

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 12th August 2019 at 7.30 pm
At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Mike Oldnall (Vice Chair), Cllr Graham Banks, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe, Cllr Dale Pilchowski, Cllr Fenella Oberman
Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans
District Councillor: Cllr Nathan Boyd
County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance
Members of the Public: 2 members of the public

174/19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None.	Action
175/19	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS Cllr Puddicombe for agenda item 4b.	
176/19	MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2019 Cllr Banks proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 th July; Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
177/19	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 155/19 (131/19 - 107/19 - 77/19 - 52/19 - 29/19 - 4/19 - 326/18 - 299/18) – Community Speedwatch. No progress. The NAG are still waiting for information from the police on suitable equipment. b) 170/19 – Application to rectify Common Land Register at Pond House. The consultation closed on 15th July and the Parish Council has submitted its response. The determination procedure has been circulated; OCC are the determining authority. Another publication was circulated around the village after the last Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council stated that it deplored the derogatory naming of individuals within the document. A member of the public was granted permission to speak. He stated that most residents of Uffington also deplored the publication. This was seconded by the other member of the public present. The matter is now closed. c) 172/19 – Vale Chairman’s Community Awards. Mr Godsell has been nominated for his public works. 	SJ CLOSED CLOSED
178/19	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Constance’s written report was circulated ahead of the meeting. She reported that the new administration at South Oxfordshire District Council had decided to defer their Local Plan and the Vale may also not adopt LP Pt2. The latter action would cause LP Pt1 to fail. All Neighbourhood Plans relying on these Local Plans would also fail in due course. This action would also affect the infrastructure funding bid submitted by OCC; the funding would be lost as would the Vale’s 5 year housing land supply. Cllr Oldnall asked whether the Neighbourhood Plan could be changed to refer to a higher level plan than the Vale Local Plan. Cllr Boyd agreed to ask the question. Cllr Constance raised the inaugural meeting of the Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance (ONPA). It was hoped that a member of the NPSG would attend. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	NB
179/19	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Boyd reported that the Vale continues to prosecute fly tippers. He reminded residents to complete the yellow forms that had recently been delivered. He had spoken to the Community Partnership about the National Trust issues. Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.	
180/19	POLICE REPORT No report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Burglary at the Shop: Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team has offered support and recommendations to the shop owners. Residents have suggested that the Parish Council should help enhance security. It was reported that there were three possible avenues of support: using S106 funds, applying to the WHST (via the Parish Council) and community crowd funding. Concerns were raised about the Parish Council supporting a private business; it was considered an inappropriate use of Parish Council funds. There was less opposition to the use of S106 funds, but eligibility had to be discussed with the Vale. b) Complaint about parking in the High Street: A written complaint had been 	Clerk

	<p>received about parking opposite the Patrick's Orchard junction on the High Street. One of the residents present agreed that this was a serious problem. It was agreed to write to the residents in the area, and the resident present volunteered to deliver the letters. Cllr Jenkins to draft a letter.</p> <p>c) Reports of Neo-Nazis at National Trust sites: Various newspapers had reported this activity and Waylands Smithy was one of the sites mentioned. Cllr Jenkins had visited the site and found no evidence of such activity. The NT Ranger had contacted the local landowners who had not been aware of any such activity. The matter has been raised with the Police.</p>	SJ
181/19	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>a) Application to rectify Common Land Register at Pond House. Residents stated that the balanced view of the situation was greatly appreciated. Cllr Constance was asked whether the case would be heard in public. Cllr Constance agreed to enquire, but it was felt that it would not be a public hearing, but would be determined on written evidence. A resident had been liaising with Cllr Constance as he had an important item that should be considered, but it had not been submitted before the consultation ended. Cllr Constance would be passing this on to the OCC Officer concerned. Cllr Jenkins was thanked for his work on this matter.</p> <p>b) Shop break-in: A resident was concerned that break-ins at the shop increased the risk of violence to the public.</p> <p>The members of the public present were thanked for attending.</p>	YC
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
182/19	<p>Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The final copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is being printed and distributed. There will be a six week period for comment by the public. Cllr Oldnall to produce a summary of NP policies for the use of the Parish Council in assessing planning applications.</p>	MO
183/19	<p>Old Schoolroom Repairs - Sarsens</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins has an agreement to collect the stones. The fee will be £200. A Saturday date to be agreed for collection and installation.</p>	SJ
184/19	<p>S106 and CIL Contributions</p> <p>The specification for the allotment bridge had been sent to Mr Skeat and he had produced a possible solution, for which the hardware costs were likely to be around £15k. Installation costs to be established. Cllr Oldnall to assist Cllr Jenkins with this.</p>	SJ/MO
185/19	<p>Communications Survey</p> <p>The findings from the survey had been previously circulated. Most of the suggestions for improvement are in hand. There are a number of minor actions for The Courier. Cllr Pilchowski agreed to take this forward. Cllr Oldnall to finalise the survey results; Cllr Jenkins to send to the editor of The Courier. Cllr Jenkins to circulate the new-look Courier for comment.</p> <p>Cllr Oberman asked to be kept informed of new residents so that they could receive a welcome pack.</p>	DP/MO/SJ
	PLANNING MATTERS	
186/19	<p>New Applications to be considered</p> <p>a) P19/V1641/FUL – Chapel Field, Fawler Road. Agricultural barn for storage of farm machinery. The Parish Council objected to this application.</p> <p>b) P19/V1647/LB – The Laurels, Broad Street. Internal and External refurbishment. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.</p> <p>c) P19/V1685/HH and P19/V1686/LB – The Laurels, Broad Street. Removal of oil tank and boiler. Replacement with two air source heat pumps. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.</p>	
187/19	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P19/V1075/HH – Little Thatch, Broad St. Alterations to access, driveway and front garden. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>b) Packers Forge, High St. Two storey rear extension, internal remodelling and removal of outbuilding and erection of three-bay garage. Permission granted.</p>	
	FINANCE	
188/19	<p>To approve August payments: The payments totalling £1683.04 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded: Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online. The accounting summary was signed.</p>	SJ
189/19	<p>Arbocare Quote: Expenditure of up to £400 was approved for a report and quotation for any recommended work on the large poplar trees. Proposed: Cllr Oldnall, Seconded: Cllr</p>	SJ

