

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 10 January 2022 in Uffington Village Hall

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also present: One member of the public

130.21 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

131.21 Apologies for Absence

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

132.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

133.21 Public Participation Session - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak, with a strict 5-minute limit per speaker. Members of the public may speak on matters appearing on the agenda. However, if a matter does not appear on the agenda, a written request should be submitted to the Clerk no later than 2 working days before the meeting.

No member of the public wished to speak on an agenda item.

134.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2021 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

135.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8 November 2021

- Clerk had notified SDH Accounting Services that Uffington Parish Council had appointed them to conduct its internal audit in April 2022.

136.21 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor and/or Safer Neighbourhood Team (West Mercia Police)

Nobody from the SNT was able to attend.

Councillor Picton presented a report which covered:

- Recycling Bins – following requests from residents, and to improve recycling rates, a free wheelie bin will soon be available to households for the disposal of cans, glass and plastic. These will (optionally) replace the existing black recycling boxes, reduce the amount of waste being blown out of the boxes on windy days, make the storing of recycling more convenient for residents and will reduce the amount of bending and lifting for both residents and the waste removal crews. Registrations for a bin will open at the end of this week with the rollout commencing in April in the south of the county and delivery to Uffington potentially May/June time.
- Budget – a balanced budget has been produced for this year but it will not be possible to do so again next year without further government funding. 86% of this year's budget will be spent on social care, which is not sustainable.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after presenting her report.

137.21 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

As Councillor Blake was not at the meeting, Councillor Padmore confirmed that the defibrillator was ready to use as and when required.

138.21 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
10/01/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses December/January	£ 66.20
10/01/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary December/January	£ 826.28
10/01/22	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 206.80
10/01/22	Information Commissioners Office	Data protection renewal fee	£ 35.00
10/01/22	Shrewsbury Joinery Ltd	Parish Council noticeboard	£ 1392.00
TOTAL			£2526.28

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 3 January 2022

The bank was reconciled at £35,701.81, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed

accordingly.

c) Precept

The Clerk presented a proposed budget and recommended precept for 2022/23. Due to the level of reserves held (guidance is to retain 6 months expenditure as a safety net), the suggestion was to reduce the precept by £400. However, after discussion the councillors decided to set the precept for the forthcoming financial year at the amount which would see parishioners pay the same amount as in 2021/22.

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

resolved (without opposition)

to accept the budget as presented but to set the precept for 2022/23 at £10,089.

ACTION: Clerk to apply to Shropshire Council for a precept of £10,089 by the 28 January deadline.

139.21 Highway Matters

Following an email from Barbara Ashton, the Clerk had spoken to someone from Street Scene at Shropshire Council and had reported the “dangerously slippery” canal towpath. Clerk had been advised that this job was on a list and would be done as soon as possible but that the department was experiencing staff shortages. Councillor Picton earlier advised that she had also spoken to Street Scene and had been told that the area in question may be under the responsibility of Shrewsbury Town Council. She would follow up on what progress was being made. Councillor Padmore had also asked Councillor Picton to chase up the mowing of the grass triangle at the Upton Magna turn which the Clerk had previously reported to Shropshire Council but was yet to be cut.

140.21 Planning

1. Planning applications for consideration

a) Ref: 21/05024/FUL

Address: Highway Leading to Shrewsbury 400kv Sub Station Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4SY

Description: Laying of an underground cable run linking a solar farm to the final grid connection point (adjacent to existing substation located at Grid Ref: SJ 53272 12634)

Validated: 21 Oct 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

b) Ref: 21/05542/SCR

Address: Proposed Photovoltaic Park Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire

Description: Proposed solar farm

Validated: 23 Nov 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

c) Ref: 21/05840/OHL

Address: Haughton Crossroads Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4GA

Description: Installation of 3rd wire to existing 11,000 volt overhead electricity line

Validated: 14 Dec 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

d) Ref: 21/05877/PMBPA

Address: Bridge Farm Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4ST

Description: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to form one dwelling

Validated: 17 Dec 2021

Status: Pending Consideration

No objection nor comment was recorded on any planning application.

141.21 Correspondence

Nothing that not already discussed.

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

- Vehicle Activated Signs – the Parish Council would like to purchase another VAS for the village to potentially be sited near the turnoff from the B5062.

ACTION: Clerk to research types and costs and the matter to be discussed fully at the next meeting.

143.21 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 7 February 2022 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Uffington.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 7 February 2022