

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.30 pm
At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Nigel Puddicombe, Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Dale Pilchowski, Cllr Graham Banks

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor: Cllr Nathan Boyd

County Councillor:

Members of the Public: 1 member of the public

223/19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Oldhall and County Cllr Constance.	Action
224/19	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS Cllr Jenkins declared an interest in Item 13a .	
225/19	MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2019 Cllr Puddicombe proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 th September; Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
226/19	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 201/19 (177/19 - 155/19 - 131/19 - 107/19 - 77/19 - 52/19 - 29/19 - 4/19 - 326/18 - 299/18) – Community Speedwatch. No progress. There is to be a NAG meeting on 17th October. b) 201/19 (194/19) – Consideration of a Winter Salt bin. Awaiting installation. c) 221/19 – Advertising signs in the car par. One of the signs has been removed. Cllr Pilchowski has surveyed residents but no one seemed worried about the signs. Cllr Jenkins to speak to the owner of the remaining sign. After Note: Completed on 15/10/2019 d) Cllr Jenkins reported that the nomination for the Oxfordshire Sports Awards was not successful. Information for further nominations was not forthcoming in time, but they will be considered for Community Awards next year. Mr Godsell was congratulated on his Community Award.	SJ SJ
227/19	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT No report. The OCC Brexit briefing was to be circulated and put in the next newsletter.	
228/19	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Boyd reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) He thanked Cllr Jenkins for speaking at the recent VWHDC council meeting. He reported that LPP2 had been adopted and the Vale are to start work on a new Local Plan. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has directed SODC not to take any step in connection with the adoption of their Local Plan until further notice; progressing the Plan was an essential step in delivering the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal. b) The Climate Emergency committee would meet for the first time on 15th October. c) The Oxford-Cambridge expressway consultation had still not been published and was now late. d) Vale Officers would approach those residents who had not completed the Household Enquiry form. e) A feasibility study was to commence on Civil Parking enforcement and would report to the Vale in mid-November. f) The Vale leader had written to the Government regarding local council funding. g) Cllr Elaine Ware and others had spoken to Matthew Barber (D/PCC) regarding the speedwatch issues. h) Electric Blanket testing sessions are to be held. Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.	
229/19	POLICE REPORT A written report was circulated.	
230/19	OPEN FORUM Request for help for the local scouting groups. The Group Scout Leader (GSL) reported that the local scout group was short of leaders. She wished to step back from running Cubs and concentrate more on the leadership of the Stanford and Uffington Scout Group, which has a membership of 180 children and a waiting list. To enable this	

	<p>more leaders are needed. The GSL asked the Parish Council for help in recruiting people. The following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Pilchowski to consider how to get more into the Courier on youth activities in the villages. b) Cllr Oberman to improve the cubs/scouts/brownies entry in the Welcome Pack. c) The GSL to approach the Head Teachers at Uffington School and other local schools to see if their systems can be used to call for volunteers. d) The introduction of 'banners' on the village website may draw attention to the need. Cllr Jenkins to discuss with Cllr Oldnall. e) Cllr Jenkins to discuss using social media (Facebook etc) for publicity with Mrs Karen Pilcher. f) Cllr Jenkins to speak to the secretary of the Village Hall committee about putting a poster in the Village Hall. g) Cllr Nathan Boyd to ask Stanford Parish Council to circulate information for the group. <p>The member of the public present was thanked for attending.</p>	<p>DP</p> <p>FO GSL</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>NB</p>
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
231/19	<p>UB Neighbourhood Plan The UB Neighbourhood Plan is now formally made.</p>	CLOSED
232/19	<p>Old Schoolroom Repairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sarsens - No progress. b) Review of building action plan – The document was circulated. Mrs Pilcher will take some of the actions and Mr Jenkins will take responsibility for the Parish Council items. c) Fire Risk Assessment – Clerk to ask the Fire Prevention Officer from the local fire service to carry out an assessment. 	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ/KP</p> <p>Clerk</p>
233/19	<p>S106 and CIL Contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Village Hall Committee has asked for funding toward the cost of installing audio-visual equipment. Clerk to establish whether such a project would be eligible for S106 funding. b) A request was received for the installation of outdoor gym equipment. This was discussed and overall the view of the Parish Council was sceptical. Cllr Jenkins to respond to the request. c) Allotment Bridge – Current estimates to provide a bridge as specified in the 2012 Transfer Agreement are in excess of £45k. A resident has suggested that a concrete bridge could be installed for much less. It was agreed not to spend £45-50k on a bridge. Cllr Jenkins presented various alternatives. Discussion followed on the various alternative options. The preferred option was to use an existing access through one of the Waylands properties, subject to confirmation of details. Cllr Jenkins to progress. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
234/19	<p>Communications Survey Cllr Pilchowski is working on changes to the Courier.</p>	DP
	PLANNING MATTERS	
235/19	<p>New Applications to be considered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) P19/V1685/HH – The Laurels, Broad Street. Removal of oil tank and boiler. Replacement with two air source heat pumps. No objections. b) APP/V3120/W/19/3235719 – Common Farm, Lower Common. Appeal against refusal of permission for three dwellings. Nothing further to add. Cllr Jenkins to draft a response. 	SJ
236/19	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) P19/V1990/HH – 7 Jacksmeadow. Single storey rear and side extensions. Awaiting determination. b) P19/V2064/HH – Land adjacent to Dragon Hill. New self-build four bedroom detached house with attached garage. Awaiting determination. c) P19/V1641/FUL - Chapel Field, Fawler Road. Agricultural barn for storage of farm machinery. Withdrawn. 	
	FINANCE	
237/19	<p>To approve October payments: The payments totalling £1158.65 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe; seconded: Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online. The accounting summary was signed. It was noted that the Insurance Company has been taken over again. Clerk to discuss with Cllr Oldnall.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>Clerk/MO</p>

