

**Uffington Parish Council
Meeting
Monday 18th September 2017**

MINUTES

1. **Chairman's Welcome.** The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest;** There were none at this point.
3. **Present:** Councillor L Padmore- Chairman; Councillor A Blake; Councillor R Davies; Councillor R Simmons, L Pardoe clerk to the Council, Shropshire Councillor L Picton, Mrs P Diamond and Two members of the Village Hall Management Committee & Apologies were received from Mathew Mead Community Enablement Officer Shropshire Council.
4. **Public Session:** There were no comments at this point.
5. **Police Report:** No Police report had been received. This would be forwarded to members when received by the clerk.
6. **To read and approve minutes from the previous Council Meeting 10th July 2017:** It was agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting; Proposed by Councillor A Blake; seconded by Councillor R Simmons and agreed by all members present.
7. **Clerk to report on matters from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**
8. **Clerk** showed the members the defibrillator and the training pack. All that was needed now was a cabinet to house it.
9. **Council to discuss the placement of the Defibrillator within the community.**
10. **Council to discuss date for starting training the local people on the use of the defibrillator.** The chairman expressed her wish for the defibrillator to be placed on the outside wall of the Village Hall as the defibrillator is a community asset and the Village Hall is a Community building .The Village Hall is owned by the Church. Three members of the Parish Council wished the defibrillator to go outside the Village Hall and one members preferred the pub to site the defibrillator.

Standing Orders were lifted to allow members of the public to speak at this point.

An e-mail sent by the Village Hall Management Committee sent to the Chairman and the clerk was read out to the meeting. See below

I apologise for the delay in providing a formal response from the Village Hall Committee regarding the proposal from the Parish Council to site the device on the North wall of the Village Hall. However, the responsibility has been taken very seriously by the Committee, and much research and advice has been sought from relevant bodies such as the West Midlands Ambulance Service and the Community Heartbeat Defibrillator Trust. The Committee convened a meeting last week to discuss the matter and three factors came to the fore as essential criteria in choosing a suitable location for siting the device.

Firstly, the apparatus should be clearly visible, and, in a readily identifiable location that could easily be described to anyone calling the emergency services at a time of need. Whilst the Village Hall is potentially known to all residents of the Village, members of the general public often drive past it before identifying the location, particularly if driving or walking into the village from the North. Additionally the Hall is elevated from the road which impairs visibility to the North wall.

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Secondly, the cabinet needs to be accessible to all, including physically disabled and/or sight impaired persons. Whilst the Village Hall attempts to provide access to all, and improvements to the car park access are on the immediate agenda, pedestrian access to the North wall presents difficulties; the path leading directly from the road is quite steep, and on reaching the top of the path there is a high curb between what will be a new tarmac surface and the gable wall, with rough grass/ground between. Additionally there are obvious risks associated with having to cross the road from the footpath on the opposite side of the road, with increased risk at night time as the area is not well lit.

Thirdly, one of the most important factors to consider is the likelihood of someone in need being able to call on other persons close by to assist. Whilst the Village Hall is a popular venue for all manner of community activities, there are large swathes of time when there is no one around, and neighbouring properties are a fair distance away

The Committee recognise the needs of a patient, and of those assisting, as paramount, and whilst the foregoing points are not to be viewed as an exhaustive list, they do present relevant anxieties. In this regard the Committee do not feel the Village Hall is the best location for the device, and would like to suggest the Corbet Arms Car Park as better location. The Pub is central to the Village, satisfies all the above criteria, and perhaps more importantly, has a significantly higher footfall than the Village Hall and is therefore statistically more likely to have an emergency requiring use of the device. Myself and Linda met with Dave Robson last week primarily to discuss the Car parking at the Village Hall, we did however take the opportunity to ask if he would consider mounting the device somewhere at the pub, and at the time he had no objections.

It was agreed to refer this matter to the Parochial Church Council at their meeting on Thursday evening. The Chairman would be attending this meeting and would report back to the members their comments.

- 11. To receive Shropshire Councillor's Report:** Councillor L Picton reported that regarding the Sundorne Roundabout, Shropshire Council is still in negotiations with Rea Valley Tractors who will be sponsoring this and they are commissioning a work of "Art" to go in the centre of the roundabout when it is completed. The roundabout will have the grass removed and be paved and still be convex. Shrewsbury Town Council have agreed to spray the weeds on the completed roundabout when it is needed.

Councillor Picton is going to start having six monthly meetings with clerks and chairs and officers from Shropshire Council to discuss matters as the Officers are to attend parish council meetings due to the constraints on their time. These will probably start in November. There is a task and finish group to look at the CIL monies chaired by Councillor C Wild. In the future all the money may be put into a big pot and parishes bid into it for money for their projects. This will distribute money from parishes who have no projects to spend their CIL on. Councillor L Picton to follow up the traffic calming proposals with Richard Ayton.

