

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 10th August 2020 at 6 pm
By Zoom conference**

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Mike Oldnall, Cllr Fenella Oberman, Cllr Graham Banks
Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans
District Councillor: Cllr Nathan Boyd
County Councillor:
Members of the Public:

177/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
	Cllrs Pilchowski and Puddicombe, County Cllr Yvonne Constance.	
178/20	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Oldnall for agenda item 11a. Cllr Banks for agenda item 12a.	
179/20	MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2020 Cllr Banks proposed approving the minutes on the monthly meeting held on 13 th July. Cllr Oldnall seconded. RESOLVED.	
180/20	REPORT FROM THE UBW CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP Cllr Jenkins noted that there was little to report. The Parish Council was to continue with remote meetings for the time being. The farmers market was returning on the 15 th August. Cllr Oberman was thanked for keeping the playground open.	
181/20	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING a) 175/20 – Trees on Craven Common. Cllr Oldnall had spoken to four residents who had mixed views on the trees. He was to speak to more residents before publishing a statement. It was agreed to remove the pollarded willow at a cost of £125. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Oldnall. RESOLVED.	MO
182/20	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Constance regretted that she was unable to attend but would forward information on Active Travel shortly. After Note: A presentation was circulated on 12 August.	
183/20	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Boyd had sent a report on 29 July which noted early signs of rising COVID cases in Oxfordshire, which was to be expected as we ease out of lockdown, and also some cases in Swindon. He also reported on requests for the re-opening of Council swimming pools. At the cabinet meeting last week proposals were put forward for increases in parking charges in Wantage and Faringdon. Cllr Boyd encouraged the Parish Council to submit a response to the consultation on the Vale's new Corporate Plan. When asked for his opinion Cllr Boyd reported that he had received a broad range of feedback, including that there were too many themes. Focus on the climate emergency was a positive point; the growing ecological emergency (the neglect of native species – wild life and flowers etc) also required consideration. Cllr Jenkins asked about the proposed changes to the planning system, Cllr Boyd reported that he had not heard anything positive yet about them, but there were some good ideas and there was still a lot of detail to be worked out. Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.	
184/20	POLICE REPORT No report.	
185/20	OPEN FORUM No members of the public.	
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
186/20	Old Schoolroom Update a) Sarsens - No progress.	
187/20	S106 and CIL Contributions a) Allotment Bridge – An update had been circulated ahead of the meeting. Cllr Jenkins reported that as the small triangle of land in question appeared to belong to the Crown there was no alternative but to approach the Treasury Solicitor with a view to confirming ownership and the cost of purchase. It was agreed to ask Crowdy & Rose (Anthony Williams) to proceed with this at an estimated cost of £5,000. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Oldnall. RESOLVED. b) Improvements to Footpath 19. Cllr Jenkins had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. Three quotes had been received, two of which included the purchase of the	SJ SJ

