

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **Held at 7.30pm on 8 November 2021 in Uffington Village Hall**

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also present: Jayne Carter

115.21 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

116.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor E Strawbridge. The reason given was accepted by the Parish Council.

117.21 Co-option of Fifth Councillor

The vacancy for a fifth councillor had been advertised on the Parish Council's website and noticeboard over the summer. One application was received, from Ms Jayne Carter.

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

that Ms Jayne Carter be co-opted as a Parish Councillor. Ms Carter then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.

ACTION: Clerk to advise the Monitoring Officer of the co-option.

118.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

119.21 Public Participation Session

No members of the public present.

120.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 October 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 11 October 2021 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

121.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11 October 2021

- Clerk had spoken with Traffic Engineer (David Gradwell) at Shropshire Council about getting 40 mph speed roundels on the road between the turn off from the Newport Road and the VAS, advising that the Parish Council would fund this if necessary. Mr Gradwell said that someone would inspect the area at some point and any work considered appropriate by Shropshire Council would be carried out before the end of the financial year at no cost to Uffington Parish Council.

122.21 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:

- Bus Transport – Shropshire Council have submitted a bid of £98 million to the Department for Transport as part of the Bus Back Better scheme to transform bus transport across the whole of the county. Green buses, Sunday services, real time passenger information and more affordable fares all part of the programme. The Council wants to deliver a service which makes bus travel a real option for people across Shropshire – especially in rural areas. Earlier this year an online consultation took place asking for the public's thoughts on bus services as they are now and what improvements they would like to see. More than 2,500 responses were received. The bid also includes a redesign of the current Shrewsbury Park & Ride service
- Boundary Review – the Boundary Commission for England is no longer going to be carrying out a town and parish council review but will be conducting a divisional review instead.
- Budget – the government's recent budget did nothing to help Shropshire Council so there remains a blackhole of around £17M.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after presenting her report.

123.21 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

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

124.21 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
08/11/21	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses November	£ 48.41
08/11/21	Miss L Harris	Clerk's Salary November	£ 413.34
08/11/21	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 103.20
08/11/21	Royal British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00

08/11/21	Stiperstones Brass Band	Uffington Christmas carols concert	£ 50.00
08/11/21	Leaton Forest	Christmas Tree	£ 195.00
08/11/21	SALC	CiLCA training (50% split with Cound PC)	£ 110.00
08/11/21	SALC	Budget setting training (50% split with Cound PC)	£ 15.00
08/11/21	SLCC	CiLCA Registration Fee (50% split with Cound PC)	£ 205.00
TOTAL			£1189.95

It was proposed by Councillor Padmore and seconded by Councillor Blake and
resolved (without opposition)

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 4 November 2021

The bank was reconciled at £37,407.79, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

c) Half year accounts and review

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments account up to the end of September 2021 and a projection to the end of the year. Payments and receipts are both broadly in line with budget.

125.21 Highway Matters

The Clerk advised that she had reported the uncut grass at the Manor Farm Junction to Street Scene at Shropshire Council and would be monitoring the situation to check that the work is carried out.

126.21 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

No objection nor comment was recorded on this planning application.

127.21 Correspondence

- Email from Secretary to Mayor and Town Clerk advising that the mayor was joining members of Shrewsbury Rotary Club for lunch at the Corbet Arms on 20 October and was seeking permission for him to wear his Chain of Office in the parish. Permission was granted.
- Email from Sue Hackett of SDH Accounting Services with an expression of interest to conduct Uffington Parish Council's internal audit in April 2022. Based on her experience at Cound Parish Council, the Clerk's opinion was that Mrs Hackett is an extremely knowledgeable and thorough professional and that her quote of £150 for the internal audit for this year represented good value for money.

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

resolved (without opposition)

to appoint SDH Accounting Services as internal auditor for the Parish Council for 2021/22.

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

- Platinum Jubilee Celebration – the Village Hall Committee are apparently arranging an event, similar to what the Parish Council had been considering, to celebrate the occasion.
- Christmas Carols around the Tree – community event taking place from 6pm on Friday 17 December. Jointly funded by the Parish Council, the Church and the Village Hall.

ACTION: Councillor Blake will produce a few posters to advertise the event and position them at key locations throughout the village.

129.21 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Uffington.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.33pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 10 January 2022