

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 13 September 2021 in Uffington Village Hall

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also present: Richard Simmons

84.21 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

85.21 Apologies for Absence

None

86.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

87.21 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

- Mr Richard Simmons (of Canal Close) expressed concern about speeding from the turn off to Uffington from the B5062. The speed limit on the road is 40 mph but there is insufficient signage to this effect between the Newport Road and where the speed limit is reduced to 30 mph near the VAS. Mr Simmons believes that the speeding issue could be improved if a couple of 40 mph speed limit signs were positioned on this stretch of road.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Shropshire Council Highways Department to see if a traffic engineer could come and inspect the signage situation.

88.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 August 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

resolved (without opposition)

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 August 2021 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

89.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 16 August 2021

- Co-option of fifth councillor – Jayne Carter now appears on the electoral roll as a resident of Uffington and therefore meets a criterion for becoming a parish councillor. Jayne will be co-opted at October's meeting.
- Replacing Parish Council noticeboard – Clerk had looked into costings of a noticeboard but needed to investigate the existing post situation further as if the legs are concreted into the ground, then the noticeboard will have to fit on to them.

ACTION: Councillor Blake to measure and photograph the noticeboard/legs and send to Clerk who can research costings of a metal noticeboard to fit on to existing poles.

90.21 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Picton presented a report which covered:

- Highways – quite a lot of pothole issues in the area have now been fixed. Shropshire Council is working with a number of parish councils to see if the responsibility for environmental maintenance could be devolved to them.
- Pedestrianisation in Shrewsbury town centre – currently stopped as Shropshire Council were under threat of a legal challenge from people with disabilities. Some form of pedestrian scheme will be reinstated at weekends towards the end of October in the lead up to Christmas. Publicity will be put out shortly so that people can have a say before it starts.
- Variable message boards – in total there will be 12 digital signs installed in the town which as well as informing drivers how many spaces are available in the main car parks, will also tell motorists of delays, roadworks and incidents (such as flooding) on the road network and warn of congestion related to events.
- Shropshire Supports Refugees – Shropshire is welcoming its first Afghan family this week. Donations are currently paused as so much has already generously been donated and now the volunteers are sorting through it all. Speakers of the following language are being sought to help with refugees: Pashto; Arabic; Kurdish Sorani; Farsi. If anyone knows anyone who speaks these languages Shropshire Council would love to hear from them.
- 2022/23 Budget – being worked on. 85% of Shropshire Council's net budget is spent on 3% of the population due to the ever-increasing desperate social care situation.
- Boundary review – The Boundary Commission have said that they may look at doing a Shropshire Council divisional review.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after presenting her report.

91.21 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

Councillor Blake confirmed that the defibrillator was ready to use as and when required.

92.21 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13/09/2021	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses September	£ 19.00
13/09/2021	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary September	£ 309.80
13/09/2021	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 77.60
TOTAL			£ 406.40

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 9 September 2021

The bank was reconciled at £38,615.24, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

93.21 Highway Matters

Nothing to report.

94.21 Planning

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

95.21 Correspondence

- A letter from Age UK had been received thanking Uffington Parish Council for their donation to their Covid Recovery Appeal.
- The former clerk had emailed asking for items belonging to Uffington Parish Council to be collected from her home. A local resident has offered to collect the items, and this will be carried out over the coming weeks.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient time for collection with Mrs Pardoe.

- Request via website from a new resident in the village for a SmartWater kit. Councillor Blake still has the necessary app on his 'phone and will be able to register a SmartWater kit.

96.21 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.

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 97.21 of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

Mr Simmons left the meeting.

97.21 To review Clerk's hours

98.21 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Uffington.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 11 October 2021