

**Uffington
Annual Parish
Meeting
Monday 13th May 2018**

MINUTES

Copies of the Finance Report and the Shropshire Councillors Report along with agenda and minutes were available to all those attending the meeting. They were also on the Parish Council website.

1. **Chairman's Welcome** .The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present** Councillor L Padmore-Chairman ,Councillor P Daimond, Vice-Chairman, Councillor E Strawbridge, Councillor A Blake, Councillor R Davies, Shropshire Councillor L Picton, L Pardoe Clerk to the Parish Council, Three members of the public and Tim Williams and Rachel Oakley from Smart Water . Apologies were received from the Police.
3. **Rachel Oakley from Smart water to speak to residents on its benefits.** Rachel outlined the benefits of using Smart water within the community. The Police & Crime Commissioner is supporting this with a 25% grant for Parish Councils to become a Smart Water Village. The Parish Council would buy enough packs for the village and receive a grant for 25%. With this the Village would have large signs at both ends of the village, stating that we are a Smart Water Village. The police would support the roll out of it. The Parish Council would give a pack to each household which would then be registered with Smart water via an app on a tablet or mobile phone and once 70% of the properties are registered then the signage would be provided by the PCC. The Police will roll this out to all the properties within the parish. The cost to the Parish Council would be £8.90 per pack. Each Parish has its own unique number and each resident has their own unique code. This is a very efficient deterrent and in rural areas there has been an 80% reduction in burglaries, a 50% reduction in urban areas. Newport have had a 75% reduction after taking part in the Smart Water initiative. Each bottle has its own unique DNA and whilst Smart water cannot guarantee that your property, if stolen is returned to you, the aim is to deter property being sold on. The Police also visit all second hand dealers and check that stock is there legitimately and all West Mercia Police carry UV torches on their belts so they can tell if something has smart water on it.
In 2007 smart water was put on Shifnal Church Roof and in 2019 it is still on there. It is guaranteed for 5 years but does last much longer than that.
It will be rolled out in Uffington Parish on Saturday 22nd June at the Village Hall between 10.00am and 1.00pm.All residents are encouraged to attend. Those that do not attend will be called on by the Police to register them with the Smart water.
The Chairman Thanked Rachel and Tim for attending and they left the meeting at 7.20 pm
4. **To read and approve minutes from the previous Annual Parish Meeting (May 2018)** It was agreed that these were a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor A Blake, seconded by Councillor P Daimond and agreed by all members present.
5. **To consider any matters arising there from.** There were no matters arising
6. **Public Session.** One of the ladies present brought to the attention of the meeting that there had been a few instances where drones had been hovering over their property and they were concerned at the reason for this intrusion. They felt it was a violation of their privacy .They had called 101 but the Police recommended that they call RAF Shawbury to report this type of activity as they were better equipped to track and deal with this.

The Chairman said this was most worrying and thanked them for bringing this the meetings attention.

7. **To receive Parish Council report from The Chairman.** The chairman thanked the clerk for her work , the Parish Council members for their work and also Shropshire Councillor L Picton who has worked tirelessly to try and get some of the traffic issues sorted out for the Parish Council. She thanked Barbara Ashton for the litter picking that the PPF group do around the village. Councillor A Blake is the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. This year the Parish Council purchased the obsolete telephone box and has set up a community defibrillator in there.
The new website is up and running and updated regularly by the clerk.
The Sundorne Island has still not been sorted out due to the financial situation at Shropshire Council. However the new Head of Highways at Shropshire Council is aware of the Parish Councils frustration and we are working towards a solution with his assistance. Ffion Horton, Service Development Programme Manager is going to attend the June Meeting of the Parish Council and give us an update. The Parish Council is prepared to contribute to this and also have a sponsor who is keen to assist.
The potholes beyond Canal close are very bad and the whole stretch of road will probably be resurfaced rather than just continuing to fill the potholes in.
This year the Parish Council replaced the lamps in the Street lights for more efficient energy saving ones. We also changed energy providers saving the Parish Council money on their energy bills.
8. **To receive Financial Report from Finance Officer of Parish Council.** This was read out to those present.
9. **To receive Shropshire Councillor's Report.** She read out her written report to those present and added to the report that she was optimistic that we might get the traffic calming through the village as there was some money available and the Parish Council again were prepared to put some money towards this project.
10. **Police Report.** There was no Police Report available
11. **Village Hall Report.** Mrs. Ashton reported that they continue to raise revenue to cover their Insurance costs and utility bills. They are in the process of reviewing their hiring charges. A wide range of events takes place at the Village Hall and they now have a new Yoga group on Monday evening and a yoga for adults with special needs on Monday afternoon. They held a very successful Christmas dinner with three courses and entertainment and are looking at repeating that again this year.
They are also looking at creating their own website.
12. **Parish Paths Group Report** They had held a litter pick and continued to keep the village tidy. They had just received from the Parish Council 5 Litter picking kits consisting of, Litter pickers, hoops to hold the bags , gloves and Hi Visibility vests from a Clean-up Britain initiative through Shropshire Council.
13. **Date and time of Next meeting** it was agreed that this would be held on Monday 11th May 2020 at 7.00pm at Uffington Village Hall.
14. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55pm