	Pilchowski.	
190/19	Data backup Clerk to discuss with Cllr Oldnall.	c/f: Clerk/MO
191/19	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST a) Monthly Play Area inspections and RoSPA Report: Cllrs Oberman and Banks have reviewed the equipment against the report findings. The following actions to be undertaken: a. Fencing will be rectified when the new gate is installed. b. Wobbly stiles – no action c. Notice – no action. Current notice was considered sufficient. d. Large swings. The joint has been examined and appears to be in satisfactory condition. No action for the time being. e. Small swings – no sign of the corrosion mentioned in the report. No action. f. Gates – these have been adjusted. b) Poplar Trees: refer to minute reference 189/19 above.	FO/GB
192/19	ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS a) Quarterly Asset check. The report was circulated ahead of the meeting. Items 2 and 3 have been tidied. Item 11 (burial ground) has been reviewed by Cllrs Oberman, Banks and Jenkins. Cllr Jenkins was working on the untidy fence on the north side. The owner of the paddock on the south side was planning some tree work and was happy for the Parish Council to work on the hedge on the burial ground side. Volunteers to be sought to carry out this work in the Autumn. It was agreed that there was no need to remove the large tree in the burial ground as it was anticipated that there are about 50 grave spaces left, which was considered sufficient for at least 25 years. b) Review of Burial Ground Policy. A number of minor changes were identified. The policy was approved subject to these changes being implemented. c) Review of Asset List. It was agreed to keep the basic tree data in the asset list, but the data tables were to remain the working document. Cllr Jenkins to circulate the tree list and map. d) Review of Burial Ground Fees. The revised fees were approved subject to a change of date, heading and some wording changes. The fees had not increased. It was agreed to review again next May. e) Review of Bias in Decision Making Policy. It was agreed that no changes were required. Date of review to be amended.	SJ Clerk SJ Clerk Clerk
193/19	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) a) Pond Dredging. One third of the pond is to be dredged this year. Cllr Jenkins to obtain a quote from Malcolm Hinton. Work to be carried out in October or November. b) Jubilee Field Hedge. A working party to be established. Work to be carried out from mid-October onwards. If there were not enough volunteers it may be necessary to engage a contractor. Cllrs Oberman and Jenkins to discuss dates. c) Going Greener. It was agreed that the verges should be cut at least twice during the season. It was suggested that a 'narrow' edge cut be carried out on the verges during the flowering season with a wider cut being done in the autumn. Cllr Jenkins to speak to BGG.	SJ FO/SJ SJ
	GENERAL	
194/19	a) Winter Salt: It was felt that the purchase of a winter salt bin would be worthwhile. Cllrs Oldnall and Oberman to consider locations. Cllr Jenkins to discuss with the Village Hall Committee and the shop.	MO/FO/SJ
195/19	CONSULTATIONS None.	
	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA	
196/19	None.	
197/19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 9 th September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 22.15.