

Uffington Parish Council Monday 14th March 2016 Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting
2. **Public session.** There were no members of the public present.
3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None at this point
4. **Present:** Councillor L Padmore- Chairman; Councillor H Booth- Vice-chairman; Councillor P Bray; Councillor G Lewis. Also present were Mathew Mead from Shropshire Council, Barbara Ashton from the Footpaths Group and L Pardoe clerk to the Council.

Apologies were received from Councillor R Davies
5. **Minutes**
To confirm minutes of Council meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016
It was agreed that whilst these were a true & accurate record of the meeting there were five typing errors and should be corrected before signing at the April meeting. Proposed by Councillor H Booth; seconded by Councillor G Lewis and agreed by all members present.
6. **Matters Arising:** the clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from PC D Harte asking for a meeting between Parish Councils and Community regeneration officer from Shropshire Council to discuss the benefits of becoming a smart water village. There needs to be 85% of residential take up for this.
She has received no response to her letter asking for a date for the next liaison meeting from the Quarry.
7. **Police Report:** Spring Newsletter circulated to members via e-mail. A hard copy was given to Councillor H Booth who is not on e-mail.
The possibility of the village becoming a smart water village was discussed and it was agreed that members would alert residents to this being discussed at the next LJC meeting in April. Upton Magna is a smart water village, the clerk to contact their clerk and ask how they went about achieving this. It was agreed to see if the Housing Association might contribute to this scheme financially for the village. *The clerk to put this on the website.*
8. **Wrekin Housing Church Road:** Steve Swann & Carol Denning sent their apologies for this meeting. The bidding process has taken place and the lists are now being looked at to see who has been successful with the bidding for their preferred properties. They have now said that they would consider houses going to Uffington people with no children.
9. **Shropshire Councillor Report:** Mathew Mead reported that there will be a significant reduction in funding in the years 2017-2020. Meetings following on from The Big Conversation are continuing to take place. The next one is on the 23rd March at the Football stadium.
10. **Council to consider what if any services they would consider taking over the funding of from Shropshire Council:** Councillor L Padmore to report after attending a meeting with the

leader of Shropshire Council. After discussion it was agreed to wait and see for the time being.

11. Local Joint Committee: LJC: The next LJC would be in April, smart water villages would be talked about. Also they were hoping to have Malcolm Pate, Leader of Shropshire Council and Clive Wright the CEO of Shropshire Council at the meeting to speak on the financial situation.

12. Neighbourhood Watch: Council to appoint a new coordinator within the parish. Members have been unable to find anyone in the village to take this on.

13. Parish Paths: Barbara Ashton reported that the second grant had been received and that they needed to purchase some safety equipment i.e. high visibility waistcoats and some brushing hooks to clear the brambles. They had researched and they could purchase these from Abbey Hardware. Clerk to liaise with Barbara to arrange the purchase and delivery of these.

She reported that another litter pick was needed now that the weather was improving. It was agreed that they could if needed borrow some high visibility waistcoats from Shropshire Council.

14. Haughmond Quarry: Despite having written to the local depot the clerk had received no reply to the request for a meeting.

15. Battlefield Incinerator Plant. Councillor H Booth to report recent meeting on 25th February: Councillor Booth reported that it is now 12 months since the fire was first lit. This January it was closed for 12 days to check the workings after 12 months of use. Last year the site processed 84,000 tonnes and this gave 16,000 tonnes of Ash for recycling. The emissions are well within their limits. The site will be officially opened this autumn. From April it will be opened to the public on Wednesdays for talks and tours. There is planting going on around the site. There are plans for an arch to be decorated by local primary school children which will be on the front of the site. The next meeting is to be held in September.

16. Highways;

i) Clerk to report on highways matters-She had reported the roundabout to M Mead and C Wild, M Mead said this was being looked at by Ian Walshaw, apparently they are cutting back on the roundabout from two sides and cutting back on the top to increase visibility.

ii) Councillors to report on Highways matters; it was reported that the drains on Newport Road by the Rugby Club are still blocked, the roads are being patched but the drains still need unblocking.

17. Finances

- Council to agree payment of accounts as presented by the clerk; It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by councillor H Booth; seconded by Councillor P Bray and agreed by all members present.

Cheque Number	Payee	Brief Description	Amount
000583	HMRC	PAYE	58.20
000584	L Pardoe	Salary & Expenses	264.24
000585	N Power	Energy Charges	121.98
000586	E-on	Maintenance contract	126.07
Total for month			570.49

- 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 H Booth; seconded by Councillor G Lewis and agreed by all members present.
- Council to consider putting new councillors on the Banking Mandate: As Councillor Davies was absent it was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

18. Planning

i) Clerk to report on previous applications

- Reference: 14/02116/Ful
Address: Vine Cottage, Uffington
Proposal: Erection of a bungalow with private access
Permission granted 4th March 2016

The clerk read out the response received from Planning Officer Jane Raymond and members discussed it. They were still unhappy with the way that the whole matter had been handled, the Shropshire Council member, the Planning Officer and the Planning Manager overriding the Parish Councils desire for this matter to be considered at Committee level resulting in the planning application being granted against their express wishes.

ii) Council to consider any new applications:

There were none to discuss

19. Correspondence

This was noted.

There was a training session for new councillors in April. The clerk to post the flier to Councillor Davies for his attention, Councillor Bray would let the clerk know if he was free on that date.

20. Parish Matters: Councillors to report any other general items concerning the parish.

Councillor L Padmore reported that this year the village hall would again be a comfort stop for a Charity run to take place on July 12th. Councillor Padmore asked for members to assist and also see what assistance they could get from residents.

21. Date and time of Next meeting; it was agreed that this would be held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.30pm at Uffington Village Hall. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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