

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7.15pm At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Mike Oldnall (Chair), Cllr Simon Jenkins, Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Kat Foxhall, Cllr Richard Charles

In Attendance: Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

Members of the Public: 5 members of the public

Former Councillors Nigel Puddicombe, Dale Pilchowski and especially Graham Banks, were thanked for their service to the Parish Council.

| Minute | ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | Action |
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| 96/23 | None. Cllr Foxhall apologised for leaving the meeting early. | |
| | ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST | |
| 97/23 | None. | |
| | ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 th APRIL 2023 | |
| 98/23 | The minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on Monday 17 th April 2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed. | |
| | ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING | |
| 99/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Emergency Plan. Cllrs Foxhall and Charles to be added to the plan. Cllr Oldnall to send to the Vale and OCC. b) Sign by The Green. Cllr Oldnall to deal with this. c) Report on the Coronation Event. This had been discussed at the AGM. Cllr Oldnall noted that many people had attended. The PTA had done a good job with refreshments and had raised sufficient funds to cover the school trip. The Church teas and Sports Club bar had also done very well. Cllr Oberman noted that many had requested that this should become an annual event. It was agreed that if this were to happen, it would need to be run by a village committee, not the Parish Council. | <p>CLOSED</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>CLOSED</p> |
| | ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT | |
| 100/23 | <p>A written report had been circulated. At the meeting Cllr Constance reported that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There was frustration at the focus of activities on Oxford City. b) The spare seats scheme was to be maintained for Uffington children but the price was likely to increase. The Childrey school walking route was on hold. Children in Shrivensham had been given vouchers to travel on public buses. <p>Cllr Oldnall pointed out that the 20mph scheme had been adopted in Uffington. He was reminded that the VAS on Fawler Road needed to be changed to 20mph. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.</p> | MO |
| | ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT | |
| 101/23 | No report. | |
| | ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM | |
| 102/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Visit by David Johnston MP. Mrs Pilcher reported that David Johnston would be visiting the museum at 3pm on 12th May. She asked for a Trustee to attend. Cllrs Charles and Oberman volunteered. <p>The members of the public were thanked for attending.</p> | RC/FO |
| | ITEM 8 – ONGOING PROJECTS | |
| 103/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments). The draft licence had been received from OCC and a response was awaited from Mr Avenell. b) Upgrade to FP4 – A note had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The cost of the project was £7k. All the landowners had agreed to the project except Network Rail. Cllr Jenkins had met with them and was to chase for their agreement. Proposed suppliers were Centrewire for the gates and Noll Countryside Services | SJ |

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| | <p>for the installation. Cllr Jenkins was to approach OCC, Network Rail, WHST and TOE for funding. This was approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Charles. Cllr Jenkins to progress the project. Cllr Constance requested that Cllr Jenkins be thanked for his determination in driving this project forward.</p> <p>c) Proposed project to improve the pond area. The poplar tree that had been removed had left a gap which Cllr Oberman proposed leaving at the moment. The proposed project aimed to a) remove the undergrowth and plant with wild flowers and b) build up the muddy path. Logs had been retained from the poplar along with chippings for the path. It would be a heavy job and a decision would be required on whether to employ a contractor. Cllrs Oberman and Jenkins to assess what was required. They were reminded that if a contractor was to be used, quotes would be required. A letter had been received from a resident with suggestions for the area. Cllr Oberman to reply. Afternote: Improvements to the path were completed on 13 May by members of the Village Maintenance Group.</p> | FO/SJ |
| ITEM 9 – PLANNING MATTERS | | |
| 104/23 | New Applications to be considered. None. | |
| 105/23 | To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda. None. | |
| 106/23 | <p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P23/V0786/HH – 4 Jacksmeadow. Single storey front and rear extensions. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>b) P23/V0585/HH – 7 Jacksmeadow. Development work. Awaiting determination. Afternote: Approved on 16 May.</p> <p>c) P22/V2252/HH – Slate House, Upper Common. Proposed rear extension and associated alterations. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>d) P22/V0345/FUL – Sowerhill Farm. Installation of outdoor arena with lights. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian. Awaiting determination.</p> | |
| ITEM 10 – FINANCE | | |
| 107/23 | <p>a) To approve April payments – The payments totalling £2158.02 were approved. Proposed Cllr Charles, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to authorise.</p> <p>b) New Heating system in OSR – Expenditure of up to £4100 was approved. Proposed Cllr Oldnall, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) Rialtas Cemetery system. Details of the system were explained along with alternative options. Cllr Oldnall felt that the forms that the system generated were the greatest benefit. Cllr Jenkins agreed that this should be used. Proposed Cllr Oldnall, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED. The total cost of purchase and installation was £855 with an ongoing annual cost of £250. Afternote: It had been noted that the quote did not include the Memorials module. Clerk had requested a revised quote.</p> | MO |
| ITEM 11 – THE COURIER | | |
| 108/23 | Cllr Oldnall reported that the latest edition had been very late going out, but the end result was good. The new style had been well received. He was seeking volunteers to help with the distribution. He noted that he would be away for the next edition. | MO/SJ |
| ITEM 12 – JUBILEE FIELD | | |
| 109/23 | This matter had been covered at the JFT AGM. Cllr Jenkins asked that the Farmers market did not use the field for their next event as it was very wet. Mrs Pilcher agreed to contact them. | FO KP |
| ITEM 13 – OSR UPDATE | | |
| 110/23 | <p>a) The new heating system had been approved.</p> <p>b) Andrew Townsend was to be asked to carry out his annual inspection later in the summer.</p> | SJ |
| ITEM 14 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS | | |
| 111/23 | None. | |
| ITEM 15 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) | | |
| 112/23 | Cllr Oldnall noted that brambles were taking over in certain areas and need to be cut back. | SJ |
| ITEM 16 - ALLOTMENTS | | |
| 113/23 | The allotments were experiencing the highest occupancy ever at the moment. There were problems with rabbits. | |

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| | Mr Puddicombe was thanked for his report. | |
| ITEM 17 – GENERAL | | |
| 114/23 | <p>a) Community Speedwatch. Cllr Jenkins felt that this was the only effective way to monitor speeding. He had 6 volunteers and six sites approved. 17 vehicles had been reported so far this year. Two more sessions were due before the next meeting. A site on Fawler Road was requested. Cllr Jenkins to investigate. There was also a suggestion for a site in the White Horse area.</p> <p>b) 20mph scheme. The scheme had been implemented. Cllr Oldnall to deal with the VAS and the SID.</p> | <p>SJ</p> <p>MO</p> |
| ITEM 18 – CONSULTATIONS | | |
| 115/23 | None. | |
| ITEM 19 – CORRESPONDENCE | | |
| 116/23 | <p>a) Letter from Upper Common resident. The letter requested a contribution from the Parish Council toward the repair of the road. It was noted that a previous request in another area had been refused. It was suggested that a letter be sent to OCC asking for their help with the matter. Cllr Oldnall to reply.</p> | MO |
| ITEM 20 – MATTERS FOR THE JUNE AGENDA | | |
| 117/23 | <p>a) Co-option of remaining members. The aim was to co-opt at the end of the June meeting. Cllr Jenkins to advertise the vacant seats. Responses were to be received by 2nd June.</p> | |
| ITEM 20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING | | |
| 118/23 | Monday 12 th June at 6.30pm. Cllr Oldnall gave his apologies. Cllr Jenkins gave his apologies for the July meeting. | |

The meeting closed at 20.45