

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 8 January 2018 at 7.30pm
At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Karen Pilcher, Cllr Mike Oldnall, Cllr Paul Coad, Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Graham Banks

District Councillor: Cllr Robert Sharp

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

In attendance:

Members of the Public: Mr Rumble, Mr Godsell, Mr Armishaw, Mr Hart, Mr Stewart

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| 1/18 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None. | Action |
| 2/18 | DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS There were no new declarations of interest. | |
| 3/18 | MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2017 Cllr Coad proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 December 2017. Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed. | |
| 4/18 | REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 331/17 (276/17 - 247/17 - 22/17 - 217/17) Dog Waste Bin on Jacksmeadow - Cllr Sharp stated that there is nothing further to report at the moment. 331/17 (276/17 - 271/17) – Village Trail opening – Cllr Pilcher reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The smaller version of the map for the telephone kiosk is to be installed shortly. Clerk to check with Abi Brown for any outstanding monies for printing and boxes to hold maps. b) A suitable location for the Garrards Farm post has still not been found. c) Cllr Oberman has slabs to go in front of the main information board. Mr Oberman and Cllr Banks will install them when the weather improves. | RS Clerk CLOSED FO |
| 5/18 | COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Constance gave the Parish Council a copy of OCC's document 'Thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire'. The main points reported were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The budget will be set at full council on 13th February. The increase is expected to be a total of 5.99%; she hoped that some of this will be available for road maintenance. 2. Oxfordshire has put in a bid for housing infrastructure funding for Didcot Garden Town to build a new river crossing. 3. A £1bn project is being planned to extend the railway from Bicester to Bletchley. This is phase 2 of the link to Cambridge. Phase 3 will link Milton Keynes to the eastern side of the country. Ultimately there may be a link from Bristol to Oxford which will include a station at Grove. 4. The District has put in a bid for funds for the eastern Wantage relief road. 5. OCC are objecting to the Swindon Local Plan on the basis of transport. There are no improvements planned for the A420. 6. The Oxford-Cambridge expressway. Highways England is considering three routes through Oxfordshire. The road is planned to be delivered before 2025, which is before the railway links will be completed. It will require the delivery of 1 million houses along the corridor. 7. The Oxfordshire Snow Guide outlines what individual liabilities are regarding snow clearance. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending. | |
| 6/18 | DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT | |

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| | <p>Cllr Sharp stated that there was nothing new to report this month. Cllr Sharp was thanked for attending.</p> | |
| 7/18 | <p>POLICE REPORT The area report will be circulated by email and posted on the notice board when it is received.</p> | SJ |
| 8/18 | <p>OPEN FORUM Craven Common resurfacing Mr Godsell reported on the complaints from Craven Common residents about the road resurfacing carried out on 6 November 2017; the quality was very poor, particularly at the eastern end. A specification of the original works has been received, showing that micro-asphalt was used. Following discussions with OCC and the contractors it has been agreed that the worst areas will be re-treated. This will not take place before next summer because the surface needs to be warm. Cllr Pilcher asked whether residents on the western side had any concerns. Mr Armishaw pointed out that the petition raised by residents was signed by the majority of residents, which is indicative of concern across the whole area. Mr Godsell requested that should the western end require additional work the Parish Council should take this forward. Mr Godsell agreed to monitor the situation for the time being. Cllr Pilcher suggested sending residents an update as a result of the petition. Cllr Jenkins and the Clerk to work on this. Mr Godsell to review the draft. Mr Godsell and Mr Armishaw were thanked for their report.</p> <p>Hall Bookings Mr Rumble reported that the hall bookings had now been sorted out as far as possible. He stated his gratitude to the Shop, which undertakes the hall bookings on a voluntary basis and they deal with over 200 bookings per year; bookings are updated on the village hall website weekly in arrears. Mr Rumble was thanked for his assistance in this matter.</p> <p>Dragon Hill Planning application Mr Stewart outlined the plans for Dragon Hill. The owners are looking to self- build two 2-bed bungalows which will be finished with wood cladding. Detailed drawings, including for Highways, have to be produced. When questioned whether the site was within the village envelope or in open countryside, Mr Stewart thought it was the latter and the plan has been developed on this basis. Mr Hart noted that from the Neighbourhood Plan perspective the site sits in an area designated as having low capacity for development by the Lepus Landscape Capacity Study and is also in open countryside. Mr Stewart stated that he had raised a query with Mr Hart about the methodology used in table 8 in the Landscape Capacity Study. He felt that it places an unnecessary restriction on his client's land. Mr Hart stated that he is in discussion with Lepus about this. Cllr Pilcher raised the issue of flood risk. Cllr Oberman asked about ownership of the access from the Woolstone Road; Mr Stewart noted that it would remain with Mr Osmond.</p> <p>The Walnuts Planning application Mr Hart noted that this application was also in an area designated as having low capacity for development by the Lepus Landscape Capacity Study and is also in open countryside. Mr Hart and Mr Stewart were thanked for attending.</p> | SJ/Clerk |
| | <p>ONGOING PROJECTS</p> | |
| 9/18 | <p>PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS AND LAND REGISTRY Cllr Jenkins reported that the Hillman Partnership was still awaiting a full response from Land Registry for registration of the Old School Room, but it appeared that Title No. ON336460 had been allocated. With regard to ensuring that all land in the ownership of the Parish Council was registered with the Land Registry, it was agreed at the December meeting that a list of all such parcels of land would be compiled, including any Land Registry title numbers allocated, for further action.</p> | C/F: SJ |
| 10/18 | <p>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OFF FERNHAM ROAD</p> | |

