

## Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Robert Sharp

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

Members of the Public: Mr and Mrs Soper, and Darcy Murkett

272/16	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> None.	Action
273/16	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b> Cllr Pilcher declared an interest in items 13c and 13d on the agenda. Cllr Banks declared an interest in agenda item 13b.	
274/16	<b>MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016</b> Cllr Pilcher proposed acceptance of the minutes of the Monthly meeting held on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2016. Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
275/16	<b>REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:</b> <b>Bus Shelter Painting</b> – Clerk to obtain two quotes for this. <b>Litter Bin</b> – Still awaiting a response from the Vale on this. The meeting agreed that additional capacity in the Shop area was required, and a larger bin was preferable to installing another small one. Clerk to research capacities and prices of larger bins.	C/F: Clerk  Clerk
276/16	<b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT:</b> Cllr Constance reported there had been no progress on the proposals for a Unitary authority; currently there was an impasse between the County and the District Councils, and there was a need for the respective leaders to get together on this issue. She outlined the government proposals for capping the precepts of larger town and parish councils and noted that it was very important to respond to the consultation. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
277/16	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:</b> Cllr Sharp reported that the Vale will take 2,200 houses from Oxford's unmet need, although the figures are not firm yet. These will mostly be located nearer to Oxford. Faringdon Area Committee has awarded a grant of £1004 to Uffington towards the MUGA installation. Next year Uffington Parish Council will be able to apply for funds from the New Homes Bonus. The Capital Grants scheme still has about £6000 to allocate in the next round. Cllr Sharp was thanked for attending.	
278/16	<b>POLICE REPORT:</b> Cllr Jenkins circulated an email regarding the NAG. He will attend the next NAG meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> October.	SJ
279/16	<b>OPEN FORUM:</b> Mrs Soper raised her concerns about the planning application for a new house in the garden of Packer's Forge. Her principal issues were the scale of the development and the loss of privacy. She agreed to email her objections to Cllr Jenkins. Mr Murkett also raised concerns about the size, scale and proportion of the proposal. Cllr Coad raised the same concerns and noted that the proposed building will be 2m taller than the telegraph poles. Cllr Banks stated that there had been an unwritten agreement between the former owners of Curtis Cottage and Packers Forge for the latter to access the garage in his garden, but the garage had not been used; a fresh easement would be required to extend the services under the track to the garden of Packers Forge.  Cllr Sharp noted that rooflights needed to be placed 1.7m high or more so that people cannot look out of them.	

	<b>ONGOING PROJECTS</b>	
280/16	<b>Parish Council assets and Land Registry:</b> There has been no further progress since the last meeting.	
281/16	<b>Station Road development:</b> Nine houses have been occupied and one reserved out of twenty two open market homes. Cllr Oberman reported that the Parish Council have been invited to have a look around the social housing on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November. Cllrs Oberman, Oldman and Jenkins to go along with Antony Parsons representing the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. Cllr Pilcher asked whether the grant from Sovereign will be available on this development. It was £250 per house last time. Cllr Oberman to find out.	FO/MO/SJ  FO
282/16	<b>Proposed Housing Development opposite Jack's Lea:</b> A meeting has been scheduled for 12 <sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm.	
283/16	<b>Community Led Plan update:</b> The latest progress report was posted on the website last month. Cllr Jenkins to circulate an update.	SJ
284/16	<b>Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan - update:</b> A Steering Group meeting has been scheduled for 13 <sup>th</sup> October. There has been little progress since the last meeting. Baulking and Woolstone are reviewing their position.	
285/16	<b>Development of an Emergency Plan:</b> This is ongoing. Cllr Oldnall to review the draft.	SJ/MO
286/16	<b>Museum Update:</b> Three quotes for the repairs were circulated. The architectural survey was carried out today and reported that the building is structurally sound. The west wall is the priority for repair and the damage here could be the cause of the mould. A written report will be provided in due course. The meeting agreed to accept Mr Cole's quotation and instruct him to proceed with the work. The Parish Council voiced its concern about long delays whilst the work was in progress. The application for Listed Building consent is ready to be submitted. The question of ownership of the building is still outstanding. Cllr Sharp suggested applying for the Capital Community Grant to help fund the repairs.	
287/16	<b>Update of MUGA installation:</b> The S106 money has been received from the Vale. As noted in minute 277/16 above, a grant of £1004 has been approved by the Vale. This leaves £335 left to fund. Cllr Jenkins to approach the White Horse Show Trust. It is anticipated that the unit will be installed by 28 <sup>th</sup> October.	SJ
288/16	<b>Speed Reduction Measures on Fawler Road:</b> Still waiting for information from Lee Turner.	
289/16	<b>Quote for work in the Play Area:</b> It was agreed to go to Playdale for details and a quote for the matting. Cllr Oberman suggested putting turf down in the short term. Cllr Oberman to obtain a cost for this. The Playdate quote to be discussed at the November meeting.	KP/FO
	<b>PLANNING MATTERS</b>	
290/16	<b>New Applications to be considered:</b> <b>P16/V2356/FUL</b> – Packer's Forge, High Street. Proposed new dwelling in the garden. Councillors expressed concern over access to the proposed dwelling; it was noted that this is not a material planning consideration, but Cllr Sharp advised that this should be raised. Other issues were also discussed See minute 279/16 above. The meeting agreed to object to the proposal unless amended plans were forthcoming. Cllr Jenkins to draft a response. <b>P16/V2388/HH</b> – Top Corner, High Street. New roof to existing rear extension. The meeting agreed to respond with No Objection. <b>P16/V2427/FUL</b> – Land adjacent to the Manor , Woolstone Road. Proposed new dwelling. A site visit is to be arranged for 19 <sup>th</sup> October. <b>P16/V2128/LDP</b> – Uffington Trading Estate. Cllr Banks asked for Parish Council comments. He noted that the proposal was a resurrection of an old application which had not been properly updated. Cllr Banks to look into this and offer the support of the Parish Council.	SJ  Clerk  GB

