WROXETER & UPPINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
on the 11th July 2022 at 7:30pm
Visitor Centre, Wroxeter Vineyard**

Present: Councillors Mrs V Amos (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Davies, Mr P Davies, Mr M Millington, Mr I Sherwood

In attendance: Councillor C Wild (Shropshire Council), Mrs S Morris (Clerk), one member of the public

1. **PUBLIC SESSION**
   A member of the public informed the Parish Council that he will be presenting a petition to Shropshire Council to ask for evidence of how the Council will reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2030, particularly in light of the commitment the Council has made to building new homes. He invited the Parish Council to support the petition and will send details via the Clerk.

2. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
   Apologies were received from Councillor B Nelson and Councillor K Rowlands.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**
   None.

4. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**
   Councillor Amos signed her declaration in the presence of the Clerk. In Councillor Nelson's absence, it was **RESOLVED** to defer the completion of his declaration to the next meeting.

5. **MINUTES**
   It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES**
   Rights of way. Councillor P Davies advised that a section of the footpath from Uppington to Uckington had not been cleared, meaning the path was still not fully open. This section is on the land of a tenant farmer and there had been difficulties in ensuring this section of the path was opened in previous year. It was agreed that the Clerk will report this to the Raby Estate Manager.

   Road signs. The Clerk reported that the issues with signs along the B4380 had been reported via Fix My Street. The signs at the Wroxeter crossroads had been fixed, although it was noted that the sign to Cressage had since been removed. Shropshire Council had indicated that the Give Way sign currently obscured by a hedge was not within their responsibility, and that there was no further action required regarding the lack of sign for Ishmore Lane.

7. **REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR**
   Councillor Wild informed the Parish Council that she had spoken to a number of residents about the local bus service and noted that the are a number of residents who access the service at the main road. Shropshire Council is looking at improvements to the service from Buildwas through Uppington. Councillors noted that the bus stop sign had been removed with the bus shelter and there was some discussion of whether the sign should be replaced at the same location or at the bottom of The Avenue. It was noted that the bus will stop at any point on the road that it is hailed.

Councillors highlighted that there had been an increase in HGVs through the parish and queried if this was due to developments at the Buildwas power station site. Councillor Wild suggested that the vehicles may have been from JPE or Farley Quarry and advised that there is a log of vehicles accessing the power station site which vehicle details can be checked against. Councillor Wild agreed to ask Buildwas Parish Council at their next meeting if they had seen an increase in vehicles from the site and raise the issue with the power station site liaison group.

8. **PCC TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL SURVEY**
   The Parish Council discussed and agreed the response to the survey which had recently been circulated.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**
   a) **To approve payments made between meetings:**
      It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments made between meetings:-

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P9-2022/23	Shropshire Council	Election costs 2021	£100.00
P10-2022/22	S Morris	Salary - June	£218.58

   b) **To approve Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation**
      It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Q1 budget report and bank reconciliation.

   c) **To approve invoices for payment by online banking**
      It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments to be made by online banking:-

Payment	Payee	Description	£ Amount
P11-2022/23	ICO	Data protection renewal	£35.00
P12-2022/23	S Morris	Salary - July	£216.36
P13-2022/23	S Morris	Expenses	£28.10
P14-2022/23	Uppington Church	Churchyard maintenance	£100.00
P15-2022/23	Under the Wrekin	Contribution	£50.00

10. **PLANNING MATTERS**
    None.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**
    None.

12. **PARISH MATTERS**
    <u>Vehicles turning sign.</u> Councillor Sherwood highlighted the need for a 'Caution Vehicles Turning' sign at Lower Longwood due to the increase in traffic and some recent near-misses. It was agreed that Councillor Sherwood will request this via Fix My Street in the first instance.

    <u>Motorbikes.</u> Councillors noted the increase in motorbikes through the village, particularly using the B4380 at speed during the night.

    <u>Norton crossroad flooding.</u> Councillor Sherwood highlighted that Norton Crossroads continues to flood during periods of rain.

    <u>Noise disturbance from the Wroxeter Hotel.</u> The Clerk reported that the Chairman had received some complaints regarding noise disturbance in Wroxeter from a function at the hotel which continued to 1am on 10th July. Residents were concerned that more functions will be allowed to continue past midnight which will cause significant disturbance given the central location of the hotel within the village. Councillor Wild had raised the matter to Shropshire Council Licensing. The Chairman had made initial contact with the hotel

management and had been informed that the current licence extended to 2am but that the hotel typically limits most functions to midnight on a voluntary basis. Recently, some functions have been granted an extension as they have been rescheduled due to Covid. It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman will pursue this issue directly with the hotel management in the first instance and report back to Parish Councillors. Any further action would then be decided dependent upon the outcome of the initial conversations.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.11pm.

Signed (Chairman):……………………………………………   Date:……………