

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30 pm
At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall**

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

Members of the Public: c75 members of the public; those who signed the attendance list (63) are listed attached.

128/19	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE District Cllr Nathan Boyd	Action
129/19	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS Cllr Puddicombe for agenda item 15a.	
130/19	MINUTES OF AGM AND MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY 2019 Cllr Puddicombe proposed acceptance of the minutes of the AGM held on Monday 20 th May; Cllr Banks seconded. RESOLVED. Cllr Puddicombe proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 th May; Cllr Pilchowski seconded. RESOLVED. The minutes were signed.	
131/19	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 107/19 (77/19 - 52/19 - 29/19 - 4/19 - 326/18 -296/18 - 261/18 - 231/18 - 203/18 - 176/18 - 148/18 - 118/18 - 59/18 - 30/18 - 4/18 - 331/17 - 302/17 - 276/17) Adoption of Jacksmeadow estate by OCC Highways. Helpful guidance has been received from the OCC Highways Team. The Management Company will now take this forward and notify the Parish Council if assistance is required. Cllr Constance agreed to obtain additional help from OCC officers if required. b) 107/19 (77/19 - 52/19 - 29/19 - 4/19 - 326/18 - 299/18) – Community Speedwatch. Cllr Jenkins has a meeting on 12th June with the NAG. It is hoped that the issues will be resolved at that meeting. c) 111/19 – White Horses Project. Cllr Jenkins asked for all councillors to submit their ideas within the next two days. 	CLOSED SJ All Councillors
132/19	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr Constance reported that progress of the infrastructure deal and associated funding is in abeyance due to the change in leadership at the Vale. OCC is continuing to repair potholes and resurface roads. Cllr Constance has some funding for Highways infrastructure upgrades. OCC is number 1 in the UK for waste management and recycling. Only 3% of the county's waste goes to landfill. OCC is aiming to get zero emissions in its own property by 2030 and is looking at a zero emissions scheme for Oxford City. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
133/19	DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT No report. The Parish Council recorded a vote of thanks to Robert Sharp for his contributions over the last four years.	
134/19	POLICE REPORT No report.	
135/19	OPEN FORUM Mr Matthews and Mr Coxhead raised important points for the attention of all those who walk with dogs through fields belonging to local farmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dogs should be kept on leads on footpaths through fields housing livestock. If sheep are chased by a dog, the owner of the sheep has the right to shoot the dog. If cattle threaten you with a dog on the lead, let the dog go – the cattle will probably be more interested in the dog than its owner. 2. Please always pick up and dispose of dog poo responsibly – in a bin, and <u>never</u> to be left dangling in a hedge. This includes when going through pastures; dog faeces contain Neospora. Neospora is a protozoan parasite (i.e. a microscopic, unicellular parasite organism) that can invade, live and multiply inside animal cells. It is one of the most frequently diagnosed infectious causes of abortion in cattle worldwide. 	

	<p>Most of the residents present were concerned about the application to deregister the area of registered common land known as The Green.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins welcomed two members of the applicant's family to the meeting. Anybody with knowledge of the matter may comment and all responses are due to OCC by 15th July; the matter will be on the July agenda. The Parish Council is currently considering the position and gathering its own information, which will be forwarded to OCC in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Constance stated that the consultation was to establish the facts relating to registration of The Green and its status immediately before its provisional registration. This was in 1969 and became final at a later stage. Before this date she did not think that the land was subject to rights of common. OCC is seeking evidence, including the memories of those who were in the village at this time in order to answer the queries posed in the consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins reported that the application for common land registration made on 26th September 1969 was deemed to be in conflict with an application to register the land as a village green in November 1969. Nothing happened until the village green application was withdrawn on 17th August 1972, when the common land registration became final.</p> <p>Mr Henville stated that the land was not closed off at this time; it was fenced later. He stated that the land was designated Open Access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way 2000 ('CRoW') Act There is some evidence of communal use of the land dating back to 1778. The full text of Mr Henville's statement is filed with these minutes.</p> <p>Mr Spence stated that the land was originally part of the Craven Estate. The application to register the land went to the wrong person and the landowner did not have an opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Mr Coxhead gave a list of people who used to use the land for grazing and hay. He stated that children used to play there.</p> <p>Mr Matthews stated that the land was always known as the Village Green. It was sold as part of Manor Farm.</p> <p>Mrs Monk noted that access from the land goes through to Green Lane.</p> <p>There was discussion on whether common land could be privately owned and a number of examples were given.</p> <p>Mr Henville reported that there were no rights of common therefore no one had the right to access the land from the registration as common land; it is the CRoW Act which gives access.</p> <p>Cllr Oldnall outlined what the CRoW Act means.</p> <p>Cllr Banks pointed out that the issue was about right of usage.</p> <p>A number of residents gave examples of use of the land by villagers. Mr Parsons pointed out that the land was recorded as Town Green in 1785.</p> <p>Cllrs Constance and Jenkins reiterated that OCC were looking for relevant evidence in any statements submitted to OCC. Mrs Millikin, Mrs Monk and Mr Godsell offered to help people record their historical memories.</p> <p>Mr Nick Spence and Mrs Mary Humphries were thanked for attending.</p>	Clerk (agenda)
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
136/19	<p>Creation of a Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The referendum will be held on 4th July. Details can be found on the Vale, Village and Neighbourhood Plan websites. Paper copies of the relevant documentation are available at Uffington and Baulking churches.</p>	
137/19	<p>Old Schoolroom Repairs</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins has submitted the project to Oxford Preservation Trust for their 2019 awards. Those shortlisted will be visited on either 4th or 12th July. Work is in progress to complete the sarsens. Awaiting suitable transport for the stones.</p>	SJ
138/19	<p>S106 and CIL Contributions</p> <p>Information on forthcoming changes to the regulations was circulated.</p>	
139/19	<p>Communications Survey</p> <p>Only 53 replies were received from almost 400 surveys circulated. The majority felt that the amount of information from the Parish Council was about right. The village email was the most popular. Further actions from the survey results will be picked up later in the year. A summary of the results will be put in the next Courier.</p>	MO
	PLANNING MATTERS	
140/19	<p>New Applications to be considered</p> <p>a) P19/V1077/HH – Packer's Forge, High Street. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.</p>	
141/19	Update on outstanding planning applications:	

