Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council Monday 13th December 2021 at 6.30pm In the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Mike Oldnall (Chair), Cllr Dale Pilchowski, Cllr Simon Jenkins, Cllr Graham Banks, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

District Councillor:

Members of the Public: None

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action		
299/21	District Cllr Boyd and Cllr Oberman.			
	ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST			
300/21	Cllr Oldnall for agenda item 19.			
	ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 8 th NOVEMBER 2021			
301/21	The title of Item 19 was to be amended to 'December' and minute reference 297.21 was to be			
	amended to '20th December'. The minutes were approved subject to those amendments.			
	Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.			
302/21	a) 250/21 (224/21 - 196/21) Speedwatch update — Cllr Jenkins reported that there had			
302/21	 a) 250/21 (224/21 - 196/21) Speedwatch update – Cllr Jenkins reported that there had been a disappointing response to the call for volunteers in the weekly newsletter. A 			
	request for volunteers had been included in the Winter Courier. It was noted that			
	there had been a little progress with the Shrivenham scheme; they were discussing			
	the permitted equipment. The scheme was up and running in Highworth. Cllr			
	Constance asked to be kept informed of progress.	SJ		
	b) 250/21 (225/21) – Implementation of a 20mph zone – Clir Oldnall had included an			
	article in the newsletter about the scheme. There had been some resistance from the			
	village because the scheme would not be enforced, and the view was that most			
	people do not speed through the village. Cllr Constance pointed out that the cost			
	estimates had not yet been justified. She felt that the cost would ultimately be based	Clerk		
	on the number of signs and amount of road marking requested. It was agreed that the			
	Clerk should register interest in (but sign up for) the scheme.			
	c) 296/21 - A flagpole for the village - It was reported that the vicar and PCC would			
	not support the erection of a flagpole in the churchyard. Cllr Puddicombe suggesting	CLOSED		
	siting it elsewhere, however Cllr Oberman felt that as most events were church			
	related the Jubilee Field was not the best place. Cllr Banks pointed out that there			
	were specific rules about flying flags from public buildings. It was agreed to close this			
	matter for the time being.			
	ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT			
303/21	Cllr Constance had sent a written report which had been circulated. At the meeting she			
	reported that:			
	 She did not yet know where the walk-in vaccination centres would be sited. 			
	b) The consultation on the first stage of the new Transport Strategy had been delayed			
	until January.			
	Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.			
304/21	ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT			
304/21	Cllr Boyd had sent a new-style written report which had been circulated. a) 277/21 (250/21 - 224/21 - 204/21) – Planning process (formerly Dragon Hill) – In			
	an email to Cllr Oldnall he reported that there had been no progress on this matter.	NB		
	He had not received a response from Adrian Duffield; he would try to get an answer	IND		
	elsewhere.			
	ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM			
305/21	No members of the public.			
	ITEM 8 - ONGOING PROJECTS			
306/21	Improvements to Broadband			
	Both Cllr Oldnall and Ms Foxhall had written to Openreach and Airband respectively but no	KF/		
	response had yet been received from either.	MO		
307/21	Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments).			

