

## Uffington Parish Council

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome** the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Steven Brown from Shropshire Council to speak to members about traffic issues and the Sundorne Roundabout.** Steve said they were there to discuss three items, VAS in the village, the Sundorne Roundabout and general highways matters.

Jason Hughes spoke to those present. He had attended a site meeting that morning with members of the Parish Council to look at the possible siting of a couple of VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) in the village. It was his suggestion that the Parish Council purchase a solar powered one and have one run from mains power. The preferred option was a smiley face with the speed on it as these appeared to be more effective than those with just the speed travelled on them. The signs would be approximately £4000 each. The clerk would need to contact E-on to see if they would add the maintenance to the existing maintenance they do on the street lights. There would be more maintenance on the solar powered VAS. The batteries need replacing every 6-8 years and cost around £200. A member of the public (MOP) asked where the VAS would be sited. Jason had prepared some maps showing the proposed siting and these were passed around the meeting. The VAS must be sited within the 30mph limits. David Gradwell would be putting some more repeater speed limit signs on the lane.

Steve Brown spoke about the Roundabout. He agreed that it was in a disgraceful state and promised that he would get it cleared up.

Ffion spoke about the North West Relief Road on the east side of Shrewsbury. Shropshire Council is undertaking a study of the area and have two months to look at improving the roads and surrounding networks. They do not want to do a quick fix on the roundabout when there is a possibility of changes which will come about with the construction of the North West Relief Road. A MOP asked if this would lead to an increase or reduction of traffic through the village. It is hoped that there would be less traffic through the village and the A49 would be used more. It is difficult to do a quick fix as the roundabout is not only raised it is on a raised patch of ground and there would need to be quite a lot of structural alterations to the road as well as the island.

Ffion and Steve both acknowledged that the roundabout is too high and needs lowering and the grass needs to be maintained to the same standard as the other roundabouts surrounding Shrewsbury. The roundabout is up for a total redesign. They will get the grass cut as it is a mess. It will not be redesigned for a while as it needs to be done in conjunction with the other islands. WSP are looking at the best possible solution. Network rail are looking to close the crossing in Harlescott and Shropshire Council are opposed to this as it would have a huge impact on the surrounding road networks.

They will get Carmen Ecclestone to add the grass cutting to the schedule of works to be done.

Ffion will be having monthly meetings with Shropshire Councillor L Picton and she would be able to report back to the parish council at their monthly meetings.

A MOP stated that the potholes have been marked up but have not been filled in. Is this going to be done soon? Steve Brown said he will chase this up for the Parish Council. He explained that there is a new faster way of reporting potholes. Shropshire Council have a page on their website where you could identify on the map where the pot hole is and you will be kept updated on the progress of the work. This is called "My Shropshire". Ffion will send a "How to" guide to the clerk on how to use this site for distribution.

The Chairman thanked the officers from Shropshire Council for attending and they left the meeting at 8.15pm. Many members of the public also left at this point.

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest;** there were none at this point
4. **Present** Councillor L Padmore-Chairman, Councillor P Daimond-Vice-Chairman, Councillor A Blake, Councillor E Strawbridge and L Pardoe clerk to the council. Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor L Picton who was unwell and Councillor R Davies who had a prior commitment. There were 10 members of the public present. Also in attendance was Steve Brown Interim Assistant Director of Infrastructure and Communities; Ffion Horton Service Development Programme Manager and Jason Hughes Street Lighting and Traffic Signals Commissioner.
5. **Public Session.** A member of the public felt that the VAS were being put on the wrong side of the road to be fully effective. The Chairman explained that the positions were determined by Shropshire Council's traffic engineer.
6. **Police Report:** The clerk had not received a report. However the Police have been seen in the village doing speed checks. It is hoped that PCSO Lyn Birch will be able to attend some of the meetings in the future
7. **Council to agree minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor A Blake, seconded by Councillor P Daimond and agreed by all members present.
8. **To receive Reports from Shropshire Councillor L Picton.** There was no report.
9. **Sundorne Roundabout update; see above item 2**
10. **Traffic Calming proposals for the village; see above item 2**
11. **Council to review Place Plan Priorities and update if necessary.** These have been done by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and members agreed to the amendments.

### Critical Strategic

Tackle the issue of speeding in the village of Uffington and surrounding area and achieve the Traffic Calming programme that was designed for the Parish in 2017/2018

Tackle the issue of the Sundorne Roundabout which the council has been trying to achieve for 4/5 years to have brought up to the same safety and physical standard of the other roundabouts surrounding Shrewsbury.

### **Local Strategic**

Tackle issues of fly tipping, litter and parish maintenance

Installation of litter bin required by the Pumping Station (as you enter the village from the Newport Road)

### **Key Community**

Improve awareness of Neighbourhood watch within the parish

Smartwater completed signs to be placed in the village

Grant for Maintenance of the Churchyard

Improve provision of Parish Information.

Maintain regular litter picks in the village Co-ordinator for this Mrs B Ashton.

Develop village beautification projects, plant daffodils bulbs through the village.

Clerk to look at the cost of a larger bin to replace the bin in the layby which is constantly overflowing. Clerk to look at putting a piece in the Community Newsletter about the Smart Water, Neighbourhood Watch and Parish Plan update.

- 12. Council to discuss the review of the Parish Plan**, Members of the Parish Council and some of the original Steering group had met and looked at the Parish Plan and had agreed a few minor amendments as it was felt that the majority of the Plan was still very relevant.

The clerk would do the amendments as she had been able to convert the document into an editable document. The amendments to be checked by those who had agreed the amendments. This would then put on the website. The Parish Council agreed not to circulate hard copies of the revised plan but to have a few copies available.

- 13. Council to discuss their response to the following documents from Shropshire Council**

- Shrewsbury North West Relief Road. The Council wished to remain on the stakeholder's mailing list.
- Outcome of Judicial Review into the take-over of Shropshire Fire & Rescue by the West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner John Campion. The Parish Council felt that they did not wish to comment any further as they had responded to the original consultation.

- 14. Council to receive reports from**

- Neighbourhood watch;
- Smart Water Roll out .This was now up to 80% saturation and the signs would be going up at the end of the week.

- 15. Highway Matters**

- Councillors to report any Highways matters. This had been covered under item 2

- 16. Planning:**

- i) Clerk to update previous applications.  
Ref: 18/02705/FUL: Weir at Sunderton Pool. Uffington. **Permission Granted 16 July**  
Ref: 18/04179/FUL Ebury Hill Caravan Site. **Awaiting decision**
- ii) Council to consider new applications.
- iii) Council to consider applications received after the agenda is published.  
There were no applications to consider.

- 17. Finance**

- 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 A Blake, seconded by Councillor P Daimond.

736	E-on	Maintenance contract	84.00
737	L Pardoe	WFHA	31.25
S/O	L Pardoe	Salary	256.39
738	Uffington Church	Donation	100.00
		Total	471.64

- 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 A Blake, seconded by Councillor P Daimond.

**18. Correspondence:** this was noted.

**19. Parish Matters**

- Councillors to report any matters within the parish
- Jason said that the Sundorne Estate would purchase the daffodil bulbs for the village beautification project. Councillor A Blake said that he would get the Scouts to plant the bulbs. The Parish Council thanked both for this.

**20. Date and time of Next meeting** it was agreed that this would be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30pm at Uffington Village Hall.

**21.** The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15pm

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 L Pardoe Clerk & RFO

Signed.....

Dated Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019