

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 14 June 2021 in Uffington Village Hall

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

39.21 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

40.21 Apologies for Absence

None

41.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

42.21 Public Participation session/Matters of Concern/Parish Matters

No members of the public present.

43.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 May 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 May 2021 be accepted as a true record with the exception that Councillor Blake had left the meeting after "Highway Matters" and before "Finance"

The minutes have been amended and signed accordingly.

44.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 17 May 2021

- a) Place Plan priorities – Councillors all reported that they had not managed to review the document yet.

It was agreed that this would be an agenda item carried forward to the July meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to place item on July's agenda.

- b) Procurement of planters for the village – Councillor Blake reported that the chosen planters were currently out of stock.

It was agreed that it as the planters are unavailable for the foreseeable future, it was now too late to plant them with summer bedding. Councillor Blake to provide an update on availability at the next meeting and if they were to be delivered by the autumn, then they could be filled with winter pansies or other seasonal plants.

ACTION: Clerk to place item on July's agenda.

- c) Planning – Locum Clerk had submitted an objection to Shropshire Council on behalf of the Parish Council regarding 21/02116/FUL, two-storey side extension to 1 Tower Cottages. Deadline for consultation had not been met but objection is now visible on the planning portal so it may be considered. Councillor Picton advised that comments are accepted up until the day of the deliberation. As the Parish Council have objected, the application may go to Committee (next month) but this will only happen if there are material planning concerns. If there are no material planning reasons then it will be delegated to a panel of planning officers.

ACTION: Councillor Picton will keep Council updated if she hears anything about the planning application.

- d) Highway Matters – pothole at Upton Magna turning. Previous Clerk had not reported to Shropshire Council but Councillor Picton reported that she had done it.

45.21 Appointment of Locum Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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

resolved (without opposition)

that Lisa Harris be appointed as Locum Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council for a period of three months.

46.21 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Picton reported that:

- progress is being made regarding highway maintenance - new potholes are being repaired relatively swiftly but there is a vast backlog of older potholes still to be dealt with. Shropshire Council is outsourcing some of the work to external contractors. However, there will be no "quick fix" to the pothole issue as some roads need complete resurfacing rather than potholes being filled. Shropshire Council is looking how to fund this work. There are currently three or four teams of "Two workers in a van" who are able to carry out a variety of maintenance jobs, but this is going to be increased to twelve teams;
- a third bin is to be offered to residents if they would prefer it to the boxes currently supplied for their glass/cans/plastic recycling. To be rolled out in the Shrewsbury area towards the end of the year;
- the Boundary Commission for England has published its initial proposals for new constituency boundaries in 2023 but as things stand it will not affect Uffington.

47.21 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

Councillor Blake reported that the defibrillator was ready to use as and when required. However, MedUK Group Ltd had been in touch regarding the AED's battery. At the Council's request they had recently carried out a health check on Uffington's AED and advised that the battery had reached the end of its four-year shelf life and should be replaced. The cost of replacing the battery and the responsible disposal of the old battery is £180 + VAT.

It was agreed that the battery should be replaced as soon as possible.

ACTION: Clerk to contact MedUK Group Ltd and arrange the replacement of the battery.

48.21 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

There were no outstanding accounts to be approved for payment as, due to the recent departure of the former Clerk, the Council currently did not have access to its bank accounts.

b) Bank reconciliation to 14 June 2021

It was not possible to reconcile the bank as access to the Lloyds accounts was temporarily unavailable.

It was agreed that Councillors Padmore and Strawbridge would go with the Locum Clerk to Lloyds Bank to arrange for her to have access to the bank accounts and to remove the former Clerk from the accounts.

49.21 Highway Matters

Councillor Padmore queried that the local verges had not been cut. Councillor Picton responded that Shropshire Council verge cutters were in the area. It was hoped that in the near future groups of nearby parishes would join up (such as Uffington, Upton Magna, Astley and Withington) and arrange for a local contractor to do the environmental maintenance work and then Shropshire Council would reimburse some (or possibly all) of the cost.

50.21 Planning

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

51.21 Correspondence

- An email had been received from Garry Johnson of E.ON Highways Lighting responding to a request to maintain the VAS signs. He advised that the company who installed the VAS signs (TWM Traffic Control Systems) would be best placed to offer a maintenance contract on the two units.

ACTION: Clerk to contact TWM Traffic Control Systems to obtain a quote on a maintenance contract for the two VAS signs in the village.

52.21 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.

53.21 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 12 July 2021 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Uffington.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 12 July 2021