	Cllr Jenkins reported that the Council's Solicitor had been in touch with the Senior Estate Surveyor at OCC. The matter was to go before full Council and would then go to the Council's lawyers for a deed to be drafted. Afternote : As the surveyor's report was straightforward, sign off had been delegated and it was hoped that it could be resolved "early in the new year."			
308/21	that or gates a bridge	ersion of the three stiles on FP26. TOE was being very helpful and had suggested ally one quote would be required for the 2 nd phase of the footpath project. A quote for the and their installation had been obtained and this was accepted. The work to the stone would be more complex. Cllr Jenkins planned to submit the application to TOE by mas as the next grant round closed mid-January.	SJ	
000/04	NI A	ITEM 9 - PLANNING MATTERS		
309/21		applications to be considered:	Clerk	
	a)	P21/V3056/HH – 9 Jacksmeadow . Extension to existing fence (retrospective). Response due by 21st December. There were no objections.	Clerk	
	h)	P21/V0009/HH – Gate Cottage, Alongside Lower Common. Planning appeal		
	5)	reference APP/V3120/D/21/3278014. For information only.		
310/21	То сог	nsider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda:		
		P21/V3366/N4B – Moormill Barn, Moormill Farm. For information only. A		
		planning application had been expected rather than a change of use application. It		
		was noted that the size of the dwelling had been reduced following the pre-ap advice.		
311/21		e on outstanding planning applications:		
	a)	P21/V3171/AG – Stable Cottage, High Street. Agricultural Building for lambing and		
		storage of agricultural machinery. Removal of dilapidated sleeper building. Target		
		decision date 7 th December. (Replaces P21/V2988/AG – see below). No planning		
	b)	application required. P21/V2473/FUL – Oldlands Copse, Station Road. Change of use of existing		
	D)	agricultural building to tourist accommodation. Amended Plans. Permission granted.		
	c)	P21/V2815/FUL – St Mary's Church, Broad Street. Replacement of stolen section		
	0)	of lead roof with terne coated stainless steel. Permission granted.		
	d)	P21/V2988/AG - Stable Cottage, High Street. Agricultural Building for lambing and		
	·	storage of agricultural machinery. Removal of dilapidated sleeper building. Awaiting		
		determination. NB this application is not on the Vale website and has been replaced		
		by P21/V3171/AG.		
	e)	P21/V2645/HH – The Clock House, High Street. Extension to existing building.		
		Awaiting determination.		
	f)	P21/V2503/HH – Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road. Proposed first floor and side		
		extensions to existing bungalow. Erection of detached garage building with accommodation over. Permission granted.		
	a)	P21/V1908/HH – 1 Jacksmeadow. Two storey side extension. Permission granted.		
312/21	Britch	combe Farm – report on Working Group meeting. Cllr Jenkins reported that	SJ	
		the working group had opened a bank account and had commissioned a preliminary		
	,	landscape study.		
	b)			
		caravan. The Vale enforcement team had been informed of the possibility of an		
	,	associated septic tank also being installed.		
	c)	Another meeting with Emily Hamerton had been arranged for 21 December. The large hall had been booked for a talk by David Miles on 24 th January.	МО	
	d) e)	The working group felt that it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to meet	IVIO	
	6)	with Lovat Parks. This was agreed. Cllr Oldnall to draft a letter to Raoul Fraser.		
		Afternote: invitation accepted by Mr Fraser for 14 March 2022.		
		nkins questioned whether White Horse Hill should be classified as a World Heritage		
		le had spoken to the Uffington Heritage Society about this. There were a number of		
		antages to the proposal, not least the increase in visitor numbers. The Parish Council	SJ	
	were u	indecided on the proposal. It was felt that more information was required.		
242/04	-1	To approve December payments December to testing CFF22 27 were approved it		
313/21	a)	To approve December payments: Payments totalling £5533.27 were approved. It	MO	
		was agreed to transfer the £300 received from the film production company into EMR. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to	IVIO	
		authorise the payments online.		
	b)	Draft Budget 2022/23: The draft budget had been circulated and comments returned		
	<i>ڪ</i>)	by Councillors. It had been recommended that the increase in precept be limited to		
		5% and Cllr Oldnall presented a revised draft which showed a reduced precept of		
		£28,000. In order to achieve a balanced budget funds for the 20mph scheme had		
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		been removed and the budget for the playground had been reduced. It was noted that there was still some S106 money available which could be used for the	МО
		playground. A precept of £28,000 was agreed. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe, RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to review the expenditure on grants. Clerk to	Clerk
		submit the precept request.	
24.4/24		ITEM 11 - THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST	
314/21	a)	Update. Cllr Pilchowski asked what the metal bar near the pond was for. No one knew. Cllr Oberman to investigate to determine whether it was safe to leave it for children to play on or whether it should be removed.	FO
	b)	Monthly play area inspection.	
	-,	Cllr Oberman reported by email that there were no problems in the play area.	
	c)	Request for a Memorial on the field. A resident had requested permission for a	
		memorial tree or bench to his parents on the field. Discussion followed on the	
		implications of allowing a bench to be installed. It was agreed to ask the application	MO/Clerk
		what he had hoped for; a tree or a bench. It was felt that guidelines for the installation of benches was required.	
	d)	Applications to use the field.	
	,	There had been an application to erect a marquee on Saturday 4 th June. This was the	
		same weekend as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Cllrs Banks and Puddicombe felt	FO
		that it might detract from the village celebration; Cllr Pilchowski felt it was a good	
		idea. Cllr Oldnall felt that it needed further discussion. Cllr Oberman to discuss further with Mr Rumble and the hirers. Afternote: date changed to 18 June to deconflict.	
		ITEM 12 – ALLOTMENTS UPDATE	
315/21	Allotm		
		a) Allotments Update. Cllr Puddicombe reported that there was one applicant for a	NP
		half plot. The interim fence repair had not yet taken place. Cllr Puddicombe asked	
		if the contractors for the full repair could be appointed now since it would be	
		some time before the work would be carried out. This was agreed. A grant of £50 for the allotments was requested and approved. Proposed Cllr Pilchowski,	
		Seconded Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Clerk to arrange for payment.	Clerk
		ITEM 13 – OSR UPDATE	
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		ddicombe reported that he had looked at the plaster in the Old Schoolroom. There vo different issues. The problem by the stairs had already been quoted for and agreed.	
		ner issue is in an area that is hardly visible and only a crack can be seen at the	
		nt. It was not felt that it was in imminent danger of failure and Cllr Puddicombe	
		sted that the area be monitored and a more formal assessment be included in the next	
	archite	ct's annual review. ITEM 14 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
317/21	a)	Information Security Policy. This had been reviewed. The only update required was	
317/21	a)	reformatting to current the standard. It was agreed that the policy should be published	Clerk
		once reformatted. No further action required by councillors.	
		ITEM 15 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)	
318/21	a)	Pond Dredging. Cllr Jenkins was waiting for Malcolm Hinton to visit the site and	SJ
		establish what work was required. It was noted that dredging would be required	
		annually, with one third of the area being cleared each time. This requirement was	
		reflected in the budget including an EMR sum in case or of any urgent additional work.	
	b)	Village Stream. The stream was running well. There were no issues to report.	
	c)	Plans for tree survey. It was reported that three contractors had been identified and	МО
		an ITT was to be sent out to them. Cllr Oldnall noted that the school was about to	
		carry out a tree survey in January and agreed to establish whether they would like to	
		join forces and have their work included with ours. The school would also be carrying out work to their own trees, including those overhanging the burial ground, at the	
		same time.	
		ITEM 16 – BURIAL GROUND	
319/21		sponse to the survey had not yet been submitted. This would be done by 20 th	
		ber. The response would include our concern at the potentially reduced remaining	Clerk
	capacit	y if the area for each plot was increased by about 30% as was being proposed. ITEM 17 – GENERAL	
320/21	a)	Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee 2022	
520/21	u,	Clir Oldnall to contact a local caterer to run a BBQ. Clir Oberman had volunteered to	FO/MO

