

Minutes of the meeting of UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Tom Browns School Museum at 7.30pm on Monday 25th February 2008.

1. **Present:** Cllrs. Mr. G Banks Chairman, Mrs. S Smith, Mrs. K Pilcher & Mrs. B Jones - Assistant Clerk.

2 members of the public attended.

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. J Helsby, Mrs. H Godsell & Mrs. C Shanly - Clerk.

It was noted that the Parish Council had received a letter from Mrs. Carol Shanly resigning as the Clerk, due to ill health.
We would like to thank Carol on behalf of the Council for her very efficient and valiant efforts as the Clerk.

Action: The Council will need to advertise the position of Clerk.

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 21st January 2008 were proposed by Cllr Mrs. Sharon Smith, seconded by Cllr Mrs. K Pilcher & signed off by the Chairman.

3. **Matters arising:**

Footpath to St. Mary's Church - paid invoice for path.

M. Richings - church gates rehung invoice £145 (agreed to go 50/50 with PCC)
Post Office - Uffington stays open.

Action: Notice in next Courier to say thank you for using the Post Office, please continue to support it.

4. **Planning:**

- a) The Crest, Sower Hill – proposal for mobile ‘granny annexe’. Refused.
b) South View Farm – proposal to erect one dwelling. Permitted.

5. **Finance:**

- Church Footpath £7,059.40 paid
- M. Richings £145 cheque to be signed
- Phil Benson (hedge cutting for Oct/Nov) £229.13 cheque to be signed
- Southern Electric £132.68 (50/50 with Museum) cheque to be signed
- VWHDC Dog Bins £46.21 – to pay
- Chubb Fire for service on extinguishers £129.84 - to pay.

6. Jubilee Field

- Grass Cutting
Cllr. Mr. G Banks has agreed an annual contract with the Sports Club.
- Tidy Sessions
Thank you to the team of helpers that sorted out the pond area.
Cllr. Mr. G Banks proposed another tidy up session between pond and Broad Street, where there are a lot of fallen and dead branches.
Next tidy up: Sat.8th March at 10am.
Action: Cllr. Mr. G Banks would contact Mr. P Armishaw with a view to share a bonfire with the THMH and Upper Common Residents clear up.
- Play Equipment
We are waiting a reply to find out the final cost. We also confirmed the acceptance of the offer from the WHST for monies for the new equipment.

7. Upkeep

- Ditches and culverts
We have received a letter from Oxfordshire Highways with a reference number about the blocked drains in the village.
Action: write letters to the Mildenhalls and people in Upper Common Lane who bought land about filled in ditches being put back.
- Litter Picking
Cllr. Mrs S Smith agreed that Tony Robson will now liaise with her about weekly litter picking and monthly cheques.
- Dog mess
Action: note in Courier about it.
- Litter Blitz
Proposed date for **Litter Blitz: Sat 19th April 2008 10am to 12pm.**
Action: note in Courier, ask Scouts in Stanford & flyer through school.
- Worn down road and cracked road surface in Craven Common
Action: Contact Oxfordshire Highways
- Dangerous bulging Garden Walls
Action: Send letters to Laurels & Green Cottage on Broad Street making householders aware of the injury liability to the public.
- Illegal disposal of garden waste
Action: Send letters to house numbers 25-34 White Horse; making householders aware it is an offence to block ditches & drains.

8. Correspondence

- Baulking Parish Council has asked if anyone would be interested in being in a qualified first aider village team. Answer: No thank you.
- Section 137 donations
Proposed village charities for donations:
Independent Advice Centre, Wantage – Agreed £25.
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – Declined.
South & Vale Carers Centre – Agreed £25.

9. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 17th March 2008 at 7.30pm.