12. Council to consider the following consultations from Shropshire Council

- Library Strategy; this was noted. All members were urged to complete the survey on line.
- Car Parking Strategy: this was noted. All members were urged to complete the survey on line.
- To receive update on the Local Plan Review to date there will be an update at the SALC Area Committee meeting on 18th October at The Guildhall starting at 6.30pm. The update will be given by Eddie West from Shropshire Council. Graham White will also be going through the Code of Conduct at this meeting.

13. To receive reports from

- LJC . The next meeting would probably be in November. There is no date set at the present time.

- Neighbourhood watch; there was nothing to report to the members. The clerk to get 4 notices laminated for him.
- Councillor R Simmons had attended a meeting where the Police and Crime Commissioner was making a case to take over the running of the Fire Service stating he could save £4 million. He could give no evidence for saving this. Councillor Simmons said it was a very interesting meeting. Councillor L Picton reported that all the Principle Authorities involved in the proposed takeover had rejected the proposals.

14. Highway Matters

- Councillors had nothing to report.
- Clerk reported that she was waiting for an update from Richard Aton on the proposals for Traffic calming and would forward them to members as soon as she received a response.

15. Planning:

i) Clerk to update on existing applications.

- Reference: 17/00061/VAR
Address: Aggregate Industries UK Limited, Haughmond Quarry, Shrewsbury. *Permission Granted 3/8/17*
- Reference: 17/02446/FUL (validated: 25/05/2017)
Address: The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RG. *Permission Granted 14/7/17*
- Reference; 17/02522/VAR: Sunderton Farm, Uffington. Shrewsbury. SY24 4RR; *Awaiting Decision to Committee 31/8/17*

ii) Council to consider new applications.

- Reference: 17/03529/FUL (validated: 01/08/2017)
Address: Birklands, Uffington, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY4 4SR
Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council support this application: Proposed by Councillor L Padmore; seconded by Councillor R Davies and agreed by all members present
- Reference: 17/03903/OUT
Address: Brooklands Uffington, Shrewsbury
Proposal: Outline application (access for consideration) for the erection of one dwelling.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council did not have enough information to make an informed decision at this point; proposed by Councillor L Padmore; seconded by Councillor R Simmons and agreed by all members present.
- Reference: 17/04060/AV
Address: The Shrewsbury Club, Sundorne Road
Proposal: The repositioning of two existing signs, one to be replaced with a new externally illuminated sign: After discussion it was agreed to support this application. Proposed Councillor R Davies; seconded by Councillor R Simmons and agreed by all members present.

iii) Council to consider applications received after 7th September 2017 There were no new applications to discuss.

16. Finance

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- i. Council to agree and pay accounts as presented by the clerk: It was agreed to pay the accounts as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor R Davies; seconded by Councillor R Simmons and agreed by all members present.

Cheque Number	Payee	Brief Description	Amount
000649	L Pardoe	Salary & Expenses	510.23
000650	HMRC	PAYE	118.60
000656	Mazars	External Audit	120.00
000657	SALC	Training	75.00
000658	N Power	Lighting	201.62
Total			926.45

- ii. Council to accept Bank Reconciliation as presented by the clerk it was agreed to accept the bank reconciliation as presented by the clerk; proposed by Councillor R Davies; seconded by Councillor R Simmons and agreed by all members present.
- iii. Council to receive External Audit Report. The Council received the External Auditors report.
- iv. Council to receive information to the new External Auditors for next Year. This was noted.
- v. Council to agree the purchase of a heated unlocked cabinet to house the defibrillator. It was agreed to purchase a heated cabinet to house the defibrillator; proposed by Councillor R Davies; seconded by Councillor L Padmore and agreed by all members present.

17. Correspondence: This was noted.

18. Parish Matters

- Councillor Padmore reported that there had been a problem with water sitting on the road outside the village hall. (Reference number 200321619) This had been reported to Severn Trent who had come out and unblocked the sewage pipes which were blocked by fat which was solid in the pipes. There had been a similar problem in Canal Close earlier in the month.
- Councillor R Simmons felt that there was not enough signage for the 40mph limit on the roads. He asked if we could request 40 painted on the roads to remind drivers of the speed limit. Clerk to ask if this was possible
- P Diamond said that at the end of Canal Close there is a large hole in the tarmac. Clerk to report this
- The water will be installed in the Church on 28th September and there will be traffic lights to control the traffic whilst the road crossing is made
- Councillor R Simmons reported that the weeds on the verge of road and pavement to Newport has a lot of weeds. He will spray these.
- The Canal towpath is getting very weedy again. Clerk to ask Mrs Ashton to deal with this with her footpaths group.

19. Date and time of Next meeting; it was agreed that this would be held on Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm at Uffington Village Hall.

20. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.16pm.