

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

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

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

County Councillor R. Bullock
District Councillor Mrs S. Harrison

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

6. To Receive Apologies and Declarations of Interest Apologies were received from Cllrs Drake, Mrs S. Walsh and Mrs P. Martin. There were no declarations of interest.
7. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 24th June 2008. The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees, proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr White.
8. Minutes of the Town Council Meeting 24th June 2008. The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Surtees, seconded by Cllr Mrs Morgan with the amendment to item 15e to delete the name of the person and insert 'resident'. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr Father Round and seconded by Cllr White
9. Minutes of The Planning Meeting 1st July 2008. The minutes were presented by Cllr Perry, proposed for approval by Cllr Mrs Morgan, seconded by Cllr Mrs Surtees, proposed for adoption by Cllr Thompson and seconded by Cllr Father Round.
10. Minutes of the Hall, Finance & General Purposes Meeting 1st July 2008. The minutes were presented by Cllr Yates who informed Councillors that as the meeting had not been quorate, the minutes were of an informal meeting.
11. Minutes of The Open Spaces Meeting 15th July 2008. The minutes were presented by Cllr White, proposed for approval by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Goadby with the following amendment that as Mr Hirons had been unable to complete the work to the rocking horse, the clerk requested that the work should be offered to Mr Harrington. This was agreed. The minutes were proposed for adoption by Cllr Yates and seconded by Cllr Father Round.
12. To Discuss The Luncheon Club The clerk informed the councillors that the insurance premium for the Luncheon Club had increased and Mrs Bullock stated that she could not afford to pay it. Cllr White proposed that the weekly rent should be reduced from £20 to £15. This was seconded by Cllr Thompson. It was also agreed that the Council would pay the premium for 2008-2009, and Mrs Bullock would be able to pay the premium for 2009-2010 with the money from the reduction in her rent.
13. To Discuss the Quotations for Decorating the Front of The Memorial Hall Three quotations had been received with significant differences in the figures. R. Adams quoted £3,787.00 excluding the cost of scaffolding, S. Henshaw quoted £2,490.00 excluding the cost of scaffolding and D. Terry quoted £1,180.00 plus the cost of scaffolding at £990.00. The clerk was asked to contact each of them for references.
14. To Discuss The Post Office Review Programme Cllr Yates reported that five post offices in Malvern Hills area will be closed and Hanley Swan, Hanley Castle and Welland are at risk of closure.
15. To Discuss a Donation to The Local Police Team The Local Police Team had requested a donation of £200 for the Laser Shooting Gallery at one of the two days they are holding for young people at The Hill Centre in the school holidays. Cllr Wilkinson proposed £100 and this was seconded by Cllr Goadby.
16. To Discuss the Annual Remuneration for the Mayor Cllr Yates proposed and Cllr Wilkinson seconded that the Mayor should be given £1,500 for expenses for the year May 2008 to April 2009.

17. To Discuss Dogs on the Playing Fields Cllr Wilkinson pointed out that the Council had agreed at a previous meeting that notices should be displayed saying that dogs should be kept on leads on the playing fields. Cllr White had received comments that there is no local bye-law to confirm this notice. The situation with regard to dog mess has improved, but a councillor has been seen with a dog off its lead.

Adjournment for Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

18. Report from County Councillor

a. Upton Bridge – Cllr Bullock reported that Mrs Foster had met County Cllr G. Lord who informed her that she is not able to raise funds for painting the bridge.

b. Disabled Parking Area – Cllr Mrs Surtees reported that she had written to Highways regarding the damaged slabs and pavers by the disabled parking space next to the bridge abutment. It was suggested that the taxi space outside The Star could be changed to a disabled parking space as there is not a taxi using that space.

c. Fisherman's Alley - Cllr Mrs Morgan asked if Fisherman's Alley could be improved for wheelchair and pushchair users to have a safer route to the riverfront, rather than using the roads through the town.

d. Grass Verges - Cllr Yates requested that when the grass verges are cut, could the rubbish that is then visible, be cleared away.

e. Upton Bridge - Cllr Dr Wilson asked that when Upton Bridge is painted, the paint used is the same as that used on the Forth Bridge as it would need repainting less often. He suggested that Upton Community Pride could raise money to improve the sides of the bridge at both ends. Cllr Father Round stated that the surface of the bridge is very bad and needs resurfacing. Cllr Bullock said that he and Cllr Lord will visit Upton to assess the bridge.

f. Traffic Lights – Cllr Bullock reported that the lights have been installed at the correct height for safety reasons.

19. Report from District Councillors

a. Spatial Strategy – Cllr Mrs Harrison reported that Malvern Hills District Council have been devoting much time to this subject recently .

b. Hanley Road Car Park – Cllr Yates asked if this car park could be resurfaced now that the Environment Agency Plans for permanent flood defences have been delayed.

20. Upton in Bloom Cllr Mrs Surtees reported that Britain in Bloom judging will take place on Monday 4th August. She asked if the bin at the bottom of Fisherman's Walk could be replaced and if Laburnum Walk could be weeded. Cllr Father Round reported that the judges will return to The Old Churchyard between 3p.m. and 3.30 p.m. and all the councillors are welcome. At 2.30 p.m. there will be a flotilla of boats on the river representing trades in Upton.

21. Reports from Town Councillors

a. Litter Bins – Cllr Perry reported that the new litter bins installed recently have to be replaced as the doors have warped.

b. Signs for Churches – Cllr Father Round is meeting Karen Stephens from Worcestershire County Council to discuss this matter. Cllr Perry thanked Cllr Father Round for his efforts with the signs.

c. Market Stall – Cllr Thomas reported that he had received complaints about the market stall encroaching on the road making it difficult for cars to drive along Lower High Street. It had been suggested at a previous meeting that the stall should turn round so that the shoppers would be on the pavement, but this is now impossible as The Star have placed chairs and tables on the pavement.

d. Annual Bikers Bash – Cllr Dean reported that this event will take place in Upton along the waterside on Wednesday 30th July.

e. Road Names – It was reported that the signs are in place for Pepperpot Mews, Hillsfield and Gardens Walk.

Correspondence and Matters of Parochial Interest

a. Housing Survey – the clerk reported that Nigel Potter is currently studying the recent Housing Survey and will attend a Council meeting in the near future to inform the councillors.

Date of Next Meeting 19th August 2008 at 7.30 p.m.