

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

Held on Tuesday 29th January 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr T. Perry (Mayor)
Cllrs P. Thomas, S. Yates, E. White, Mrs J. Surtees, Mrs A. Morgan, A. Goadby, T. Drake, Mrs P. Martin, Mrs S Walsh.

County Councillor R. Bullock

Also in Attendance: Mrs A. Oliver, Clerk
Tariq Al Rasheed, Malvern Gazette.

Procedural Matters

6. Apologies and Declaraton of Interest apologies were received from Cllrs M. Wilkinson, J. Thompson and Father D. Round. Cllr S. Yates declared an interest in item 16.

7. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 18th December 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr White, with the amendments that information regarding the flag and pole should have been referred to Hall, Finance and General Purposes committee and item (v) should have stated 'bearing the logo' instead of 'bearing the legend'. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Martin, seconded by Cllr Thomas, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees.

8. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 22nd January 2008. The minutes were presented by Cllr White, with the amendment to item 5 stating that the shelter should be sited in the Old Road as it is too large for the pavement opposite the Church. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Goadby, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan.

9. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 11th December 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, with the deletion of Cllr Mrs Surtees's declaration of interest. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Mrs Martin, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr White.

10. Minutes of The Town Council Meeting 11th December 2007 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry with the amendment that 'Mogbury should read 'Modbury'. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Thomas, proposed for adoption by Cllr Goadby and seconded by Cllr Yates.

11. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 8th January 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Mrs Walsh, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan.

12. Minutes of The Hall, Finance & General Purposes Meeting 8th January 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Yates, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Goadby, proposed for adoption by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Mrs Martin.

13. Precept 2008/2009 Cllr Yates, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the precept for 2008/09 and reported that the committee recommended no increase over the figure for 2007/08, which was £106,477.00. Adoption was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees.

14. Road Improvements for High Street The clerk reported that Highways had informed the Council that there would be some delays to this scheme due to relevant traffic orders concerning the new bus stop. The clerk had responded to Highways of the disappointment that the scheme would be delayed again and suggested that the work should be carried out between Tuesday May 6th and Thursday June 26th 2008. Cllr White stated that School Lane is very unsafe due to excessive speeds now that parking has reduced since the relocation of the surgery and there is only pavement on one side. Cllr Bullock felt that councillors must be happy with the plans. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Andrew Wynn of Highways Department.

15. Pitt Report on The Floods of 2007 Sir Michael Spicer had requested councillors thoughts on The Pitt Review interim report. The main suggestions for decreasing the risk of

flooding were the clearing of ditches and Hanley Brook, the dredging of the river, raising the level of Hanley Road and removing the bund on Fish Meadow. Some councillors were disappointed with the recent negative media coverage as it was a normal winter flood.

Section 66 was invoked for item 16.

17. Conservation Area Appraisal and Review An exhibition had been held in The Memorial Hall during January regarding conservation areas in Malvern Hills and District. Six new areas of conservation are being investigated by Malvern Hills District Council, one of which adjoins the current conservation area of the Sports Field. A report will follow in due course. The councillors were displeased that the project was not discussed with the council as well as the external consultants.

18. Update on Skate Park the clerk had received information from Robert Werner-de-Sonberg that he was awaiting up-to-date information on the skate ramps and he would keep us informed.

19. Breach of Security the clerk reported that at about 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd January 2007, 2 males walked in through the front door of the Memorial Hall. Pepperpot Players had just left and there was a meeting in the Council Chamber. The caretaker, Colin Bayliss entered the building a few minutes later, went up the stairs and surprised the males, who left the building very quickly. Mr Bayliss discovered that they had pulled one of the stage curtains off the rail. He reported the incident to the police, who visited on Wednesday 27th January. Images of the males were clearly visible on the CCTV camera and copies were given to the police. The clerk reported that security notices had been posted on the doors to all rooms.

Adjournment for Public Participation

20. Report from County Councillor R Bullock

a. Cllr Mrs Surtees reported that she had recently visited Malvern Library to find both sets of double doors at the entrance were wide open. On speaking to the staff, Cllr Surtees was told that the heating is controlled from Worcestershire County Council.

b. Cllr Mrs Walsh reported a pothole at the Upton end of the bridge.

c. Cllr Mrs Walsh reported that resurfacing preparatory work is being carried out, but there is no dropped kerb across Riverside Close in Gardens Walk.

d. Cllr Mrs Walsh asked if the white lines could be re-instated following the resurfacing at Tunnel Hill.

21. Reports from District Councillors the District Councillors were not present.

22. Reports from Town Councillors

a. Hanley Road Car Park a request was made for the car park to be resurfaced and for the flaps or a similar method of preventing vehicles from leaving the car park at the New Street entrance, to be re-instated.

b. Rubbish Bags Cllr Mrs Martin commented on the poor quality of the black, purple and clear bags.

Correspondence and Matters of Parochial Interest there was none.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 26th February 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.