

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 9 January 2023 in Uffington Village Hall

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

Absent: Councillor A Blake

Present: One member of the public

Clerk: Lisa Harris

88.22 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

89.22 Apologies for Absence

None

90.22 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

91.22 Public Participation

Mr Huw Williams introduced himself as the new Estate Manager for Sundorne Castle Estate and kindly offered his assistance where appropriate.

92.22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 November 2022

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 14 November 2022 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

93.22 Clerk's Report on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14 November 2022.

- Corresponded with E.ON regarding the replacement street light. The engineers had attended on site as scheduled on 9 December 2022 but had discovered that the cable that they were due to be working on had been damaged by a third party. Western Power also attended but were unable to fix the issue at that time. Once they have mended the cable then E.ON will re-attend to fit the street light. No date has been scheduled yet.
- Spoke to Shropshire Council about the possibility of paying to have a dog waste bin installed near the canal path and getting it emptied on a regular basis. Was advised that this is not something that can be done through Shropshire Council. As funds are severely limited at Shropshire Council, an option was proposed of relocating the bin from by the pumping station to nearer the centre of the village. An audit had recently been conducted of the public bins in and around Shrewsbury and that particularly bin had been identified as not being fully utilised. Shropshire Council will survey where the best place to relocate the bin would be. Hopefully it will be close to the entrance to the canal path but consideration must be given to the collection vehicle being able to safely access the bin in order to empty it.
- Researched appropriate benches to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II. The best option appears to be an environmentally friendly recycled plastic bench which would be hard wearing and would require little maintenance.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate the options further with a preference for a bench with an engraved back panel rather than having a plaque attached.

94.22 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 brief report:

- A piece of land in the parish that had been identified in the Local Plan as being “commercial” land, has now been assigned scheduled monument status. This means that the site is legally protected against development because of its historical importance. The land will now probably have to come out of the Local Plan and be replaced with another piece of commercial land elsewhere.
- Boundary Review – The Local Government Boundary Commission for England want to hear the views of local people and organisations for a new pattern of electoral divisions in Shropshire. The deadline is 30/01/23. You can take part in the consultation here [Shropshire Unitary Authority \(UA\) | LGBCE Site](#) As far as Uffington is concerned, the request that the parish boundary be moved from the one side of the A49 to the other has been included in Shropshire Council’s submission. Currently The Shrewsbury Club, Coracle Close and Pimley Manor fall within Uffington but it would make sense for the natural barrier to be respected and for them to sit within Sundorne. The final decision will be made by the Boundary Commission, but another round of consultation will take place following the publication of the new suggested divisions.
- Budget Consultation – Shropshire Council are holding a consultation (until 30/01/23) regarding next year’s budget. If you would like to take part in their survey, please first read the background information found at [Budget consultation 2023/24 | Shropshire Council](#) and then once you’ve done that, you can complete the survey by clicking here [Shropshire Council budget consultation 2023/24 Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#)

Councillor Picton left the meeting after presenting her report.

95.22 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

As Councillor Blake was not present, it was not possible to confirm that the defibrillator was ready to use as and when required.

96.22 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
09/01/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses December 22/January 23	£ 61.00
09/01/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary December 22/January 23 (including backdated NJC pay rise to April 22)	£ 1118.60
09/01/23	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary December 22/January 23 including PAYE on backdated NJC pay rise to April 22)	£ 290.18
09/01/23	ICO	Data Protection Renewal Fee	£ 35.00
TOTAL			£ 1504.78

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 2 January 2023

The bank was reconciled at £33,851.74, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

c) Budget and Precept for 2023/24

The Clerk presented a proposed budget and recommended that no precept be claimed for 2023/24. Due to the excessive level of reserves held (guidance is to retain 6-12 months expenditure as a safety net), the advice given was to not claim a precept for the coming financial year. The reserves are so high due to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments received over a period of years. CIL payments are meant to be used for the benefit of the community and the Parish Council agreed that during a time when many face a cost of living crisis, there could be no better community benefit than to pass on a saving to each and every household in the parish on their Council Tax bill.

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

to accept the budget as presented and to claim a zero precept for 2023/24.

ACTION: Clerk to advise Shropshire Council, by the 31 January deadline, that Uffington Parish Council would not be claiming a precept for 2023/24. Compose an advert for The Church Times to advise parishioners of this decision.

97.22 Highway Matters

None

98.22 Planning

1. Decisions to note

a. Ref: 22/04502/FUL

Address: Vine Cottage Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4SN

Description: Installation of solar panels on the garage roof

Validated: 14 Oct 2022

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration

a. Ref: 22/05205/FUL

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

Description: Erection of single storey rear elevation, loft conversion and associated dormer windows

Validated: 28 Nov 2022

Status: Pending Consideration

b. Ref: 22/05257/LBC

Address: Vine Cottage Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4SN

Description: Installation of replacement windows and doors affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Validated: 21 Nov 2022

Status: Pending Consideration

c. Ref: 22/05291/FUL

Address: Gables Farm Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4SE

Description: Conversion and extension of a brick barn to residential

Validated: 30 Nov 2022

Status: Pending Consideration

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

99.22 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to note that is not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

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

None

101.22 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 13 March 2023, 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.01pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 13 March 2023