

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council Monday 12th June 2023 at 6.30pm At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Richard Charles, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe

In Attendance: Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

Members of the Public: 2 members of the public

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
119/23	Cllr Oldnall, Cllr Foxhall and District Cllr Caul.	
	ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
120/23	None.	
	ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 9th MAY 2023	
121/23	The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) held on 9 th May 2023 were approved subject to a minor change. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED. The minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on Monday 9 th May 2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Jubilee Field Trust were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
	ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
122/23	a) Update VAS on Fawler Road and the SID. The units had been recalibrated to 20mph and were both working.	CLOSED
	ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
123/23	A written report had been circulated. At the meeting Cllr Constance reported that a) There was a consultation on waste tips. She asked the Parish Council to watch this closely. b) There was a proposal to build a new football stadium near Kidlington. c) She had attended a conference on solar farms. An application would be submitted soon for a large solar farm near Botley. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
	ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
124/23	No report.	
	ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM	
125/23	Nothing raised.	
	ITEM 8 – ONGOING PROJECTS	
126/23	a) Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments). No progress. b) Upgrade to FP4 – A note had been circulated ahead of the meeting. TOE were to fund the cost of the gates; the grant had been approved. c) Project to improve the pond area. The brambles etc around the site of the former poplar tree were to be removed and the area left to settle for use as a wildlife area. Clearance work was expected to start shortly. d) Support for Uffington Shop. A meeting had been held with the shop owners. New doors were required along with the roller shutters. Quotes had been obtained. The chosen supplier required a 50% deposit after which a surveyor would be sent out. It was agreed that the funds would come from Parish Council reserves. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED. It was noted that there would be some electrical work required, which had not been included in the costings.	SJ SJ SJ/FO FO/SJ
	ITEM 9 – PLANNING MATTERS	
127/23	New Applications to be considered. None.	
128/23	To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda. None.	

129/23	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P23/V0786/HH – 4 Jacksmeadow. Single storey front and rear extensions.- Granted.</p> <p>b) P22/V2252/HH – Slate House, Upper Common. Proposed rear extension and associated alterations. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>c) P22/V0345/FUL – Sowerhill Farm. Installation of outdoor arena with lights. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian. Awaiting determination.</p>	
130/23	<p>Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Mr Hart had written to the Vale CEO and the Head of Planning with a complaint about one of the developments on Woolstone Road. He felt that the UBNP had been completely ignored. The letter coincided with an email from a board member of the ONPA who wished to discuss how Neighbourhood Plans (NP) could address the issue of Primary Health Care provision in their areas. At a meeting with ONPA . it was recommended that the UBNP issues should be highlighted to Ricardo Rios at the Vale.. It was greed that a letter should be sent. Cllr Jenkins to prepare a draft.</p>	SJ
ITEM 10 – FINANCE		
131/23	<p>a) To approve May payments – The payments for approval totalled £5123.87. Proposed Cllr Charles, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise.</p> <p>b) Insurance Policy – The payment was approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) Rialtas Cemetery system. A revised quote, which included the memorials module was presented. The Clerk presented an alternative option which was considered suitable for the low level of use. It was concluded that the Rialtas system did not constitute good value for money, and it was decided not to proceed, The Clerk was to develop a spreadsheet-based system.</p>	SJ Clerk
ITEM 11 – THE COURIER		
132/23	Cllr Oldnall was dealing with the Editor over the June issue. It would be completed on his return from holiday. An item on the open gardens and dog show was requested.	MO
ITEM 12 – JUBILEE FIELD		
133/23	<p>a) Play Area Inspections. Everything was OK. Cllr Oberman had been trying to gather opinions on new equipment with little success.</p> <p>b) Applications to use the field. None. It was noted that the open gardens and dog show went very well.</p> <p>c) Request for football goals on Jubilee Field. A request had been received and Cllr Oberman was investigating the requirements. A five aside rather than a full-sized goal was suggested.</p> <p>d) Play equipment for disabled children. David Johnston MP had forwarded a request for inclusive play equipment. It was noted that the roundabout was suitable for disabled children and could accommodate a wheelchair. Clerk to reply to David Johnston stating that the matter was being considered; Cllr Oberman agreed to investigate further.</p>	FO FO Clerk / FO
ITEM 13 – OSR UPDATE		
134/23	Cllrs Puddicombe and Charles had attended a meeting with the Friends of the Museum. There was to be another meeting on 15 th June to discuss various proposals, one of which was the creation of a visitor centre for the White Horse. Cllr Puddicombe volunteered to become one of the Councillor Trustees as there was a vacancy. This was approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED.	RC/NP
ITEM 14 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS		
135/23	a) Publication Scheme. This was approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED.	
ITEM 15 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)		
136/23	<p>a) Autumn Litter Pick. Woolstone suggested a joint event. This had been done before. It was suggested that the date was tied in with the Jubilee Field tidy in late October. It was agreed that the Field Tidy would be on 28th October and the litter pick would be on 4th November. Clerk to book the litter picking equipment.</p> <p>b) Waste survey. The Vale had initiated a survey 3-4 years ago about the local waste bins but there had been no progress. Cllr Caul had been asked to take this up at the Vale. Cllr Jenkins was to circulate some photos and text to be sent to the Waste team.</p>	Clerk

	c) Verge mowing. Mr Coxhead had cut his verges. BGG were to cut the rest of the Parish later in the week.	
ITEM 16 - ALLOTMENTS		
137/23	Mr Coxhead had provided two large water tanks. Thanks were recorded. Cllr Jenkins to thank Mr Coxhead.	SJ
ITEM 17 – GENERAL		
138/23	a) Community Speedwatch. Two sessions had been held since the last meeting. A total of 23 vehicles had been notified to the police for speeding. The scheme was working as a deterrent. Cllr Jenkins was hoping to recruit more volunteers. b) February meeting. The hall was not available for the February meeting. It was agreed to meet in the Old School Room instead.	SJ
ITEM 18 – CONSULTATIONS		
139/23	None.	
ITEM 19 – CORRESPONDENCE		
140/23	a) CPRE Meeting on 2041 Local Plan. Cllr Constance agreed to attend and report back. b) Church Clock. A committee had been formed to progress the repair of the clock. A faculty from the Diocese was required before the project could start. Three estimates had been received but they were not like for like. The Parish Council was asked to consider paying for the annual service of the clock. It was suggested that this be considered at a later date. c) Helicopter Noise. A complaint had been received about late night flying. This had been discussed with RAF Benson. The activity was due to essential night training and was expected to tail off shortly.	YC
ITEM 21 - MATTERS FOR THE JULY AGENDA		
141/23	a) New Play equipment – Cllr Oberman	
ITEM 22– DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
143/23	Monday 10 th July at 6.30pm. Cllr Jenkins gave his apologies.	
ITEM 23 – CLOSED SESSION		
144/23	This matter was heard in open session, after the District Councillors report and before the Open Forum. Mr Puddicombe had applied to be co-opted to the Parish Council. His details had been circulated. His application was proposed by Cllr Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED. Mr Puddicombe signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.	

The meeting closed at 20.28