

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

Held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

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

District Councillor M. Morgan  
County Councillor R. Bullock.

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

6. Apologies and Declarations of Interest apologies were received from Cllrs J. Dean, M. Wilkinson, and Mrs P. Martin. There were no Declarations of Interest.
7. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Yates, proposed for adoption by Cllr Mrs Morgan and seconded by Cllr Drake.
8. Minutes of The Town Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 Surtees and seconded by Cllr Thomas.
9. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry and it was noted that the correct name should be The Roman Causeway, not The Causeway. With that amendment, the minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Morgan, seconded by Cllr White, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Goadby.
10. Minutes of The Hall, Finance & General Purposes Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr Yates, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Thompson. A question was asked why Upton Community Pride are not charged for using the hall for meetings. It was explained that Community Pride were initially formed by the Town Council. A comment was made that other groups are under the umbrella of the Council, but they are charged for using the hall. It was decided that Community Pride would not be charged for the use of the hall. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan.
11. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 The minutes were presented by Cllr White who requested a decision from the councillors to repair the childrens' play area at a cost of £1,000.00. The repair would be carried out by Wicksteads and will be covered by the Council's insurance policy which has an excess of £125.00. The minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr Father Round, seconded by Cllr Mrs Walsh, proposed for approval by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Perry.
12. & 13. To Discuss the Location of the Bus Shelter and the Double Yellow Lines Outside the Church Cllrs White and Perry and County Cllr Bullock met with Highways to discuss the siting for the shelter in the Old Road. Highways want to place a bus stop outside and opposite the Church and have put double yellow lines in readiness for this to happen. Highways stated that buses driving out of the Old Road approach a blind corner. The Council feel that a group of children waiting opposite the Church will obscure vision in and out of the car park and that bus stops are not needed, only a shelter for children waiting for the school bus. It was reported that buses, coaches, lorries and cars frequently use the car park. It was stated that the Old Road already constitutes a lay-by, whereas one would have to be built if the stops were outside the Church. Cllr Father Round enquired where hearses and cars would park at funerals and felt it was inappropriate not to be able to park close to the Church. A picture was produced showing a bus parked in the Old Road. County Cllr Bullock will send the picture to Highways and the driver may be prosecuted. It was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged between the Police, Highways, a Road Safety Officer and representatives of the Council.

14. To Discuss Life Support Training It was agreed that the clerk should proceed with arranging Life Support Training and invite groups and organisations who regularly use the hall.

15. To Discuss Future Plans for The Ham Mr Simon Wilkinson reported by e-mail that the Ham Owners have entered into a new agreement with DEFRA for the management of The Ham. It is proposed to erect information boards at all three entrances similar to those already installed near the riverfront. There will be some clearance of the riverbank, the encouragement of flora and fauna and the discouragement of freely-wandering dogs. District Cllr Morgan suggested involving the local schools.

16. To Discuss the Report of The Upton Shuttle The Council had received a report from Mr Simon Wilkinson stating that parishioners from Welland and Ripple are served including some who are disabled and rarely go out. There are 5 drivers and are seeking another. Expenses are paid to the drivers if requested. It is hoped that Worcestershire County Council will continue to support the Shuttle.

17. To Discuss the Report of The Parish Paths Partnership Mr Wilkinson reported that a lot of work to Parish Paths had been carried during the last year and he has applied for funding for the next year.

### **Adjournment for Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

18. Report from County Councillor County Cllr Bullock reported that the new library opened on 28<sup>th</sup> April. He also reported that there will be internal improvements to Upton Primary School with regard to the toilets and the portacabin will also be improved.

a. Cllr Mrs Surtees had received a complaint regarding the bad state of the pavements from the bottom of New Street to HSBC bank. She had received a request to install a dropped kerb from Collinghurst House to New Street car park.

b. Cllr Mrs Morgan stated that the alleyways are too narrow for electric buggies. County Cllr Bullock requested a list.

c. Cllr White reported the blocked drain and resulting flooding across the whole of the road in Court Street outside The Talbot Hotel.

d. Cllr Mrs Walsh reported that the new tarmac was incomplete in Severn Drive and the surface is now breaking up.

e. Cllr Father Round reported that cars park opposite the garage belonging to 7 School Lane and it needs a larger sign at drivers' eye level.

Reports from District Councillors District Cllr Morgan reported that the 'crocodile teeth' had been installed at the New Street entrance to Hanley Road Car Park. He reported no further information on affordable housing. Malvern Hills District Council had lost the appeal regarding the Marina.

a. Cllr Yates reported that litter is a problem all over the town.

b. Cllr White reported that an empty property at the rear of the Co-op store in New Street has rats in the piles of rubbish where a door has been removed. District Cllr Morgan stated that he had received other complaints about this problem and he will follow it up with the department at the District Council.

c. Cllr Thompson asked why the toilets in Lower High Street are closed at 6 p.m. every evening. District Cllr Morgan had spoken to Mr Pumfrey and they would be open for 24 hours during festivals.

d. Cllr Perry asked if the clock on the Old Church Tower could be repaired. District Cllr Morgan will report the matter to the District Council.

20. Reports from Town Councillors Cllr Mrs Surtees reported that Police Constable Mark Taylor will be leaving Upton upon Severn and Police Constable Knowles will be his replacement.

### **Correspondence and matters of Parochial Interest**

a. BT Telephone Boxes - A letter had been received from Malvern Hills District Council stating that the telephone box on Welland Road will be closing later this year due to lack of use and the cost of maintaining it.

b. Upton Community Pride - A letter had been received stating that they do not now need any financial help from the Council as the grant they had applied for had been awarded.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30 p.m.