

# UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 11 September 2023 in Uffington Village Hall

**Present:** Parish Councillors L Padmore (Chair), C Ashton, P Daimond, S Poole, E Strawbridge and Shropshire Councillor L Picton

**Clerk:** Lisa Harris

### 44.23 Chairman's welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

### 45.23 Apologies for Absence

None

### 46.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

**47.23 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 members of the public were present.

### 48.23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2023 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

### 49.23 Clerk's Report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting in July 2023

- Prepared advert for The Church Times regarding the Community Speed Watch Scheme.

### 50.23 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Picton wished to make people aware of the impending digital switchover when analogue lines would be switched off.

In 2016, it was announced that all traditional analogue phone lines in the UK would be updated to digital internet-based services by 2025. If you currently use a landline in your home or business, you'll be affected by the switch.

The analogue, copper wire phone network (also known as Public Switched Telephone Network - or PSTN) is being retired, meaning you'll no longer be able to use your landline phone. If you have other systems connected to your phone line, like textphones (for the deaf), amplified phones (for those with hearing loss), intruder alarms, telecare alarms (help alert buttons often used by the elderly), CCTV, or door-entry systems. then they'll stop working too unless you make the switch to digital. To keep your landline and other PSTN systems running, you'll need to switch to a digital, internet-based alternative such as Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP).

The first copper phone line network was set up in 1877 and was designed to transmit voice calls. That's why internet speeds aren't as fast when data is sent along copper wires. The first fibre lines were introduced in 1977. This meant larger amounts of data – not just voice calls – could be sent more quickly and paved the way for the current broadband network. The copper wires will no longer be used when PSTN is switched off, meaning all voice calls and other systems that were connected to the network will need an internet connection to work.

For most consumers, this change will be straightforward, although the exact migration process will depend on your communications provider and the equipment they use. If you already have an internet connection, the change may be as simple as plugging your phone into your broadband router rather than the socket on the wall.

Telecoms companies will contact their customers ahead of the migration taking place, so you do not need to take any action until your provider contacts you directly. You should look out for communications material from them and be careful not to confuse this with marketing material. To avoid disruption when the switchover happens, you should check with your provider to see if any other systems you have connected to your phone line will be digital compatible or if they'll need upgrading.

Closer to the time of the switchover, Shropshire Council will issue information for publishing on the parish council website.

#### **57.23 To consider cycle path safety within Uffington**

*(This item was moved up the agenda at the discretion of the Chair to allow Councillor Picton to participate)*

Prior to the meeting, a report prepared by Councillor Ashton on the situation regarding unsafe egress from the cycle path onto and across Church Road, had been circulated. This was discussed at length, and it was agreed that contact would be made with Shropshire Council's Traffic Department for guidance. The Active Travel Manager would also be approached to see if it could be included in The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to investigate solutions with Shropshire Council and report back at the November meeting.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after this item.

#### **51.23 To receive defibrillator report for the period**

MedUK had confirmed that a health check on the defibrillator has recently been performed and that it is ready for use as and when required. Councillor Padmore expressed concern over antisocial behaviour in the defibrillator kiosk. Empty beer/cider cans had been discovered in the kiosk and it was found to have a strong odour of urine. It is very disappointing that anyone would treat such a valuable community resource in this way. Councillor Strawbridge had kindly cleared and disinfected the booth, and it is hoped that there will be no recurrence of this episode.

## 52.23 Current Financial Matters

### a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
11/09/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses Aug/Sep '23	£ 149.76
11/09/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary Aug/Sep '23	£ 896.04
11/09/23	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary Aug/Sep '23	£ 224.40
11/09/23	Shropshire Council	Joint Energy Costs (Quarter 2)	£ 71.14
11/09/23	Adrian Sumner	Restoration of wooden bench/noticeboard	£ 86.00
11/09/23	SALC	New councillor training – C Ashton	£ 30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 1457.34</b>

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

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

### b) Bank reconciliation to 3 September 2023

The bank was reconciled at £26,319.12, being the online banking balances on the date the accounts for the meeting were prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

## 53.23 Highway Matters

A parishioner had reported that a streetlight had been removed from Church Road near The Corbet Arms.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to investigate and report back at November meeting.

## 54.23 Planning

### 1. Decisions to note

#### a. Ref: 23/02623/FUL

Address: 3 The Terrace Church Road Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4SH

Description: Ground floor extension at the rear for utility and bedroom with disabled toilet facilities, with first floor bedroom in roof space over

Validated: 19 Jun 2023

Status: Granted

### 2. Planning applications for consideration

#### a. Ref: 23/03408/DIS

Address: Proposed Commercial Development Land To The South Of Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire

Description: Discharge of Conditions 3 (Written Scheme of Investigation), 4 (Surface Water Drainage), 5 (Landscape Maintenance Plan), 6 (Soft Landscape Scheme), 9 (Bat and Bird Boxes) and 10 (Lighting Plan) relating to Planning Permission 23/00254/FUL

Validated: 03 Aug 2023

Status: Discharge Conditions Part Approved

**b. Ref: 23/03711/DIS**

Address: Proposed Commercial Development Land To The South Of Uffington  
Shrewsbury Shropshire

Description: Discharge of Condition 7 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) of  
planning permission 23/00254/FUL

Validated: 24 Aug 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

No objections nor comments were recorded on any of the above planning applications.

**55.23 Correspondence**

Nothing not already mentioned in relation to other agenda items.

**56.23 Update on the Community Speed Watch Scheme**

The Clerk advised that she had received only one response regarding the campaign to recruit volunteers for the scheme. Councillors also reported little interest having been shown by parishioners in volunteering. With insufficient numbers to properly run the scheme, it was agreed that the West Mercia Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team would not be approached to carry out training at this time.

**ACTION:** The Clerk to prepare a notice to this effect for The Church Times.

**58.23 Future agenda items**

None.

**59.23 Date of next meeting**

Monday 13 November 2023, 7.30pm, Uffington Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Signed by Chairman: .....

Date: 13 November 2023