

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

Held on Tuesday 28th October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr T. Perry (Mayor)
Cllrs P. Thomas, E. White, S. Yates, Mrs A. Morgan, Father D. Round, Mrs J. Surtees, J. Thompson, M. Wilkinson, Dr. G. Wilson.

District Councillor M. Morgan

County Councillor R. Bullock

In Attendance: Mrs A. Oliver, Clerk.

6. To Receive Apologies and Declarations of Interest apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs P. Martin, A. Goadby, T. Drake and Mrs S. Walsh. There were no Declarations of Interest.

7. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 16th September 2008 the minutes were presented by Cllr White, proposed for approval by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Dr Wilson, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

8. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 30th September 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 Mrs Morgan.

9. Minutes of The Town Council Meeting 30th September 2008 the minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Thomas, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Morgan and seconded by Cllr Yates.

10. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 7th October 2008 the minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Morgan, seconded by Cllr Thomas, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees.

11. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 21st October 2008 the minutes were presented by Cllr White, proposed for approval by Cllr Dr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Thomas, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan.

12. Income and Expenditure for October the clerk presented the report. Cllr White pointed out that unmetered electricity costs should be included in the Hall, Finance and General Purpose budget.

13. Configuration of Meetings 2009 Cllr Thompson proposed that Planning Meetings should always be held on the same evening as the Full Council meeting, and only before other meetings when necessary. This was seconded by Cllr Yates and agreed.

14. Grant of £500 for Christmas Lights Upton Tourism and Trade had requested a grant of £500 towards the cost of Christmas Lights for the town. Cllr Mrs Morgan proposed and Cllr Thompson seconded. This was carried by a majority as Cllr White voted against the proposal.

15. Community Bus Cllr Thompson proposed and Cllr Mrs Surtees seconded that £500 should be allocated for expenditure on the Community Bus.

Adjournment for Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

16. Report from County Councillor

a. Bus Shelter County Cllr Bullock reported that the shelter will be temporarily situated on the grass area at the entrance to the car park and then moved to a place nearer to the traffic lights. The shelter will be set back slightly into the field.

b. A4014 Junction County Cllr Bullock reported that work on making this junction safer is progressing. The junction may be widened in order for vehicles travelling from Upton to Worcester to filter through.

c. Pavements Cllrs White and Thomas had received complaints regarding the resurfacing of The Graftons and a part of Old Street when the town pavements are a disgrace, causing people to fall and injure themselves. County Cllr Bullock will investigate. Cllr Mrs Surtees commented that small paviors would be very attractive for Upton as they are in Tewkesbury.

17. Reports from District Councillors

a. District Cllr Morgan reported that the recent brief on planning regulations related to house extensions and he expressed concerns on the lack of control. District Cllr Morgan asked councillors to report to him of any concerns on planning issues.

b. District Cllr Morgan reported that Malvern Hills District Council have a long-term commitment to Tourism Information Centres and their position in Town Centres. Malvern Hills District Council conduct regular revues of the Old Church Tower.

c. Cllr Mrs Surtees is disappointed to read an article in the Malvern Gazette stating that free weekend parking would only be available in Malvern Hills District Council car parks on the last weekend before Christmas, instead of every weekend in December.

d. District Cllr Morgan informed councillors that the District Council will not now be moving to new offices.

e. Cllr White asked why when someone wishes to contact the Upton Hub, the telephone call is directed through Malvern Hub. District Cllr Morgan informed councillors that the Hub in Upton is only a walk-in service.

18. Reports from Town Councillors

a. Cllr Father Round said that it is very useful to have the regular presence of District Councillors.

b. Cllr Perry presented a proposal to pedestrianise the riverfront from The Star Hotel to The Plough Inn. There ensued much discussion on the effects for access to properties along the riverfront and the loss of disabled and ordinary parking places. District Cllr Morgan pointed out that this would have an effect on flood defences and discussion needs to take place with the Environment Agency and Highways.

19. Correspondence and Matters of Parochial Interest there were none.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 25th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.