

## Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 6.30pm At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Mike Oldnall (Chair), Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Richard Charles, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe

In Attendance: Mrs J Evans (Clerk)

District Councillor: Cllr Sue Caul

Members of the Public: 1 member of the public

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
145/23	Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Foxhall.	
ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
146/23	None.	
ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023		
147/23	The minutes of the Parish Council monthly meeting held on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING		
148/23	a) <b>Report on CPRE meeting on Vale Local Plan 2041.</b> c/f	YC
ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT		
149/23	A written report had been circulated.	
ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT		
150/23	<p>Cllr Caul noted that a great deal of information from the Vale was sent by email which the Council was content with so she did not have to repeat it all at the meetings. At the meeting she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Outlined her background and noted that she had been appointed to the cabinet.</li> <li>b) Reported that the Vale and South Oxfordshire were working together on a joint local plan. She gave a brief overview. Cllr Oldnall noted that the UBNP might be revised once sufficient clarity from the joint local plan was available. The key interest to Uffington was the potential housing allocation. Cllr Caul reported that the allocation had recalculated and reduced and there was no intention allocate quotas or to build in rural areas.</li> <li>c) Reported that she had recently attended the infrastructure strategy advisory group, who were looking at developing a series of local area travel plans, improving intra-urban connections (e.g. A34 and A420) and trying to reduce the number of car journeys. They were also looking at improving congestion in Oxford and improving Public Transport generally.</li> <li>d) Reported that the development of a new S106 policy for affordable housing was being considered and would go to the Scrutiny Committee this week.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Oldnall raised the matter of waste bins. He explained that the reply received had not really answered the question, which was ‘if the Parish Council buys a bigger bin would the Vale continue to empty it?’. Cllr Caul to follow this up.</p>	SC
ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM		
151/23	Mrs Pilcher asked if the Parish Council would continue providing leaflets for the Village Trail. It was agreed that we would as part of village maintenance. (see also 157/23b)	
ITEM 8 – ONGOING PROJECTS		
152/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments).</b> Legal documents had been received. No further progress.</li> <li>b) <b>Upgrade to FP4 –</b> The TOE grant had been approved. Awaiting information on a grant from WHST.</li> <li>c) <b>Project to improve the pond area.</b> Malcolm Hinton was to look at levelling the area but date not yet confirmed.</li> <li>d) <b>Support for Uffington Shop.</b> There was sufficient money in the project funds. The Doors were to be installed on 11<sup>th</sup> July.</li> </ul>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ/FO</p> <p>FO/SJ</p>
ITEM 9 – PLANNING MATTERS		
153/23	<b>New Applications to be considered.</b> None.	
154/23	<b>To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda.</b>	

