

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Clerk: Lisa Harris

72.22 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Padmore welcomed all to the meeting.

73.22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Carter.

74.22 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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

75.22 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

76.22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 September 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 12 September 2022 be accepted as a true record.

The minutes were signed accordingly.

77.22 Clerk's Report on matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12 September 2022

- Chased E.ON regarding the replacement street light. Works scheduled for 22 November 2022.
- Spoke to Planning at Shropshire Council regarding reports of a small mirror which has been sited in the hedge opposite the dwelling on the right-hand side along the Upton Magna turn. One property on this lane applied for a Highway Visibility Mirror which was

subsequently fitted by Shropshire Council. A second property has not followed the correct process.

- Spoke to Highways at Shropshire Council regarding signage being obscured by the hedgerow from Sundorne roundabout on the B5062 (Newport Road) to the turn off for Uffington. Unfortunately, this land is not under the control of Shropshire Council so it will be up to the landowner to maintain the hedge.

78.22 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 the following report:

“From a Council perspective there seems to be some normality returning.

Last week saw the first Business Leader’s Meeting since 2019 and was attended by over 150 businesses. Shropshire’s businesses are certainly resilient and although there are difficulties in terms of energy costs and supply chains there is certainly optimism. The one real worry which is also directly affecting the Council is that of recruitment. There wasn’t one business at the event that had not experienced difficulties in filling posts at all levels.

And on this note on Tuesday 15 November, Shropshire Council will be hosting the Shropshire Leadership Conference at Theatre Severn. The guest speaker is Sir Clive Woodward. This conference is aimed at the Human Resources market and features a whole variety of guest speakers. This is the third conference, and they go from strength to strength but again, the first time it has taken place since 2019.

It's also that time of year when we have to make major decisions in terms of our budgets for the next financial year. There is no doubt that the noises coming out of Westminster re cuts to public funding are extremely worrying. As you are aware from my previous updates the Council’s finances are already stretched to breaking point and we are already having to make very difficult decisions. Any further cuts to our funding could be fatal. Our budget for next year will aim to protect essential statutory services like care, housing and waste collection while critically reviewing those services which we have a choice to, rather than obliged to provide.

In other news:

You may have seen the recent announcement of the roll out of 6 School Street schemes, more will follow and there will be further information regarding 20mph speed limits in the near future.

We have been successful in securing £2.5M for supporting the rough sleeping across the county which will help us over the winter months and will also provide enhanced substance misuse work.

Our submission for the Divisional Boundary Review has been submitted. Amazingly it was a joint submission signed by all political groups. We have also had it confirmed that the Commission will undertake a formal review into single member divisions. Doesn’t affect Tern as you only have one member!! The Commission will come up with suggested boundaries. I am sure this stage will be debated! The final draft for the parliamentary review was released this morning (8th November). There are no expected changes for the Tern Division although it is likely that the Shrewsbury Constituency will lose the Severn Valley and Burnell Divisions to the South Shropshire Constituency.

A successful bid for Government funding has landed Shropshire Council almost £1M to install more on-street electric vehicle charging points in its communities. A total of £902,940 has been awarded by the Office for Zero Emission Vehicles, with support of the Energy Saving Trust, to enable the installation of on-street charge points for local residents wishing to charge their plug-in electric vehicles. The new sites will raise Shropshire from 65th out of 375 local authorities for

the number of public charge points available, to 11th place – or within the top three per cent nationwide.

I have sent out information regarding the help and support available for residents during these difficult times with the cost of living situation which has been published on the Uffington Parish Council website. If you would like any leaflets, please let me know.

Local News:

New recycling and waste collection calendars have been posted to households in the former Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough. Look out in case you have a change to your collection day as from 7 November changes will be made to some recycling and waste collection days in these areas to make the collection service more efficient and reduce the distances that the collection lorries need to travel on their rounds. New collection calendars have been delivered – by Royal Mail – to advise people of any changes to their collection day or service. Any households that, due to a collection day change, would have to wait over 18 days before getting a collection (i.e. the existing two-week cycle, plus four days) will get an interim collection, based on their old collection day.

For more information about Shropshire Council's recycling and waste services and the changes visit www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year."

Councillor Picton left the meeting after presenting her report.

79.22 To receive the defibrillator report for the period

Councillor Blake confirmed that the defibrillator was ready to use as and when required.

80.22 Current Financial Matters

a) Payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
18/11/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's expenses October/November	£ 110.03
18/11/22	Miss L Harris	Clerk's salary October/November	£ 840.90
18/11/22	HMRC	PAYE on Clerk's salary	£ 210.20
18/11/22	Royal British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00
TOTAL			£ 1211.13

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

that the above accounts be approved for payment.

b) Bank reconciliation to 7 November 2022

The bank was reconciled at £34,851.01, being the online banking balances on the date the meeting agenda was 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 2022 and a projection to the end of the year. Costs for the full year are projected to be £2,200 more than budgeted for 2022/23. This is due to the purchase of the Platinum Jubilee commemoration mugs for the Parish which hadn't been included in the budget. The precept to be claimed from Shropshire Council and the 2023/24 budget will be discussed in full at January's meeting.

81.22 Highway Matters

Dog waste bins are required at either end of the canal path. This matter has been raised previously and the Clerk at the time advised that Shropshire Council would charge for emptying any such bins. However, the dog waste situation has got worse along the canal path in recent years and a solution needs to be revisited.

ACTION: Clerk to speak to Shropshire Council about the costs involved in having dog waste bins installed and getting them emptied on a regular basis.

82.22 Planning

1. Decisions to note

a. Ref: 22/02027/LBC

Address: Vine Cottage Uffington Shrewsbury Shropshire SY4 4SN

Description: Installation of 13No replacement windows and 3No replacement doors affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Validated: 11 Aug 2022

Status: Refused

b. Ref: 22/03830/ADV

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

Description: Erection of replacement advertisement and signage (totem pole)

Validated: 22 Aug 2022

Status: Granted

2. Planning applications for consideration

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: Pending Consideration

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

83.22 Correspondence to note

Email from a parishioner asking for the canal path to be swept. Shropshire Council have since carried out this work.

84.22 To consider involvement in community carol singing event

Councillor Daimond advised that the PCC would be funding the brass band for the event so the Parish Council does not need to contribute this year.

85.22 To consider a commemoration for Queen Elizabeth II

A variety of ideas were discussed, and the consensus was that a metal bench (with commemorative plaque) sited somewhere in the village would be a long-lasting means of remembering Queen Elizabeth II.

ACTION: Clerk to research appropriate benches.

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

None

87.22 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 9 January 2023, 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and the meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Signed by Chairman:

Date: 9 January 2023