

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

Also Present: One member of the public

60.23 Chairman's welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

61.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor S Poole.

62.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

63.23 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 wished to speak.

64.23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 September 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 11 September 2023 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

65.23 Clerk's Report on matters arising since the Parish Council Meeting in September 2023

- Community Speed Watch – prepared notice for The Church Times advising that the Parish Council will not be proceeding with the scheme at this time due to insufficient interest within the community.

- Cycle path safety within Uffington – at the September meeting Councillor Ashton had presented a report on the situation regarding unsafe egress from the cycle path onto and across Church Road. This was discussed at length, and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate solutions with Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council has developed a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which is its long-term plan “aimed at dramatically improving the safety, comfort and attractiveness of walking and cycling in the county”. The purpose of the plan is to set out a prioritised list of schemes for delivery over the next ten years that will improve walking and cycling infrastructure for Shropshire residents, workers, and visitors alike. In 2017 the UK government published its first Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, which encouraged local authorities to prepare their own cycling and walking plans to enable a more strategic approach to improving conditions for cycling and walking.

From Shropshire Council: “We want people to feel safe to walk and cycle in Shropshire, enabling us all to be healthier, happier and to reduce the carbon we emit when we travel. By improving access to key destinations, we aim to support equal mobility for all and to enable growth for local businesses. All this is brought together in our objectives, which have focused our decisions at every stage of our cycling and walking plan:

- Zero carbon - Shropshire as a zero carbon county
- Healthier - healthier living for Shropshire residents
- Mode shift - reduced congestion and car dependency through embedding walking and cycling as the modes of choice for local and some inter-urban journeys
- Inclusive - an inclusive network which is accessible, perceived to be safe and enables opportunity for all, regardless of age or ability
- Sustainable growth - supports sustainable economic growth in Shropshire’s market towns, including the visitor economy

During 2021 and 2022 we undertook a six-stage process through which we developed a draft cycling and walking plan for Shropshire.”

The consultants (City Science) apparently visited Uffington in May/June 2021 and carried out a full survey.

The full plan can be viewed here [Shropshire LCWIP Final Draft](#) and the appendix that relates specifically to Shrewsbury (and includes Uffington) here [Shrewsbury Appendix](#)

Below, the relevant recommendations and their prioritisation for Uffington, are shown.

Scheme and recommendations

S.13	Route between Shrewsbury Business Park (D4) and Uffington along the river path	Upgrade river path to a segregated cycle/foot path and add a new river crossing
S.52	Connection to Uffington along old canal path	Remove chicane barriers that block cycle access onto Church Road from the canal path, improve safety along rural route, upgrade surface
S.73	Connection between Upton Magna (O19) and Uffington along the NCN Route 81	Create rural cycle route (e.g. through creating passing places for cyclists, off-road shared use footpaths or reducing speed limits)

Prioritisation

S.13	Route between Shrewsbury Business Park (D4) and Uffington along the river path	6	7.5	5	4.5	6	29	14	43	121	Long
S.52	Connection to Uffington along old canal path	7.5	6	4	6	4.5	28	20	48	105	Medium
S.73	Connection between Upton Magna (O19) and Uffington along the NCN Route 81	6.75	6	4	6	5.25	28	24	52	85	Medium

A 6-week public consultation into the draft plan ran from 2 May until 16 June 2023.

Unfortunately, this didn’t seem to have been well-promoted. Following the consultation an updated plan will be presented to Shropshire Council’s Cabinet for consideration.

- Streetlight - a parishioner had reported that a streetlight had been removed from Church Road near The Corbet Arms. E.ON have confirmed that they did not remove it but believe that Western Power Distribution may have done so due to safety concerns as it was of a

similar wooden construction to the one outside The Old Vicarage which came down in a storm in Autumn 2022. It is unclear when it was removed but it was prior to December 2022 as Google Streetview from that time does not show it in situ. The new light outside The Old Vicarage was installed in February 2023.

- Website - HugoFox have issued a refund on the monthly payment for the website hosting. Payments will recommence in the new financial year.

66.23 To receive report from Shropshire Councillor

Councillor Picton presented a report which covered:

- The road between Church Road, Uffington and Pelham Road, Upton Magna, will be temporarily closed on 15 December 2023 between 09:30 and 14:30 to provide a safe working zone for BT to remove a redundant pole. The diversionary route can be viewed at <https://one.network/?tm=135845304>
- Public consultation on Smithfield Riverside plans to regenerate Shrewsbury town centre is still open until 15 November 2023. This is not the final design, but you can have your say at <https://www.smithfieldriverside.com/> regarding the concept.
- The Boundary Commission Review determined that Coracle Close and Pimley Manor should fall within the Sundorne ward and therefore, at some point in the future, Shropshire Council will remove the area concerned from the parish of Uffington as part of their governance review.
- £38M of savings have already been identified out of the required £51M. It is anticipated that by the end of March Shropshire Council will only be £4M (7%) short of their target.

Councillor Picton left the meeting after giving her update.

67.23 To receive defibrillator report for the period

MedUK had confirmed that a monthly health check on the defibrillator had been performed on 9 October and that it is ready for use as and when required. November's check will be carried out imminently.

68.23 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13/11/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses Oct/Nov '23	£ 56.50
13/11/23	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary Oct/Nov '23	£ 896.04
13/11/23	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary Oct/Nov '23	£ 224.40
13/11/23	Royal British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00
13/11/23	SALC	New councillor training – S Poole	£ 30.00
TOTAL			£ 1256.94

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

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 6 November 2023

The bank was reconciled at £24,334.73, being the online banking balances on the date the accounts for the meeting were prepared. The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed accordingly.

c) Half year accounts and review

The Clerk presented the receipts and payments account up to the end of September 2023 and a projection to the end of the year. Costs for the full year are projected to closely match the budget for 2023/24. The precept to be claimed from Shropshire Council and the 2024/25 budget will be discussed in full at January's meeting.

69.23 Highway Matters

None.

70.23 Planning

1. Decisions to note

None.

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

c. Ref: 23/04298/OUT

Address: Proposed Hotel East Of The Shrewsbury Club Sundorne Road Shrewsbury Shropshire

Description: Outline application (all matters reserved except access and layout) for hotel with associated parking and landscaping

Validated: 13 Oct 2023

Status: Pending Consideration

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

71.23 To consider an additional streetlight outside The Corbet Arms

The Clerk has obtained a quote from E.ON for a replacement streetlight to be sited on Church Road close to The Corbet Arms. The Councillors considered the quote and

It was agreed (without opposition) that it be accepted.

ACTION: Clerk to instruct E.ON to install the streetlight at the earliest opportunity.

72.23 Correspondence

Nothing not already mentioned in relation to other agenda items.

73.23 Future agenda items

None.

74.23 Date of next meeting

Monday 15 January 2024, 7.30pm, Uffington Village Hall

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 15 January 2024