	a) P19/V1075/HH – Little Thatch, Chapel Lane. Alterations to access, driveway and front garden. Awaiting determination.	
	FINANCE	
142/19	To approve June payments: Cllr Oldnall noted that this is the first month of reporting from the new accounting system. The detailed report is to be presented quarterly. Cllrs Oldnall and Jenkins proposed and seconded approval of payments totalling £2252.82. RESOLVED. A full list of payments is filed with these minutes. The payments were reviewed and would be authorised electronically by Cllr Jenkins before 13 th June.	SJ
143/19	Making Tax Digital The new accounting system is now in place.	CLOSED
144/19	Data backup Clerk to discuss with Cllr Oldnall.	c/f: Clerk/MO
145/19	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST a) Monthly Play Area inspections: Cllr Oberman reported that the slide has been repainted and all is OK. No actions. b) Poplar Trees: Cllr Jenkins to get in touch with Mike Harvey from Arbocare. c) Date for Autumn Field Tidy: The weekend of 2 nd /3 rd November.	c/f: SJ
146/19	ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS a) Review of Standing Orders. These had previously been circulated. It was agreed to adopt them. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, Seconded: Cllr Oldnall. RESOLVED. b) Review of Financial Regulations. These had been previously circulated. It was agreed to adopt them. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, Seconded: Cllr Oldnall. RESOLVED. c) Review of Burial Ground Fees. Cllr Pilchowski to research fees in other parishes for discussion at the July meeting.	DP
147/19	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) a) Grass cutting. BGG have been instructed to cut the rural and urban verges by late June. Clerk to forward date to Cllr Jenkins. b) Ditches. Cllr Oberman reported that the ditches are looking overgrown. Cllr Oldnall suggested that this required regular attention, but that it needed to be done manually. Cllr Jenkins noted that the water was still flowing. He will investigate.	Clerk SJ
	GENERAL	
148/19	Application to rectify Common Land Register at Pond House. It was agreed that the Parish Council should search for the evidence requested by OCC, but should not take sides in the wider debate. Any comments made in response to the consultation should be factual statements, not decisions or opinions. Cllr Jenkins to work on this.	SJ
149/19	CONSULTATIONS a) Traffic Sensitive Streets: Cllr Jenkins circulated a proposed response. Following discussion it was agreed that the statement should be amended with regard to numbers. b) OCC Town and Parish Survey. Cllr Jenkins presented a proposed response. This was agreed. Cllr Jenkins to submit. Cllr Oberman to speak to Mr Rumble regarding WHS signage. Consideration to be given to the appointment of a Lengthman when setting the 20/21 budget.	SJ SJ/FO/Clerk (budget)
	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR THE JULY AGENDA	
150/19	Britchcombe Farm: Correspondence from a resident regarding Britchcombe Farm was reviewed. Clerk to establish the permitted use of the campsite and whether any conditions were imposed on the granting of planning permission.	Clerk
151/19	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 8 th July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 22.05