

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

Held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

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

County Cllr. R. Bullock  
District Cllr. M. Morgan

Also in Attendance: Mr T. Al Rasheed, Malvern Gazette  
Mrs A. Oliver, Clerk  
Mr P. Webb  
Mr M. Oakes.

8. Apologies and Declarations of Interest Apologies were received from Cllrs T. Drake, Mrs S. Walsh, P. Thomas. There were no Declarations of Interest.
9. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Walsh, seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Morgan and seconded by Cllr Thompson.
10. Minutes of The Town Council Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Walsh, proposed for adoption by Cllr Dean and seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees.
11. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Goadby, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Walsh and seconded by Cllr Goadby.
12. Minutes of The Hall, Finance & General Purposes Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Yates, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Dean, proposed for adoption by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan.
13. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr White. Cllr White referred to the item ( h ) and requested that a letter should be sent to Upton in Bloom stating that if they required payment for work carried out on Town Council property, they should write to the Council first. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Morgan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Martin, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Walsh and seconded by Cllr Thompson.
14. To Elect a New Councillor Two people had applied to be co-opted to the Council, Dr George Wilson and Ms Leonie Collier. Councillors voted by secret ballot and Dr Wilson was declared the new councillor.
15. Upton upon Severn Conservation Area Malvern Hills District Council had decided to make no changes to the existing Conservation Area.
16. Aquasacs District Cllr Morgan reported that Malvern Hills District Council are investigating the purchase and storage of Aquasacs. Several town and parish councils have purchase them at £3.50 each and issued them to residents. They are easy to transport as a van will hold 500, but can only hold 30 sandbags.
17. Overnight Storage for Sales Groups Several groups are requesting overnight storage of sale items to avoid setting up each day. Cllr White proposed and Cllr Thompson seconded that a charge should be made to cover the loss of hire of the hall when it is being used for storage. The hirers need to provide their own insurance.
18. Saturday Market Stalls A greengrocer's and a plants stall have been set up in Lower High Street for some months and concern was expressed regarding the danger to pedestrians on the road, the access of emergency vehicles to the riverfront properties and the loss of car parking spaces. Comments were expressed that they will bring more business into town. District Cllr Morgan suggested that the stalls could be turned round so that pedestrians would stand on the pavement.
19. Working Party for Children's Play Facilities Cllr White reported that Open Spaces Committee feel that the play areas need to be updated. A Working Party consisting

of Cllrs Mrs Walsh, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Martin will investigate plans. County Cllr Bullock offered help with funds and grants.

#### Adjournment for Public Participation

Mr Peter Webb reported that the Market Towns Association have carried out research on towns who have markets in place where businesses have profited, against those who have lost markets. Mr Webb informed the Council that Malvern Hills District Council and Advantage West Midlands may be able to obtain funds for new proposals for children's play facilities.

20 Standing Order 66 The Chairman invoked Standing Order 66 and all members of the public were asked to leave the Chamber. Cllr White stated that the Mayor's Remuneration was set at £500 per annum in 1998 and had not been increased since. Cllr White proposed that it should be increased to £1,500 per annum and be given at the beginning of the mayoral year. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to Hall, Finance and General Purposes Committee.

#### Information

##### 21. Report from County Councillor

- a. County Cllr Bullock reported that information on the expenditure of monies for flood relief will be available soon.
- b. Cllr Bullock hopes that the bus shelter will be installed soon.
- c. Cllr Mrs Surtees reported that the road sign for Pepperpot Mews is missing.
- d. Cllr Perry requested urgent action with regard to the flooded drain in Court Street.
- e. Cllr Yates asked who is responsible for removing redundant or temporary road signs. Cllr Bullock said it is Mr Nils Wilkes.

##### 22. Reports from District Councillors

- a. Public Toilets District Cllr Morgan reported that the public toilets next to the Kings Head will be open for 24 hours, 7 days a week immediately.
- b. Heritage Centre There are plans to develop the Heritage Centre. The clock has now been repaired.
- c. Hanley Road Car Park This will be resurfaced before the end of this financial year.
- d. Malvern Hills District Council/ Worcester City Council These councils are not combining, but they will be sharing certain services.
- e. Black Bags Cllr Mrs Morgan said that hopefully black bags for the next delivery will be stronger.
- f. Bus Shelters Cllr Mrs Martin requested bus shelters for Hanley Road Car Park for people waiting to board coaches.
- g. Hub Cllr White reported that there had not been any publicity about the Upton Hub. The clerk reported that the Hub is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The Hub is also able to take messages for the police in their absence.
- h. Floods Cllr Yates requested a list of the people made homeless by the floods.
- i. Waste Cllr White reported that waste from Malvern Hills District Council is driven from Redditch to Kent and is concerned about the cost involved.

##### 23. Reports from Town Councillors

- a. Local Churches Cllr Father Round thanked County Cllr Bullock for arranging the signage for local Churches.
- b. Caretaker Cllr Perry reported that Malvern Hills District Council have lent the Town Council a trolley for the caretaker to ease the litter picking problem.

#### Correspondence and Matters of Parochial Interest

- a. Upton Community Pride Cllr Perry informed the council that Upton Community Pride's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the Chamber and the speaker will be a member from the Duckworth Conservation Trust.
- b. Upton Library The clerk informed the council that the library is open on Monday from 1.30 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9.30 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.