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		lead the project for the Parish Council.		
	b)	December Courier. This was now complete. Cllr Oldnall thanked everyone for their contributions.	CLOSED	
	c)	Christmas Tree Lighting up. The event had gone very well and there was a good	CLOSED	
	,	atmosphere. It was felt that this was a worthwhile thing for the Parish Council to		
		support in the future. Cllr Oldnall had written to the organisers to thank them for their		
		efforts.		
	d)	Consideration of face-to-face meetings. It was noted that the COVID situation was		
		changing daily. NALC and OALC had advised that Councils should approve a		
		scheme of delegation in preparation for future restrictions. The scheme of delegation		
		had been circulated and was approved. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr		
		Banks. RESOLVED. ITEM 18 - CONSULTATIONS		
321/21	2)	Community First/Healthwatch – This consultation on rural isolation had been		
321/21	a)	circulated. It was geared toward individuals rather than Parish Councils. No Council	CLOSED	
		action was required.	CLOSED	
	b)	Environmental Permits. Covered in minute reference 319/21 above.		
	c)	OCC Budget Proposal 2022/23 – This has been circulated. Individuals could	МО	
		respond and there was an option for the Parish Council to respond as well. Cllr		
		Oldnall to look at this.		
		ITEM 19 – CORRESPONDENCE		
322/21	a)	Community Governance Review. The Parish Council had previously requested an		
		additional Councillor due to the extra houses in the village. Clerk to reiterate the	Clerk	
		request on the basis of: the previous application, increased village numbers due		
		primarily to Jacksmeadow and to provide an to create odd number of councillors to		
	L.\	prevent the possibility of a split vote.		
	D)	Trees on The Mound at Craven Common. Cllr Oldnall had consulted with residents about a replacement tree. Costs were quite high. The resident who cut down the		
		original tree has offered £80. Cllr Oldnall suggested that the Parish Council adds	МО	
		£170 to this to bring the total to £250. Cllr Oldnall to liaise with residents of Craven	IVIO	
		Common of the types of tree and planting arrangements. This was approved.		
		Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED.		
	c)	OCC Budget Proposal. OCC planned a 4.99% increase – the maximum allowed.	Al	
	ĺ	The full budget had not yet been published but individuals were already able to		
		comment on the OCC website.		
		ITEM 20 – MATTERS FOR THE JANUARY AGENDA		
323/21	a)	Finalising the 2022/23 budget.	Clerk	
	b)	Business Vehicles parking on pavements. Complaints had been received about	(agenda)	
		parking in Jacksmeadow. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the resident. MO to draft.	МО	
		ITEM 21 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING	IVIO	
324/21	The ne	xt meeting will be on Monday 10 th January 2022 at 18.30 in the Thomas Hughes		
JZ7/Z1	Memorial Hall unless Government rules prevented face-to-face meetings at that time. If that			
	situation was to arise a video conference meeting would be used in lieu.			
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The meeting closed at 20.52