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| | shortfall could be considered as part of this grant. Cllr Jenkins to write to the Scout Group. | |
| | PLANNING MATTERS | |
| 16/18 | <p>New Applications to be considered: P17/V3294/FUL – The Walnuts, Broad Street. Proposed stable block, store and hay barn. Retrospective change of use from agricultural to equestrian. The Parish Council were concerned about the size of the building and access to the site. It was agreed to object on the grounds of size, height, access and the fact that the site is in the Uffington Conservation Area. Cllr Jenkins to draft a response.</p> <p>P18/V0003/O – Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road. Outline permission for the development of two new dwellings. The Parish Council felt that the proposal for two small bungalows was acceptable. It was agreed to support the application on the basis that the new dwellings remain single storey, low level buildings. A condition is to be requested to restrict the height, and it will be requested that permitted development rights are removed. Cllr Jenkins to draft a response.</p> | <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> |
| 17/18 | <p>Update on outstanding planning applications: P17/V3022/LDE - the Barn at the Laurels, Broad St, Uffington. Certificate of lawful development for continued use as rented accommodation. Permission granted. P17/V3243/LB – Tom Brown Museum, Broad St, Uffington. Structural and in-situ conservative repairs to masonry and minor alterations to the Old School Room. For information only (Not yet determined) P17/V2670/FUL – Former Post Office, Broad Street. Proposed new dwelling with access. Not yet determined.</p> | |
| | FINANCE | |
| 18/18 | <p>To approve January payments and sign cheques: Cllrs Oldnall and Jenkins proposed and seconded approval of payments totalling £7164.38. RESOLVED. A full list of payments is attached to these minutes. The cheques were signed.</p> | |
| 19/18 | <p>To consider the budget and precept proposals for 2018/19 Cllr Oldnall proposed accepting the revised budget with a precept of £23,700. Cllr Jenkins seconded. RESOLVED. Clerk to circulate final version of budget along with the cost per band D property for this precept.</p> | Clerk |
| 20/18 | <p>To consider a grant application from South Oxfordshire and Vale CAB £500 was requested. It was felt that this was too much for an outside organisation. Cllr Jenkins proposed a donation of £50. Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED.</p> | Clerk |
| | ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS | |
| 21/18 | None. | |
| 22/18 | <p>UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) Village appearance to be put on the February agenda. Cllr Banks reported that a tree has blown over on the Jubilee Field – tag no. T79. Cllrs Banks and Pilcher have tidied the remains.</p> | Clerk (agenda) |
| | GENERAL | |
| 23/18 | <p>Monthly Play Area inspections Cllr Oberman presented the monthly inspection report. She is unhappy with the surface under the new slide. It is very uneven and the quality is poor. Cllr Jenkins to contact Playdale and ask them to investigate. It was noted that their fencing is still in the car park. It was agreed not to send the final payment for the time being.</p> <p>Jubilee Field Trust – the way forward It was reported that a separate meeting of trustees is required. Cllr Banks felt that the Charity should be closed. A copy of the trust deed to be obtained from the Charity Commission website. Cllr Jenkins and the Clerk to look into this.</p> <p>Equality and Human Rights Policy The meeting approved the policy. Clerk to upload onto the website.</p> | <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | Date for the Annual Assembly It was agreed that the Annual Assembly would be held on 9 th April after the monthly meeting. The Parish Council meeting to start at 6.30pm. Clerk to check the hall booking. | Clerk |
| | CONSULTATIONS | |
| 24/18 | Clerk to circulate details on the Minerals and Waste consultation. | Clerk |
| | CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR THE FEBRUARY AGENDA | |
| 25/18 | Cllr Pilcher reported on the Community Repair scheme which takes in old paint and sells it on for £1.50 per litre. Cllr Pilcher reported that Mr Armishaw has built a thermometer to measure OSR fundraising progress. Help will be required for the installation. Cllr Pilcher reported that the Village of the Year programmes will be screened on Channel 4 commencing 15 th January - Uffington on 23 rd January at 3pm. | |
| 26/18 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be Monday 12 th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. Cllrs Oldnall and Coad offered their apologies for absence. | |

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm