

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **Held at 7.30pm on 11 July 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

Also present: Alexander Miejimolle and Guillermo Fernández Gil from Opdenenergy plus 9 members of the public

44.22 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

45.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor A Blake.

46.22 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

47.22 Public Participation

Councillor Picton excused herself from the meeting for the duration of the presentation and all subsequent discussion relating to the proposed solar farm.

As part of their community involvement process, Alexander Miejimolle and Guillermo Fernández Gil of Opdenenergy gave a presentation on the proposed solar farm development on land west of Haughmond Quarry. The presentation document can be viewed on the Parish Council website under the heading [Proposed Solar Farm](#) and further information is available at www.uffingtonsolarfarm.co.uk The presentation lasted 15 minutes, after which a 45-minute Q&A session followed.

Opdenenergy have sent out questionnaires to 480 households in the area requesting that they are completed and returned by 27 July 2022. To date, 26 questionnaires have been returned (17 in agreement, 2 neutral and 7 disagreeing with the proposal). The solar farm planning application is likely to be submitted late August/early September 2022. It is hoped that a community meeting can be arranged to coincide with this when further questions and concerns could be addressed.

The Chair thanked Messrs Miejimolle and Fernández Gil for their time and insight. Together with 8 members of the public, they then left the meeting. Councillor Picton rejoined the meeting.

48.22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated.

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

that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2022 be accepted as a true record.
The minutes were signed accordingly.

49.22 Clerk's Report on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 May 2022.

- Submitted AGAR to external auditors PKF Littlejohn before stated deadline.
- Published annual accounts for 2021/22 to website together with Notice of Public Rights to view any records between 13 June to 22 July.
- E.ON have supplied a quote to replace the street light on Church Road. The quote is £1259.14 + VAT.

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

that E.ON be advised to proceed with the works as per quotation.

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

Nobody from the SNT was able to attend.

Councillor Picton reported that:

- From 1 July the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have been replaced by the Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). ICSs are partnerships of organisations that come together to plan and deliver joined up health and care services, and to improve the lives of people who live and work in their area. NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin (NHS STW) and the two unitary councils (Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council) jointly form a statutory committee called the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). The ICP will bring together a broad alliance of partners involved in the delivery of health and care services. Councillor Picton is the Joint Chair of the ICP.
- Telford and Wrekin Council commissioned an independent investigation into Child Sexual Exploitation in Telford, the findings of which are being released tomorrow (12 July) at 5pm. Shropshire Council will need to issue a statement in response because the inquiry investigated historical crimes and between 1989 and 1998 (a period covered in the inquiry), children's social care in Telford was the responsibility of Shropshire County Council.
- Children's Services received a "good" OFSTED rating despite being under huge pressure.
- The preliminary census results have been released and unsurprisingly we are all getting older in Shropshire and older people are now far outnumbering younger people.
- The Draft Local Plan Public Examination began last week at Shrewsbury Town Football Club but the second week is having to be held virtually as a number of people attending have come down with Covid.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after delivering her report.

51.22 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

There was no defibrillator report as Councillor Blake was unable to attend the meeting.

52.22 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
11/07/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses June/July	£ 130.46
11/07/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary June/July	£ 840.90
11/07/22	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 210.20
11/07/22	Shropshire Council	Joint energy costs 2022/23 (half year cost)	£ 151.16
11/07/22	Shropshire Council	May 2021 election costs	£ 100.00
TOTAL			£ 1432.72

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 4 July 2022

The bank was reconciled at £38,025.58, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

53.22 Highway Matters

Grass uncut on the triangle at the Upton Magna turn. Sundorne island is dangerously overgrown.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Shropshire Council.

54.22 Planning

1. Decisions to note

None

2. Planning applications for consideration

a) Ref: 22/01780/FUL

Address: Rea Valley Tractors Seven Acres Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4RR

Description: Erection of extension to existing building; erection of two further buildings and relocation of existing vehicular access

Validated: 12 Apr 2022

Status: Pending Consideration

b) Ref: 22/02527/AMP

Address: Bridge Farm Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4ST

Description: Non Material Amendment to planning application 21/05877/PMBPA – Additional of 2no. high level windows in gable ends

Validated: 1 July 2022

Status: Pending Consideration

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

55.22 Correspondence to note

- Email from Mr R Simmons – dog waste on canal path

- Email from Mr R Simmons – speed signage on Church Road
- Email from Mr and Mrs G Hawkins – thank you for jubilee mugs
- Email from Councillor Picton to Mr R Simmons – confirmation that speed signage on Church Road was on Shropshire Council’s schedule of works

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

None

57.22 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 12 September 2022, 7.30pm

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

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 12 September 2022