238/19	Savings Account: Accounts available to the Parish Council to be discussed with Cllr Oldnall.	Clerk
239/19	Data backup SSDs have been purchased and the backup software is to be set up.	CLOSED
240/19	Review of Q2 Accounts Carried forward.	C/F: MO
241/19	Budget Review a) Carried forward. b) Cllr Jenkins to send out a reminder of the deadline for grant applications.	C/F: MO/Clerk SJ
242/19	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST a) A compliment from a resident was read out. b) Monthly Play Area inspections: Cllr Oberman reported that there were no issues with the Play area. The installation of the new gate will cost £175. This was approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded: Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Cllr Oberman to arrange the installation. c) Poplar Trees/Other trees: Cllr Jenkins met with Arbocare and their report was awaited. Arbocare would also report on an Ash tree.	FO
243/19	ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS a) Review of Allotment rents. Cllr Jenkins declared an interest. It was agreed that the rents should remain at £40 for the coming year. Cllr Puddicombe suggested lowering the rent for the first year to encourage new tenants. Feedback was to be sought from existing tenants. b) Cllr Pilchowski suggested resurfacing the car park.	SJ
244/19	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) a) Tree Survey. A number of dead or rotten trees have been identified. A quote for £485 was presented to deal with them. This was approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded: Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to instruct the contractor. Cllr Jenkins to send the contractors details to the Jacksmeadow Residents Association. A willow near the junction at Broad Street is rubbing on electricity wires. SSE has added this to their list of works. Further work may be required on trees in the High Street. b) Verges. BGG will be coming to cut the grass in w/c 14 th October. c) Water Courses. Cllr Banks has surveyed the stream and the system appears to be coping. There was a problem at Rose Cottage. This was reported to Thames Water and the Environment Agency. d) Pond Dredging. A quote of £900 has been received for dredging the south side of the pond. Cllr Oberman asked if the pond exit could be included as it appears to be silted up. Approval was given for up to £1000. Proposed: Cllr Oberman, Seconded: Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED. e) Field Tidy. Mr Godsell and a small team will be starting work around the Jubilee Field shortly. Cllr Jenkins to send an email round asking for volunteers to help.. The brambles at Upper Common Lane need cutting back. Mr Cavanagh is to start work on this shortly. Cllr Jenkins to write to Mr Souton about this. f) Hedge. It was noted that hedge work needs to start. A day will need to be set aside for a team to work on this. Cllrs Jenkins and Oberman to survey the area. Concern was raised that there may not be enough people to complete the work required.	SJ SJ SJ/FO
	GENERAL	
245/19	Nothing to report.	
246/19	CONSULTATIONS a) Connecting Oxford. Cllr Jenkins has circulated in the weekly email. A resident has written to say that the survey fails on important questions. Cllr Pilchowski has completed the survey and confirmed that it is not very good. Cllr Jenkins to re-circulate the link to Councillors.	SJ
	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER AGENDA	
247/19	a) Fly Tipping. The fly-tipped sofa on Claypits Lane has still not been removed. Cllr Pilchowski to report again. b) Burial Policy. Cllr Banks asked if the reviewed Burial Policy was on the website. Clerk to check. Cllr Pilchowski gave his apologies for the November meeting.	DP Clerk
248/19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 11 th November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Thomas	

	Hughes Memorial Hall.	
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The meeting closed at 21.55