

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held at 7.30pm on 13 March 2023 in Uffington Village Hall

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

Present: Three members of the public

Clerk: Lisa Harris

102.22 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

103.22 Apologies for Absence

Shropshire Councillor L Picton

104.22 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

105.22 Public Participation

None of the public present wished to speak during this session.

106.22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 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 9 January 2023 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

107.22 Clerk's Report on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 January 2023.

- Corresponded with E.ON regarding the replacement street light which has now been installed, commissioned and fully working.
- Submitted precept application to Shropshire Council before the 31 January 2023 deadline.

- Advised Shropshire Council of Councillor Blake's resignation. In accordance with Section 87(2) of The Local Government Act 1972, a notice of the Casual Vacancy had subsequently been placed on both the websites of Shropshire Council and Uffington Parish Council stating that Rule 5(2) of The Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules, 2006 applied. After the requisite 14 days' notice, the Clerk was advised that there was no call for a by-election so co-option of a councillor could now take place.
- Advert for a parish councillor has been placed on the parish notice board and on the website.
- Adverts written for Church Times. Next issue will feature the following notice:

Uffington Parish Council...

is pleased to announce that in order to help ALL parishioners during the current cost-of-living crisis, no precept will be claimed from Shropshire Council for the financial year 2023/24. Reserve funds will be utilised to finance the work of the Parish Council over the next 12 months. This means that when you receive your Council Tax bill from Shropshire Council, you will notice that there will be a zero-amount listed for Uffington Parish Council.

Breakdown of Charges	% Change	2023/24 (£)
Shropshire Council	3.0	948.33
Shropshire Council – Adult Social Care Precept*	2.0	144.35
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire & Rescue Authority	4.6	74.11
Office of The Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	5.9	176.33
Uffington Parish Council		0.00
<small>*The council tax attributable to Shropshire Council includes a precept to fund adult social care</small>		
Annual Charge for Period	5.1	1343.12

The figures shown in table above are for illustrative purposes only.

As we continue to strive to do the best for the community that we serve, we really hope that this saving (of at least £50 per household) will help you all during these difficult times.

Our website is a valuable source of information on the Parish Council:

www.uffingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

If you wish to contact Uffington Parish Council, then we would be very happy to hear from you.

Councillor Lynne Padmore (Chair)	01743 709524
Councillor Pauline Daimond	01743 709034
Councillor Ted Strawbridge	01743 709171
Councillor Jayne Carter	07977 214505
Lisa Harris (Clerk)	uffingtonpc@gmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to a parish council meeting soon.

- Researched appropriate benches to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The best option appears to be environmentally friendly recycled plastic benches which would be hard wearing and would require little maintenance.

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

that two 180cm benches in brown and appropriately engraved, be ordered for delivery prior to the Coronation.

ACTION: Clerk to order the benches and advise Councillor Padmore of the delivery date to the Village Hall.

108.22 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor and/or Safer Neighbourhood Team (West Mercia Police)

Nobody from the SNT was able to attend.

Councillor Picton was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting and therefore no report was presented.

109.22 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

Councillor Strawbridge confirmed that the defibrillator was ready to use as and when required. Councillor Padmore extended her thanks to Councillor Strawbridge for his hard work in cleaning the defibrillator and its housing.

110.22 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13/03/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses Feb/Mar 23	£ 91.00
13/03/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary Feb/Mar 23	£ 896.04
13/03/23	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary Feb/Mar 23	£ 224.40
13/03/23	Church Times	Adverts in magazine for 12-month period	£ 135.00
13/03/23	Shropshire Council	Joint energy costs 2022/23 (half year)	£ 151.16
13/03/23	E.ON	New streetlight on Church Road	£ 1510.97
13/03/23	E.ON	Street lighting maintenance contract	£ 79.20
TOTAL			£ 3087.77

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

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 6 March 2023

The bank was reconciled at £32,101.11, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

111.22 Highway Matters

Councillor Padmore had recently spoken with the local PCSO regarding the Community Speed Watch Scheme where volunteers can get involved in speed monitoring and improve the quality of life in their area if speeding traffic is causing concern.

Community Speed Watch is a community driven road safety initiative, coordinated by West Mercia Police but managed and run by volunteers in the community. It involves trained volunteers from the community monitoring the speeds of vehicles with approved, hand-held speed measurement devices. Where vehicle speeds are found to be inappropriate, a letter is sent to the registered keeper by the police with the aim of encouraging them to reduce their speed when driving in the future.

Leaflets providing information on the scheme will be produced and then distributed seeking volunteers in Uffington.

112.22 Planning

1. Decisions to note

a. 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: Granted

b. 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: Refused

c. 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: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration

a. Ref: 23/00345/FUL

Address: 1 Haughmond Houses Somerwood Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4RN

Description: Erection of a two storey extension to rear, internal alterations, insertion of doors to rear and replacement side door

Validated: 06 Feb 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

b. Ref: 23/00254/FUL

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

Description: Installation of a battery energy storage system (BESS) compound including change of use of land and formation of vehicular access

Validated: 27 Jan 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

c. Ref: 23/00771/ADV

Address: Roundabout Junction Of A49 With Sundorne Road Shrewsbury Shropshire

Description: Erect and display four sponsorship signs placed on the roundabout

Validated: 23 Feb 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

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

113.22 To appoint Internal Auditor for the financial year ending 31 March 2023

It was agreed to appoint Mrs K Symonds, a qualified accountant, as the Internal Auditor for 2022/23.

114.22 Correspondence

The Parish Council had received an email on behalf of a number of parishioners residing in properties near the canal path on Church Road. Concern was expressed regarding safe egress from the properties due to speeding traffic and obstructed visibility on the bend. The Parish Council discussed the matter at length. but no solution could be found that would completely solve the issue.

ACTION: Clerk to speak to Highways at Shropshire Council to see what suggestions/advice they can offer on improving road safety in that area.

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

Councillor Padmore advised that the Canal Trust would be working in the area at the end of May and would be attending the next meeting on 15 May to talk about the work they would be doing.

ACTION: Councillor Daimond to put a small announcement in the Church Times promoting this.

116.22 Date and time of next meeting (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Monday 15 May 2023, 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 15 May 2023