291/16	<p><b>S106 CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>  <b>MUGA:</b> Refer to minute 287/16 above.  <b>Childrens Play Area:</b> Refer to minute 289/16 above.  <b>Public Art:</b> Interviews with the artists are scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> October.  <b>Allotment Bridge:</b> Nothing further to report.  <b>Tree Planting:</b> Nothing to report.  <b>Footpaths:</b> Nothing to report.  <b>Speeding:</b> this matter is discussed in minute 288/16 above.  <b>Village Hall:</b> Nothing further to report.  <b>Museum:</b> Nothing further to report.</p>	
	<b>FINANCE</b>	
292/16	<p><b>To approve September payments and sign cheques:</b>  A full list of payments is attached to these minutes. Cllrs Oldnall and Jenkins proposed and seconded approval of payments totalling £2999.22. RESOLVED. The cheques were signed.</p>	
	<b>ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS</b>	
293/16	None.	
294/16	<p><b>UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)</b>  <b>Oxfordshire Together:</b> Cllr Jenkins reported that the grips have been surveyed and information is awaited from OCC. OCC will clean them out first, should the Parish Council wish to take on the maintenance.  Second grass cut – Clerk to chase BGG again.  <b>Stile on Upper Common Lane:</b> A quote for the repair has been received. Mr Reid-Rutherford has agreed to pay for the repair. Cllr Jenkins to instruct Henry Allenby. Cllr Oldnall noted that the new stile will need to be included on the asset register.  <b>The Mound:</b> The work to the trees is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> October.  <b>Tree Survey:</b> Two quotes have been received; the approaches differ but in outline there are two types of survey: i) a site visit and visual survey from the ground that will tag all trees and identify issues and ii) a site visit and more extended survey which will include plotting of medium to high risk trees. Cllr Pilcher suggested getting a further quote from Ian Trotter. Cllr Jenkins agreed to do this.  <b>Pond Dredging:</b> This has been completed and Cllr Jenkins has removed most of the fallen willow from the pond.  <b>Field Tidy:</b> This has been arranged for the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October. Crocus corms will be planted near the village sign. They have been kindly donated by Mr Dalrymple. Cllr Jenkins noted that work needs to start on ditches. He will liaise with the volunteer group.</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk  SJ  CLOSED  SJ</p>
	<b>GENERAL</b>	
295/16	<p><b>Monthly Play Area inspections:</b> Cllr Oberman reported that the underside of the slide had now been painted. Mr Oberman was thanked for this.</p>	
296/16	<b>Website:</b> No issues.	
297/16	<p><b>Parish Council Archives:</b> Cllrs Jenkins and Pilcher, along with the clerk, to review the Parish records on 17<sup>th</sup> October.</p>	SJ/KP/Clerk
	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>	
298/16	<p><b>Precept referendum:</b> The meeting agreed to object to the proposal. Cllr Jenkins agreed to answer the questions. The response is due by 21<sup>st</sup> October.</p>	SJ
	<b>CORRESPONDENCE/AOB</b>	
299/16	<p><b>Photocopier:</b> The school are interested in taking on the copier lease. The Clerk has arranged a meeting with Lucy Palmer to discuss this.  <b>Allotment Tenancy Agreements:</b> The changes have been made and the agreements will be issued this week. It was agreed that there would be no change to the annual rent (£40).  <b>Village Defibrillator:</b> A proposal for a public defibrillator was discussed. Cllr JOldnall</p>	<p>Clerk  Clerk  SJ</p>

