

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

Monday 8th February 2021

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome**, the Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**; There were none at this point.
3. **Present**, Councillor L Padmore-Chairman, Councillor P Daimond-Vice-chairman, Councillor T Strawbridge, Councillor A Blake, & Apologies were received from Councillor R Davies due to his incapacity. Also present were Shropshire Councillor L Picton and L Pardoe, clerk to the council.
4. **Public Session**. There were no members of the public present.
5. **Council to agree minutes of meeting held on Monday 18th January 2021**. It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor A Blake, seconded by Councillor T Strawbridge and agreed by all members present.
6. **Clerk to report on matters from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda**. The clerk reported that she had spoken to SALC and that the Government have no plans to extend the legislation allowing local councils to meet virtually so probably the next face to face meeting would be after the elections in May.
7. **To receive written Report from Shropshire Councillor L Picton**. The written report was noted by members. She reported that the elections will go ahead on May 6th. Purdah will commence on 15th March 2021. It is expected that all polling stations previously used will be used for the elections. She reported that the roads are appalling. She also noted that Telford & Wrekin get much more funding for their roads than Shropshire and they have less miles of roads and theirs are all much newer. There is a call from the local MPs to government for more parity in the funding for roads. The Chairman commented on the fact that the gritters have been out and about. Councillor Picton explained that the gritting was being done "in house" now and often local farmers work in conjunction with Shropshire Council to keep the roads gritted and clear of snow.
8. **Planning: There are no planning applications at the time of the agenda**
9. **Highway Matters**
 - Councillors to report any Highways matters. There were no matters to report.
10. **Finance (a)**
 - i. Council to agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk: It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk proposed by Councillor T Strawbridge, seconded by Councillor P Daimond and agreed by all members present. Members did however query what the clerk's expenses were for. The clerk explained that it was the Working from Home Allowance and the

difference between the salary amount paid by Standing order and the new amount paid to the clerk after the Nationally agreed award, which was agreed by members at the October meeting and backdated to 1st April 2020, was implemented. She explained that she was unable to amend the Standing Order online as members would not grant that access to her (See October Minutes)

The extra had to be paid by cheque. She suggested that it all be added to the Standing order by a letter to the Bank signed by two members of the Council, but the Chairman said no she wished to have it all itemised.

January Cheque Number	Payee	Brief Description	Amount
000777	HMRC	PAYE	30.00
S/O	Staff	Salary	296.71
000778	Staff	WFHA	27.53
000779	Shrewsbury Town Council	Bulbs for the village	21.60
		Total	375.84

- 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 T Strawbridge, seconded by Councillor P Daimond and agreed by all members present.

11. Parish Matters. The Chairman asked Councillor Blake if he had any prices for planters for the village. Councillor Blake reported that he had e-mailed a company but had received no response to date. The Chairman instructed him to chase this up and instructed the clerk to follow up the e-mail that he had sent.

Councillor Daimond stated that as the last year had been so very difficult for everyone what did the members think about in 2021 the Parish Council ordering a larger Christmas Tree for the Village Hall and arrange a celebration with carols around the tree, and a lighting up the tree evening with hot drinks and mince pies to help bring the community together. Members all felt that this would be an excellent idea.

12. Date and time of next meeting It was agreed that this would be held on **Monday 8th March 2021 starting at 7.30pm via Zoom**

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The rules for members of the public to speak will be the same as normal meetings, that is, during the opportunity to do so in the agenda item allotted for the purpose. Due to time limitations the speaker should limit their question/presentation to 3 minutes