

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 14 March 2022 in Uffington Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors L Padmore (Chair), P Daimond, E Strawbridge, J Carter and Shropshire Councillor L Picton

Clerk: Lisa Harris

159.21 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

160.21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor A Blake. The reason given was accepted by the Parish Council.

161.21 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

162.21 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.

163.21 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 February 2022.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 February 2022 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

164.21 Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7 February 2022.

- Clerk had reported the broken streetlight (between The Old Vicarage and Oakhurst) to Shropshire Council. However, the light does not belong to Shropshire Council, and it is

not one that was purchased by the Parish Council so responsibility to replace/repair is unclear.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Street Lighting & Traffic Signals Manager at Shropshire Council for advice on the Parish Council purchasing a new street light.

- Clerk had contacted the Clerk at Baschurch Parish Council to clarify details about the solar powered VAS and about installation.
- Clerk had contacted a Traffic Engineer at Shropshire Council to come out and look at siting locations of potential new VAS.

ACTION: Clerk now has availability of Chairman to meet with the Traffic Engineer and will set up a meeting prior to the next meeting in April.

165.21 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:

- Council Tax Bills – not a huge increase in bills on last year but the distribution of funding has changed markedly. More money is required for adult social care and children so less is available for other things. The £150 energy bills rebate will be paid to households living in band A to D properties as at 1 April 2022. Most households currently set up to pay by direct debit should be paid directly after their first council tax instalment has been taken for April. Where Shropshire Council don't hold bank details there will be an application process.
- Planning – a planning application had today been processed by Shropshire Council relating to a proposed single storey extension at The Corbet Arms. The parking situation at the pub is already problematic with patrons regularly parking on the surrounding road and verges blocking visibility for residents entering and exiting their properties by car. The submitted Design and Access Statement does not address the parking situation which will be made even worse if the pub was to gain additional capacity. The consultation expiry date is 4 April but this is before the next parish council meeting giving no opportunity for the application, and the implications for highways, to be discussed. Councillor Picton therefore suggested asking for an extension to the consultation period.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the Case Office and request an extension until 15 April.

- Covid – cases are rapidly rising in the county and people need to take some responsibility for protecting themselves and others. Councillor Picton advised that if you have symptoms and get a positive lateral flow test then you should also go and have a PCR test at the Shropshire Council carpark opposite The White Horse on London Road.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after presenting her report.

166.21 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

In Councillor Blake's absence, the Clerk reported that MedUK Group had been out in the last fortnight to replace the pads on the defibrillator and had performed a check on the equipment confirming that it was ready to use as and when required.

167.21 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
14/03/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses March	£ 117.83

14/03/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary March	£ 477.46
14/03/22	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 119.40
14/03/22	Shropshire Council	Joint energy cost	£ 152.57
14/03/22	SALC	Fundamentals for Councillors training	£ 30.00
TOTAL			£ 897.26

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

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 7 March 2022

The bank was reconciled at £33,100.71, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

168.21 Highway Matters

None.

169.21 Planning

1. Decisions to note

a) Ref: 21/05840/OHL

Address: Haughton Crossroads Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4GA

Description: Installation of 3rd wire to existing 11,000 volt overhead electricity line

Validated: 14 Dec 2021

Status: No Objection

b) Ref: 21/05877/PMBPA

Address: Bridge Farm Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4ST

Description: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the change of use from agricultural to form one dwelling

Validated: 17 Dec 2021

Status: Prior Approval Not Required

2. Planning applications for consideration

None

No comment was recorded on any planning application.

170.21 Correspondence

Nothing that not already discussed.

171.21 To consider an additional speed radar sign for the parish

A discussion took place regarding the efficacy of installing an additional VAS. It was agreed that further information was required before a decision could be made and hopefully this will be obtained once a traffic engineer from Shropshire Council had visited the village and given his advice.

ACTION: Clerk to put the matter on April's agenda.

172.21 To consider commemoration for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillor Padmore advised that The Corbet Arms will be putting on a number of celebratory events over the course of the long weekend which hopefully the community will take part in. Neither the Village Hall Committee nor the Parish Council will therefore be putting on any sort of event.

173.21 To consider changing from monthly meetings to every two months

Councillor Picton had previously advised on a number of occasions that other parishes in her ward were now holding their meetings every two months. The parish councillors debated moving to bi-monthly meetings and holding extraordinary meetings if the need arose in between times. Councillor Padmore suggested changing to nine meetings a year. Councillor Strawbridge expressed the opinion that this matter needed careful consideration and requested that the Parish Council took time to think about it before making a decision.

ACTION: Clerk to research arrangements with other parishes in the area and to put the matter on the agenda again in April.

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

None.

175.21 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall, Uffington.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 11 April 2022