	<b>Proposal for a Science Park at Wicklesham Quarry.</b> Cllr Jenkins had sent a not expressing concern about drainage, the impact on the A420 and access onto the A420. It was noted that the site was included for commercial use in the Faringdon plan and that the area behind the quarry was being considered for the White Horse Medical Practise. Cllr Oldnall to develop a reply to the proposal on behalf of the Parish Council	MO
155/23	<b>Update on outstanding planning applications:</b> a) <b>P22/V2252/HH – Slate House, Upper Common.</b> Proposed rear extension and associated alterations. Awaiting determination. b) <b>P22/V0345/FUL – Sowerhill Farm.</b> Installation of outdoor arena with lights. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian. Awaiting determination.	
156/23	<b>Uffington and Baulking Neighbourhood Plan.</b> Considered in minute 150/23 above.	
<b>ITEM 10 – FINANCE</b>		
157/23	a) <b>To approve June payments</b> – The payments for approval totalled £5198.99. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise. b) <b>Village Trail Leaflets</b> – It was agreed to purchase 500 leaflets at a cost of £109.90. Proposed Cllr Charles, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe. Cllr Oldnall agreed to collect them at the same time as The Courier.	SJ  MO
<b>ITEM 11 – THE COURIER</b>		
158/23	Mrs Pilcher had sent an article with three photos about the gardening club. It was decided that the final draft of the magazine did not need to be circulated to all Councillors. It was expected that the magazine would be printed this week.	MO
<b>ITEM 12 – JUBILEE FIELD</b>		
159/23	a) <b>Play Area Inspections.</b> There had been some vandalism to the picnic table near Craven Common. Cllr Oldnall to investigate or make good if possible. b) <b>Applications to use the field.</b> None. The Brownies had used the field last weekend. c) <b>Request for football goals on Jubilee Field.</b> The Football Club had recommended a supplier and suggested a 5-aside goal, It had been decided to install one goal only and the suggested location was on the Upper Common side of the field as this was not near any footpaths. A quote of £450.92 plus £80 delivery had been received from the recommended supplier. This included the net and the pegs. The proposal was to install it before the school summer holidays. A sum of £530.92 was approved. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED. Cllr Charles agreed to take delivery. Clerk to place the order. d) <b>New Play Equipment.</b> It was reported that Wicksteed no longer manufacture the space net. Cllr Oberman to follow this up and try and identify an alternative supplier. The plan was to replace the big swings with 2 normal swings and a basket swing. The space net was intended to go where the old climbing frame had been. e) <b>Play equipment for disabled children.</b> Cllr Oberman had spoken to the family who had explained that a basket swing was at the top of their wish list.	FO MO  FO  Clerk  FO  FO
<b>ITEM 13 – OSR UPDATE</b>		
160/23	Nothing to report. Mrs Pilcher pointed out that the annual survey was due in August. She also reported that the new heating system had been installed and the energy tariff had been fixed until 2026.	RC/NP
<b>ITEM 14 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS</b>		
161/23	a) <b>Allotment Code of Conduct and Tenancy Agreement.</b> Both documents had been reviewed by Barry Godsell and Cllr Puddicombe. There had been a few minor amendments. Both documents were adopted. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Charles. RESOLVED.	
<b>ITEM 15 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)</b>		
162/23	a) <b>Autumn Litter Pick.</b> The equipment had been booked. The litter pick would take place on 4 <sup>th</sup> November and the Field Tidy on 28 <sup>th</sup> October. Woolstone and Longcot had been informed of the dates. b) <b>Waste survey.</b> This had been circulated. It was noted that there was no facility to respond as a Parish Council. All members were asked to complete the survey individually if they wished.	

	c) <b>Verge mowing.</b> The verges had been mowed and the hedges were to be cut shortly.	
<b>ITEM 16 - ALLOTMENTS</b>		
163/23	Nothing to report.	
<b>ITEM 17 – GENERAL</b>		
164/23	a) <b>Community Speedwatch.</b> Two sessions had been a lot of vehicles exceeding the 20mph speed limit. These were to be reported, More volunteers were still required. b) <b>Update on the Church Clock.</b> Nothing to report.	SJ  CLOSED
<b>ITEM 18 – CONSULTATIONS</b>		
165/23	a) <b>20mph Speed Limit for Woolstone.</b> Members were invited to respond individually if they wished,	
<b>ITEM 19 – CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
166/23	a) <b>Retro-fitting programme.</b> The Vale had a Thermal Imaging Camera available to borrow, Cllr Oldnall suggested that if there was any interest someone needed to come forward to lead a project. Cllr Oldnall to ask Cllr Foxhall if she would take this on when the weather was colder. b) <b>Noise from music festival.</b> A Woolstone resident had complained that there had been no notification about the music festival and the late night music. No action. c) <b>Correspondence from Ashbury.</b> A representative of Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan would like a cross-council meeting to discuss medical centres. Councils invited were Uffington, Baulking and Shrivenham. Cllr Oldnall to liaise about this.	MO  MO
<b>ITEM 21 - MATTERS FOR THE AUGUST AGENDA</b>		
167/23	None.	
<b>ITEM 22– DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
168/23	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm. Cllr Puddicombe and the Clerk gave their apologies.	

The meeting closed at 20.43