

**Uffington Parish Council
ZOOM Meeting
Starting at 7.30 pm**

Monday 18th January 2021

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome:** The Chairman took over the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** There were no Interests declared in any items on the agenda
3. **Present** Councillor L Padmore-Chairman, Councillor T Strawbridge, Councillor A Blake, Councillor P Daimond attended via a telephone link. Also present L Pardoe, clerk to the Council, Shropshire Councillor L Picton and one member of the public. Apologies were received from Councillor R Davies who was in hospital.
4. **Council to approve leave of absence for Councillor R Davies from meetings for a period of 6 months.** Due to Councillor Davies illness it was agreed to give him leave of absence for the next six months. Proposed by Councillor L Padmore, seconded by Councillor A Blake and agreed by all members present.
5. **Public Session.** The member of the public stated that he just wanted to observe the Parish Council and to thank the clerk and Shropshire Councillor L Picton for their assistance in getting a problem with flooding outside his property dealt with.
6. **Defibrillator Report: Councillor A Blake to report on status of the defibrillator sited in telephone box opposite the Village Hall.** The defibrillator is ready for use.
7. **Council to agree minutes of meeting held on Monday 12th October 2020.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor T Strawbridge, seconded by Councillor L Padmore and agreed by all members.
8. **Clerk to report on matters from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.** The clerk had arranged a site meeting for members and Dave Gradwell to look at the road signage. This has been delayed due to the National Lockdown. The clerk will re-arrange when the restrictions on meeting people have been lifted.
9. **Council to consider and adopt the Grant Funding Policy.** It was agreed to adopt this proposed by councillor L Padmore, seconded by Councillor T Strawbridge and agreed by all members present.
10. **To receive written Report from Shropshire Councillor L Picton**
For local advice and support during the pandemic (especially if you are self-isolating), call Shropshire Council's COVID-19 Helpline on 0345 678 9028 (lines open on the weekend on Saturday from 9am-4pm and Sunday 9am-12pm) or visit the Council website at www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirusAGED.

CHANGE TO ISOLATION LENGTH FOR COVID-19

From Monday 14 December 2020, anyone required to self-isolate, due to contact with someone who has had a positive test for COVID-19, will need to do so for 10 days instead of 14.

People who return from countries which are not on the travel corridor list should also self-isolate for 10 days instead of 14 days.

People who test positive should continue to self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, or 10 days from point of taking a positive test if asymptomatic.

CAN YOU HELP?

People across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin are being urged to 'be a part of history' – by applying for roles in the county's COVID-19 Vaccination Service.

The COVID-19 Vaccination Service is recruiting

Hubs are already up and running in Shrewsbury and Bridgnorth, with more due to be set up in other areas of the county in the next few weeks.

Vaccination represents the country's best hope of a return to more normal life, and work is under way to roll out the vaccine as quickly as possible – starting with the over 80s, care home staff and vulnerable NHS staff.

Hubs are currently being staffed by healthcare workers from providers across the region who have been temporarily seconded from their regular roles to get the service up and running.

But a dedicated workforce is being recruited in order to staff the hubs and make sure other important services are not adversely impacted.

There are opportunities for current and retired healthcare professionals, but also for non-clinical staff in a range of administrative, reception and other front-of-house roles.

Volunteers will also be needed to support the vaccination service as it develops, and a volunteer recruitment process is currently being developed, working closely with the voluntary and community sector. Once it is ready, it will be promoted widely so that individuals with time to help, and organisations with existing volunteers, will be able to register their interest.

Anyone interested can find further information on how to apply by visiting www.rjah.nhs.uk/vaccine.

Please do get in touch, no matter where you live, as the chances are that there will be vacancies close to you at some point in the near future

There are a lot of staff who have had Covid19 and there are still a lot of staff off ill with it. There are vaccination centres starting at Shrewsbury Bowling Club. Many of Shropshire Council staff have been redeployed to the testing centres. There is a need for a significant supply of vaccine.

11. Planning. There were no planning applications to consider

12. Highway Matters

- Councillors to report any Highways matters. There were no matters reported by members
- Chairman to report on a site meeting to discuss possible improvements to the roads in Uffington with Dave Gradwell on January 15th 2021. This had been delayed due to the National Lockdown.

13. Finance (a)

- i. Council to agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk: to be circulated via e-mail to members. It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor L Padmore, seconded by Councillor T Strawbridge and agreed by all members present

Cheque Number December	Payee	Brief Description	Amount
000771	Royal British Legion	Lamp post poppies	60.00
000772	HMRC	PAYE	60.60
S/O	Staff	Salary	296.71
000773	Staff	WFHA & Pay award back pay	160.29
January		Total December	577.60
S/O	Staff	Salary	296.71
000774	staff	Expenses	16.28
000775	HMRC	PAYE	30.00
		Total January	342.99

- ii. Council to accept Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk It was agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor L Padmore, seconded by Councillor T Strawbridge and agreed by all members
- iii. Council to consider granting donation to the Church for the repair of the churchyard footpath. After discussion it was agreed to give a grant of £750.00 to the PCC for the repair of the footpath in the churchyard proposed by Councillor T Strawbridge, seconded by councillor A Blake and agreed by all members present
- iv. Council to consider granting a donation to Hope House Hospice of £250.00. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not contribute to this. Members felt that individuals could contribute if they wished to do so. Proposed by Councillor L Padmore, seconded by Councillor T Strawbridge and agreed by all members.
- v. Council to set the precept for 2021/2022. Member. After discussion it was agreed to set the precept for the forthcoming financial year at £10,094. Proposed by Councillor A Blake, seconded by Councillor P Daimond and agreed by all members present.

14. Parish Matters. There were no parish matters.

15. Date and time of next meeting .It was agreed that this would be held on Monday 8th February 2021 starting at 7.30pm via zoom.

16. Shropshire Councillor L Picton and the member of the public left the meeting for the consideration of the following item.

17. Finance.(b) *Uffington Parish Council resolves That by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1992 , the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts'*

Council to consider increasing the clerk's salary on the spinal point.

The Chairman had spoken to SALC that morning and had been advised that the clerk needed to have an annual appraisal before agreeing any increase. Members agreed that the clerk and the chairman would have a face to face appraisal when the National Lockdown was lifted. Councillor T Strawbridge stated that he felt that any increase agreed in future should be back dated to this meeting.
The chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm