

UPTON UPON SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL
M I N U T E S

Of a meeting held on Tuesday 18th January 2005 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

56/04/05

Present: Councillor J Thompson (Chair)
Councillors T Perry, A Morgan, M Morgan, J Surtees, S Walsh,
E White, S Wilkinson, S Yates
In attendance: County Councillor Bullock, Nione Meakin Malvern Gazette, Kathy Don
Evening News
The Clerk Ms G Jennings

The Deputy Mayor took the chair in the absence of the Mayor.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Kerrigan, Tyler, Peterson, Martin and Dickson. Also from District Councillors Wilkinson & Adeney. Councillor Slade was absent.

2. To receive declarations of interest – none received

3. To approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of 21st December 2004

The Minutes were approved as a true record with amendment to wording in 4.1, line 9 delete "safe limit" and insert "planned capacity"

4. Public Participation

No participation

5. Committee Reports

5.1 To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee of 21st December 2004 and 4th January 2005 - **Adopted**

5.2 To adopt the minutes of the Hall, Finance & General Purposes Committee of 4th January 2005 - **Adopted and the Precept amount of £88746 agreed by unanimous vote.**

Note: the recommendations and proposed actions of the Committees stand ratified by the adoption of the Minutes by Council

6. Town Plan Committee to make a report from their earlier meeting

The Committee circulated the final questionnaire document. They agreed to make alteration to age groups and areas indicated in the personal section. The Committee requested that the Town Council agreed to printing and circulation in accordance with the budgeted sum of £500. During discussions on the method of circulation Councillor White suggested that the Councillors distributed the questionnaire direct to letterboxes to ensure the right recipients. The Committee were asked to consider this point. **Action CP/SY/AM**

7. Individual reports

7.1 To receive reports from Town Councillors

- Councillor Thompson confirmed that the Clerk had completed her probationary period to the satisfaction of the Council
- Reports were circulated regarding two meetings attended with Worcs. County Council. Councillor Wilkinson advised that a traffic survey would be carried out shortly and also a study was being carried out by Halcrow re: road safety. The Riverfront Phase 3 had received a positive response from the County Council who would assist with funding towards the scheme review and grant application. A further meeting had been arranged for 15th March.
- Councillor Thompson reported that the water leak on the car-park had not been identified to one particular leak. The Council were required to consider expenditure on a new water main.

7.2 To receive reports from County Councillor

County Councillor Bullock was disappointed that he had not been invited by the County Council to the meetings mentioned in 7.1. He mentioned that there would be an invitation to visit the viaduct works on 20th January and in response to a request that there was a public party to celebrate its opening he suggested that plans were thought about nearer the time.

7.3 To receive reports from District Councillors

Councillor Mary Wilkinson had sent a report in writing. She confirmed the islands on the carpark were the responsibility of MHDC. She did not have any more information on the ownership of the land at Upton Gardens. She reported a memorial seat in memory of Ben Williams was being placed on the Old Churchyard site at the expense of the bereaved and a general tidy up of this area would be made by MHDC. She acknowledged a complaint by a parishioner regarding the removal of trees outside the Old St. carpark.

8. Payments for Authorisation

The issue of cheques no. 4404 – 4415 totalling £4342.66 was agreed.

9. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Malvern Town Council regarding their support for the new community hospital to be built on Seaford Court. Councillor White had attended the public meeting in the Memorial Hall and reported that it was not well attended due to the time of the meeting and that there seemed to be a lack of understanding about how the hospital worked and the implications in its location. Councillor Thompson suggested that Councillors should try to attend one of the remaining public meetings or view the consultation document and the item should be brought forward onto February's agenda. **Action B/F**

10. Information (available for reference from the clerk)

1. Worcs County Council – Newsletter January
2. MHDC – Agenda of 11th January 2005 (Note item 8 regarding Arts Plan for Malvern Hills with funding pledged by the Arts Council for the creation of a 2 year arts plan)

11. Date of next meeting

15th February 2005