

UPTON UPON SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL
M I N U T E S
Of a Town Council meeting
Tuesday 16th November 2004 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

45/04/05

Present: Chairman Councillor Kerrigan
Cllr. T Dickson, P Martin, A Morgan, M Morgan, T, Perry, C Peterson,
J Surtees, J Thompson, S Walsh, E White, S Wilkinson, S Yates
In attendance: District Councillors S Adeney, M Wilkinson, Malvern Gazette, Worcs.
Evening News, The Clerk Ms G Jennings

1. Procedural Matters

- 1.1 To receive apologies – apologies were received from County Councillor Bullock. Councillors Tyler and Slade were absent.
- 1.2. To receive declarations of interest – none received.

Planning Committee

1. To discuss Current Planning Applications – none received
2. To note the deposit of the Second Draft Local Plan – Councillors were asked to submit comments to the clerk by 30th November 2004.
3. To appoint a delegate to attend a Waste Management Workshop – Councillor Perry would attend.

Town Council

1. To agree the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting 19th October 2004

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

2. Adjournment for Public Participation

Non- attendance

3. Committee Reports

- 3.1 To adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee of 26th October 2004 - Adopted
 - 3.2 To adopt the minutes of the Hall, F&GP Committee of 2nd November – Adopted
 - 3.3. To adopt the minutes of the Open Spaces Committee of 26th October - Adopted
- All the recommendations/actions of the above Committees were ratified by adoption of the Minutes

4. Individual Reports

4.1 To receive reports from Town Councillors
Councillor Kerrigan reported

- NALC have confirmed that alcohol byelaws may be applied to a whole Town provided an area is easily identified. The Town Council should give this further consideration and pursue the matter with MHDC.
- Following a site visit with Highways Partnership a sign directing HGVs away from School Lane had been erected. The positioning of the sign was ineffective and WCC would be asked to reposition it. WCC had confirmed they would not willingly direct HGVs away from the A4104. Mr Carless was chasing up the traffic survey.
- A request for a donation towards Christmas trees had been received. Due to the lack of time in setting up a further meeting to discuss this the Council considered the matter and agreed that a donation would be appropriate in accordance with last year's figure.
- Worcs. CALC would be holding a meeting giving a presentation on the Local Transport Plan – Councillors Wilkinson and M Morgan offered to attend.
- The Co-op Group were holding a seminar at Worcs. Cricket Club on 3rd December to discuss community development – Members of the Town Plan Group were asked to consider attendance.

4.2 To receive reports from District Councillors
Councillor Mrs Wilkinson reported

- The District Council were bringing about changes to their planning committee regime. These changes seemed to have been prompted by the advent of regionalisation and were still to be put in place even though local authority structure was still in question.
- It might be possible to extend the hub in Upton and increase the services of CAB, Community Care and a visiting Registrar. The Town Council was invited to make suggestions.
- 2 generators had been stolen from the bridge site
- Upton Baptist Church had received a small grant from MHDC Community Grants.

Councillor Kerrigan requested that the Town Council are kept informed of the progress of the Arts Plan with a view to assisting Upton's own arts promotion.

Councillor Mrs Adeney reported

- PCTs were considering options for new site. If Pickersleigh Rd was chosen another use for Seaford House would be considered and this might include social housing.
- Vision 21 were in conference in December. They were keen to have organisations from Upton taking part.
- A Youth Club had opened in Hanley Swan village hall. Youths from Upton who had attended school in Hanley were welcome.

4.3 To receive reports from County Councillors - None received

4.4 To note progress - on Farmers Markets - These would return to Upton based on New St. carpark for 3 Saturdays in 2005. They were keen to involve local trades people and wanted to mark the 3 Saturdays with some kind of festival or event. Anthony Collis was pursuing these ideas.

Action MHDC

- Phase 3 Riverfront – MHDC had indicated that they would be interested in discussing the matter further with input from WCC. A meeting between the 3 councils would be set up as soon as possible. Councillor White expressed the hope that the scheme would not be used as a political vehicle.

Action GJ

4.5 Councillor Mrs Surtees proposed that the Town Council considered introducing a Reward system for information leading to the identification of vandals. Further to discussion the Town Council agreed that a Reward would be offered for the conviction of vandals not merely identification. (Section 31 LGRA1997 refers to funding) The Reward system would be put in place in cooperation with the police. A meeting to discuss this would be set up with West Mercia police.

Action MK/GJ

5 Information/Correspondence

5.1 Extract from Minutes of MHDC on Street Scene team was circulated. It was disappointing in its implications but the Council were assured that there would be more substance to it after further discussions by MHDC.

5.2 NALC Press statement on Anti Social behaviour available from the clerk on request.

5.3 Copy of Prime Ministers speech on ASB available from the clerk on request.

5.4 Application for road closure – High St/New St Christmas Eve Hunt between 10.45 – 11.15am – There was no objection to the proposal.

5.5 Regulations enabling monitoring officers to carry out investigations referred by Ethical Standards Officers will be in force from 4th November 2004.

5.6 Vandalism this month:

Crime References

239/S031104 Gate pulled off hinges Tunnel Hill playground

238/S031104 Rubbish set on fire New St Playground - damage to matting

163/S081104 Toilet damaged in Gents toilets - Memorial Hall

168/S081104 Old Bridge abutment - stones dislodged

Councillor Mrs Surtees reported that the Heritage Centre wall had also been vandalised.

Councillor Kerrigan advised that an allotment on the cemetery site had also been damaged.

6. Date of next meeting

The date of 21st December 2004 was agreed.

7. Authorisation of Payments and closure of Bank Account No.2

The issue of cheques 4339 – 4358 totalling £6285.75 was authorised. The clerk was authorised to close the instant access account.

8. Excluded Items

1. The Lodge – The estate agent reported a lot of interest and was confident that the Council would receive a number of offers. An earlier offer which had been received would therefore be considered on the closing date. A query as to whether it would be permissible for a purchaser to erect a fence was answered in that the Town Council would not object to the erection of a fence at an agreed point provided it complied with any planning regulations.

2. Hall Ramp – The architect was pushing for an answer on the amount of budget to work to as the choice of paving was looking expensive and difficult to source. The clerk was asked to set up a meeting to discuss this.

Action GJ