	<p>gates and a fourth quote was expected shortly. An application to TOE would be submitted in September and an application would also be made to the WHST. It was agreed that a grant of up to £2,500 could be made from S106 funds. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. It was agreed to form a sub-committee to help assess the quotes. Membership of the committee to include one of the landowners and Dave Cavanagh, who would be approached by Cllr Jenkins. Other members to be Cllr Jenkins, Cllr Oldnall, Cllr Oberman; Cllr Jenkins to ask Cllrs Puddicombe and Pilchowski if either of them would like to be involved in place of Cllr Oldnall.</p> <p>c) Other S106 Projects.</p> <p>a. The application for a mower for the Football Club had been submitted and the Vale had reported that it was expected to be presented at a decision meeting on 8th September.</p> <p>d) Active Travel. See Minute 182/20.</p> <p>e) Emergency Plan. No progress.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
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	PLANNING MATTERS	
188/20	<p>New Applications to be considered</p> <p>a) P20/V1570/HH – 9 Craven Common. First floor front/side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch. There were no objections to this application.</p>	Clerk
189/20	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P20/V1245/HH – Symes Cottage, Broad Street. Proposed single storey rear extension. Permission granted.</p> <p>b) P20/V0762/HH – Lilac Cottage, Woolstone Road. Amended plans. Permission granted.</p> <p>c) P20/V1428/HH – 19 Craven Common. Single Storey rear and side extension, first floor extension over garage and entrance door, internal alterations, replacement cladding at first floor level and replacement windows and doors. Awaiting determination. After Note: Permission granted.</p> <p>d) P20/V0876-HH – Whitcot, Shotover. Proposed single storey side extension with the addition of two new rooflights. Demolition and removal of existing garage. The plans had been further amended with regard to the property boundary. It is unclear where the boundary actually lies. It was noted that this is a matter for OCC Highways. Permission granted.</p> <p>e) P20/V1263/HH – Corrymore Cottage, Shotover Corner. Proposed extension and modification to Corrymore Cottage. Permission granted.</p> <p>f) P20/V0958 – Manor Farmhouse, The Green. Demolish existing car port. Erection of a greenhouse. It was noted that there appeared to be some flexibility in the dimensions of the greenhouse. It was agreed that the Council had no objections but the point should be made that the greenhouse should be built to the specified dimensions. Awaiting determination.</p>	
	FINANCE	
190/20	<p>a) To consider membership of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust. The subscription had increased from £10 to £25. Following debate, it was agreed to remain a member and to pay the increased subscription. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Oldnall.</p> <p>b) To approve August payments: The payments totalling £1467.82 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Banks; seconded: Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online.</p> <p>c) Review of Q1 Accounts. Cllr Oldnall reported that this was not yet complete and a report would be presented next month. The COVID EMR funds will need to be considered at the end of Q2.</p>	MO
	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST	
191/20	<p>a) Monthly play area inspection and RoSPA report. The RoSPA report had previously been circulated. Cllr Oberman had inspected the items mentioned. There was some split wood on the climbing frame and on the bridge. The swings were all OK. Cllr Oberman will look into the split wood and will build up the footings on the slide which are proud from the ground, when the ground softens.</p>	FO
	ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
192/20	<p>a) Health and Safety Policy. A draft was under review by Cllr Oldnall and was carried forward to September.</p>	MO/Clerk
	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)	
193/20	<p>a) The Pond. Cllr Jenkins reported that there had been a heavy growth of reeds this</p>	

	summer at the top end of the pond. It was agreed that this should be dredged during the winter. Cllr Jenkins to speak to Malcolm Hinton as he was the only contractor who put in a reasonable quote previously. It had also been suggested that the area needed to be tidied up. Cllr Oberman to liaise with Mr Rumble to discuss what might be done. It was reported that the metal plate which controlled the water level in the pond had been removed. A new plate had been installed. A note to be published in the next newsletter.	SJ FO SJ
	GENERAL	
194/20	<p>a) Proposal to install a dog waste bin at Jacksmeadow. No progress.</p> <p>b) To consider support for the Local Electricity Bill. Following discussion, it was agreed to support the bill. Cllr Banks requested an addition to the resolution stating that the big electricity companies should be available as backup. Cllr Jenkins to update the resolution.</p>	DP SJ/Clerk
195/20	<p>Consultations</p> <p>a) Vale of White Horse District Council Corporate Plan. Cllr Oldnall had circulated comments on the 6 themes; it was agreed that he would complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Jenkins noted that he had completed a personal submission.</p>	MO
196/20	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR THE SEPTEMBER AGENDA	
	<p>a) Correspondence:</p> <p>i. Active Travel. It was reported that there had been a discussion with a resident about Active Travel. No action.</p> <p>ii. Farmers Market on 15 August. It was noted that the Farmers Market had not yet asked to use the Jubilee Field. Cllr Jenkins to contact the organiser.</p> <p>b) The following to be included on the September agenda: Nothing.</p>	SJ
197/20	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 14th September 2020 at 18.00 by Zoom conference.</p>	

The meeting closed at 19.18