

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 12 July 2021 in Uffington Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors L Padmore (Chair), P Daimond, E Strawbridge, and Shropshire County Councillor L Picton.

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also present: Jayne Carter, Tom Ritchie, Colin Wildblood, Alan Granger (Sundorne Castle Estate)

54.21 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

55.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor A Blake. The reason given was accepted by the Council.

56.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.
- b) There were no applications for a dispensation regarding disclosable pecuniary interests.

57.21 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

- Tom Ritchie (together with Colin Wildblood) from Care Excellence Holdings – spoke to the Council about their ideas regarding the development of a piece of land on the south side of Manor Court, Uffington SY4 4SN into an outdoor nature centre. The Council questioned Mr Ritchie about access. It was stated that access would be from the service road with a hardcore area created off the main road for pick-up and drop-off. The only building structure on the land would be a free-standing unit (along the lines of a static caravan/cabin) housing a reception area with toilets – akin to a club house. They are keen for village involvement – whether that be a community allotment area or volunteering with the centre, for example. Colin Wildblood is the point of contact if anyone has any questions or suggestions: c.j.wildblood@btinternet.com The Chairman thanked Mr Ritchie and Mr Wildblood for their time apprising the Council of their intentions. They then left the meeting.

58.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 June 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

It was proposed by Councillor Daimond and seconded by Councillor Strawbridge and

resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 June 2021 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

59.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 17 May 2021

- a) Place Plan priorities – Councillors all reported that they had not managed to review the document yet.

It was agreed that this would be an agenda item carried forward to the August meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to place item on the August agenda.

- b) Procurement of planters for the village – As Councillor Blake was unavailable to provide an update the item was carried over to the August meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to place item on the August agenda.

- c) Update on maintenance contract for VAS – Clerk reported that she had made contact with TWM Traffic and was awaiting a response.

- d) Update on battery for defibrillator – Clerk reported that a new battery had been fitted in the defibrillator and it was ready to use if and when required.

60.21 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Picton reported that:

- there is a meeting of Full Council this Thursday (15 July) and the big items on the agenda include the draft submission of the Local Plan which if approved will then go off to the Planning Inspectorate. Probably not looking at approving the new plan for 2-2.5 years. A first report on highways will also go to Full Council when an extra £8m will be requested for this year alone and this is the precursor for the large sum which will be asked for to do some serious work on the highways.
- not going to Full Council but to the next Cabinet Meeting at the end of this month, is a report which hopefully will give the green light for a third bin to be offered to residents if they would prefer it to the boxes currently supplied for their glass/cans/plastic recycling. If agreed, it will then go to Full Council in September and the roll out should start happening soon after.
- there are going to be workshops regarding the boundary review and parish councils will be expected to send one or two representatives along.
- a significant number of parish councils are moving to meetings being held every two months.
- a new messaging system of police community alerts called Neighbourhood Matters has been set up which enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can receive updates on crimes, latest information on on-going incidents and learn more about what the police are doing in your community. Councillor Picton encouraged the Clerk to sign up and also the Councillors. Anyone can sign up at www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk

61.21 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

Councillor Blake was unavailable to provide a report. However, as previously stated, a new battery had recently been fitted by MedUK Group Ltd who had confirmed that all was working as it should.

62.21 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
12/07/2021	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses June/July	£ 111.45
12/07/2021	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary June/July	£ 600.04
12/07/2021	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 151.57
12/07/2021	Shropshire Council	Joint energy cost 2021/22 (part 1 of 2	£ 152.57
12/07/2021	E.ON	Highway lighting	£ 158.40
12/07/2021	HMRC	Overdue amount on underpayment	£ 48.21
TOTAL			£ 1222.24

It was proposed by Councillor Strawbridge and seconded by Councillor Daimond and
resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 11 July 2021

It was not possible to reconcile the bank as access to the Lloyds accounts was temporarily unavailable.

63.21 Highway Matters

Two potholes were identified, and Councillor Picton would report them.

ACTION: Councillor Picton to report potholes.

Mr Granger asked where the planters were likely to be positioned. A discussion followed on whether the Council would be allowed to place the planters on the verges as this is land belonging to highways, and whether they would prevent the verges being cut. Councillor Picton would investigate this. Concerns were raised whether the Council would be liable if anyone hurt themselves on the planters.

ACTION: Councillor Picton would look into whether the Parish Council could place planters on verges throughout the village.

64.21 Planning

No new planning applications had been submitted to Shropshire Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

65.21 Correspondence

- Email from Mayor and Town Clerk's secretary asking for permission for Councillor Julian Dean to wear his Chain of Office whilst in the Parish on 27 June. He was welcoming riders at Uffington Village Hall who were cycling Land's End to John O'Groats in aid of Age UK, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. Permission was granted.
- Email from Councillor Picton regarding Neighbourhood Matters (already discussed).

66.21 Minor matters not included elsewhere on agenda and future agenda items

All future agenda items had already been covered and there were no minor matters anyone

wished to raise.

- Following the recent reception at the Village Hall for the cyclists riding from Land's End to John O'Groats, the Clerk had received a request from Age UK asking for a donation to their fundraising efforts.

It was agreed that a donation would be given.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to the request and arrange the donation.

- Jayne Carter advised that having now sat in on a couple of Parish Council meetings she would like to become a Councillor.

ACTION: Ms Carter to be co-opted at the August meeting.

67.21 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 16 August 2021 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Uffington.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 16 August 2021