

Minutes of the meeting of UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the Tom Browns School Museum at 7.30pm on Monday 17th November 2008.

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

Rev. Rosanna Martin attended.

Apologies: Cllr. Mr. J Helsby & Yvonne Constance (District Cllr.)

2. **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008 were approved by Cllr Mrs H Godsell, seconded by Cllr. Mr G Banks and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Burial Review Policy:**

Cllr. Mr. G Banks went through the policy with the Council and Rev. Rosanna Martin. It was agreed that no amendments were needed and there were no problems raised by Rev. Rosanna Martin. Therefore, this Burial Policy was formally adopted. Cllr. Mr. G Banks asked Rev. Rosanna Martin to pass the guidelines on to the Church Council.

4. **Matters Arising:**

Discuss Fidelity Cover increase on insurance:

It was agreed by the Council, that the extra increase in premium on the insurance of £34.02 did not match the risk attached to increasing the policy cover to £20,000 at the moment.

5. **Planning:**

- i) The Crest (UFF/4131/3) – Granny Flat Extension - PERMITTED
- ii) Former Engine House (BAU/19025/5,08/02501/FUL)-conversion to dwelling- No objections
- iii) Old Smithy House (UFF/20259/3) – First Floor extension - PERMITTED

- 6a. **Finance:**

To approve cheques previously signed:

None

To approve & sign cheques:

- i) Electricity Bill £277.61
- ii) Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £25.00
- iii) Brian White (grass cutting) £1,150.00
- iv) Toby Robson £20.00
- v) THMH shortfall of 2008 Grant £100 (**Action:** Clerk to check past accounts)

- 6b. **Other Finance:**

Tom Browns Museum accounts were shown, approved and signed for Year ending 31.03.08.

Year End Accounts 31st March 2009:

It was agreed to appoint Mr. B Rollerson of BR Consulting to carry out our Internal Audit for 2008/2009 accounts, who had kindly agreed to retain us as one of his clients.

7. Jubilee Field:

Vale Shop Relocation Information for circulation.

8. Upkeep:

- Bus Shelter Glass – the replacement glass quote was less than the excess on the insurance. It was agreed to replace like with like this time, but to get a quote for the future for thickened plastic.
- There has been a complaint about overhanging trees on the bend on Fernham Road, past Tom Browns Museum. The trees overhanging the road and stream make it difficult to see round the corner. **Action:** A letter to Mr. & Mrs. J Moss to ask them if they wouldn't mind cutting back some of the trees.
- Cllr. Mr. G Banks reported that, Cllr. Mr. J Helsby was going to contact Sovereign Housing about the potential donation to the Parish Council now that the Station Road site has been occupied.
- There have been more complaints about dog mess around the school, church and museum areas. To try to resolve this, the Council thought the best thing would be to have a new dog bin around this area. **Action:** The Clerk would speak to Mr. & Mrs. Rayner to ask if it would be alright to put a dog bin next to the litter bin on the outside of their property.

9. Flooding:

- Reported collapsed ditch opposite South View Farm. **Action:** Cllr. Mr. G Banks would contact 'Gateway' on the County Website about the damage.
- A letter and estimate from Mr. I. Richings was received. It was agreed to still pay the delivery cost and hire of the digger but also to pay for the diesel but not the labour charge, totalling £625. **Action:** Clerk to write to Mr. Richings and to WHST with a copy letter to let the Trust know how we are allocating the Grant they gave the Parish Council for helping with Uffington flooding problems.
- Vale Flood Formation & Funding Letter: Anybody concerned about flooding please come to the Parish Council for help.
- The ditch around Craven Common needs to be checked for litter before Mr. Benson starts hedge cutting and ditch de-weeding, otherwise it could damaged the equipment. **Action:** Cllr. Mr. G Banks to check.

10. Correspondence:

- List of Reviews with dates: The Council discussed a list of policy review and confirmed the dates that they should be carried out if possible. It was agreed that the Clerk should send out the policy document that has to be reviewed with the Agenda for the next meeting.
- South & Vale Carers Centre: The Council agreed to consider a donation when they reviewed Section137, meanwhile forward details to the Courier for possible article.

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 19th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the Museum as usual.