sent his apologies, there was no report.

17. Reports from District Councillors Cllr Morgan reported that he had received Road Orders for the conversion of Dunns Lane and Court Street to 'one way'. Malvern Hills District Council have listened to public opinion and car parking permits will remain at £15 per annum and all car parks can be used by permit holders. Long-stay permits are unchanged at £185 per annum. He reported that more information will follow on decriminalising parking. Hanley Road Car Park will be resurfaced in the next financial year and The Hill Centre car park will also be resurfaced.

### 18. Reports from Town Councillors

a. Cllr Mrs Walsh asked why Severn Drive had not been re-surfaced when the surrounding roads had been. The yellow lines along Gardens Walk were insufficient for safety since re-surfacing.

b. Cllr Yates reported that the broken window in The Old Church Clock Tower had been repaired. It is hoped that the Tower could now be cleaned and the clock repaired.

c. Cllr White requested that councillors who attend meetings with outside agencies should report back to the Council and all meetings and actions should be channelled through the Council.

d. Cllr Mrs Martin informed the councillors that countrywide bus passes will be available for senior citizens from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008. A smart card will be issued to those who have previously held a bus pass.

e. Cllr Perry reported that the turning filter into Milestone Road had not been replaced since resurfacing works were carried out.

### Correspondence and Matters of Parochial Interest

a. Bus Timetables the Clerk reported that according to Worcestershire County Council's website, there are no changes to the local timetables.

b. Councillors Photographs Cllr Mrs Surtees offered to organise individual photographs of the councillors and staff.

c. Dog Warden Mr Paul Hines is the dog warden for the Town.

d. Community Pride a letter had been received from Community Pride. It will be referred to Hall, Finance and General Purposes Committee.

e. Stage Curtains the Community Support Officers had visited the two boys who had damaged the stage curtains and reported that the two boys were very scared, very apologetic and did not deny their guilt.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.