

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 12 October 2020 at 6 pm
By Zoom conference**

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

Clerk/Finance Officer:

County Councillor: County Cllr Yvonne Constance

District Councillor: District Cllr Nathan Boyd.

Members of the Public: One member of the public.

		Action
227/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Clerk/Finance Officer Julia Evans	
228/20	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Oberman declared an interest in Item 11 a i.	
229/20	MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 Cllr Pilchowski proposed approving the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14 September. Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED.	
230/20	REPORT FROM THE UBW CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP Cllr Jenkins reported: a) He thanked District Cllr Boyd and Cllr Oldnall for arranging a grant from the District Council for the costs of providing hand sanitiser to enable use of the playground. b) That none of the UBW Support Group had asked to be removed from the list should any residents need support in a second wave of Covid infection. c) An Uffington resident would be re-opening a collection box for the Faringdon Food Bank. d) That it would be advantageous if the weekly Vale information could be circulated earlier so it could be included in the weekly email. Cllr Boyd stated that unfortunately this was not possible due to the Vale's routine timings.	
231/20	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING a) 175/20, 210/20. Trees on Craven Common. Cllr Oldnall reported that building work was continuing at No 9 Craven Common and there was no point in discussing replacement trees until it was complete. He would liaise with all those interested in due course, and the matter would be closed until then.	CLOSED
232/20	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT a) Cllr Constance had sent a written report from OCC dated 10/10/2020 which was circulated. She further reported: i. Progress had been made with Highways on the Active Travel initiative, in that the Councillor Priority Fund could also be used; she hoped that bids from a number of villages could be made quickly as funds have to be spent before the end of the FY. ii. The OCC response to the Government White Paper on Planning for the Future would be made available shortly. OCC believes that it appears to assume that all councils are unitary – most are actually 2-tier; there was concern at what might succeed S106 and CIL, and how it was proposed to be allocated. iii. There would be no more progress on Devolution for the time being. b) Cllr Oldnall stated that the White Paper was developer-orientated and it did not contain any justification for the target of 300,000 new homes annually. Cllr Constance responded that there is a very large number of 20 to 35-year olds still living with their parents as they cannot afford a house. The pandemic had showed how many people could work from home, with the number going up from 9% to 43% at one time, and 50% of those are still working from home; it was therefore no longer necessary for large amounts of building close to transport links/employment centres. c) Cllr Banks stated that there was no shortage of approved planning applications – thought to be in excess of 1 million awaiting construction on 'land banks'.	
233/20	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Boyd reported: a) Governance. Changes had been made to the Cabinet; the Climate Advisory Committee would meet on a quarterly basis in future; the paper on Civil Parking Enforcement would go to Scrutiny in November and the proposed Corporate Plan would go to Council on 16	

	<p>October.</p> <p>b) The Vale's Covid support grants would continue until March 2021.</p> <p>c) He wished to remind all residents to respond to the Voter Registration letter.</p> <p>d) He had spoken against a motion on the Government White Paper on Planning for the Future as it appeared to significantly reduce the scope and weight given to Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>e) He had still not received a response to Cllr Pilchowski's request for waste bins and was continuing to chase this.</p> <p>f) He was researching how many people in Oxfordshire would benefit from improved broadband. (See Minute 235/20 below).</p> <p>g) In response to a query about the Vale's new website, he stated that various issues were under urgent investigation.</p>	
234/20	<p>POLICE REPORT</p> <p>No report.</p>	
235/20	<p>OPEN FORUM</p> <p>One member of the public attended. She wished to raise the question of improving broadband for Uffington in the form of a Community Fibre Partnership, as had been recently used successfully in East Hagbourne; this could be welcomed by many people in the village. A discussion ensued between her, Cllr Oldnall, County Cllr Constance and District Cllr Boyd, about options which could include the Airband proposal which had been leafletted to Uffington residents and was already being installed for Kingston Lisle. It was suggested that the aforementioned take this forward with the resident.</p>	MO / YC / NB
	<p>ONGOING PROJECTS</p>	
236/20	<p>Old Schoolroom Update</p> <p>a) Sarsens. Additional sarsen stones had been installed, to complete the row on the verge; a search was under way for one more large stone, to complete the project. Cllr Jenkins asked for approval of a donation of £100 from the OSR reserve to the National Trust for their assistance with this project. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe. Seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to make the payment to the NT.</p>	CLOSED
237/20	<p>S106 and CIL Contributions</p> <p>a) Allotment Bridge. No progress since the last meeting; the matter remained with the Treasury Solicitor.</p> <p>b) Improvements to Footpath 19. Further evidence of the consultation about this project which had taken place in the community and the explicit agreement to the installation of the kissing gates by all the landowners concerned had been forwarded to the Vale as requested, with the exception of one field containing two stiles; it was hoped that this would be forthcoming shortly following the sale of the field. The same information had also been sent to the other organisations to whom an application for funding had been made.</p> <p>c) Facilities for older children. The Autumn Courier had contained an article on this topic, requesting assistance from any adult or older children interested in progressing this idea; to date there had been no response. Cllr Pilchowski reported that ad hoc arrangements for bikes were still being made in Jacksmeadow.</p> <p>d) Other S106 Projects. The application for a mower for Uffington Football Club had been approved by the Vale; receipt of the funds was awaited so that the order could be placed by the Clerk.</p> <p>e) Active Travel. Cllr Jenkins reported that a meeting with one of the OCC Highways Technical Officers had been arranged for 22 October, with representatives of the Village Hall Committee and Uffington Primary School. (See Minute 232/20 above).</p> <p>Afternote: The Head Teacher has apologised that she can no longer make this date.</p> <p>f) Emergency Plan. The Village Hall, Church and School (when no children are present) had been offered as reception centres if the Emergency Plan had to be activated. Uffington Sports Club were checking the position on their insurance policy. With these venues confirmed there was no longer any need to include the Fox and Hounds as a reception centre.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
	<p>PLANNING MATTERS</p>	
238/20	<p>a) New Applications to be considered:</p> <p>P20/V23296/FUL. Garden Lodge, Broad Street. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application P18/V0865/FUL to simplify the roof form. Response due by 14th October. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p>b) To consider any new applications received since the publication of this agenda:</p> <p>P20/V1861/LB, for development work at the following location: Manor Cottage Woolstone Road Uffington - Stonework repairs and installation of new gate. The Parish</p>	

	Council had no objections to this application.	
239/20	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P20/V1739/FUL and P20/V1740/LB. Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm. Retrospective application for conversion of dovecote to a dwelling. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>b) P20/V1918/HH. West View Fernham Road. Demolish existing single storey structure to the front of the property. Construct new structure in its place consisting of utility and shower room areas. Permission granted.</p> <p>c) P20/V1860/FUL. Manor Cottage, Woolstone Road. Stonework repairs and installation of new gate. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>d) P20/V1890/HH. Shotover House, Shotover Corner. Proposed conversion of 1st floor garage attic floor to home office/occasional guest use. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>e) P20/V1902/LDE. Wharf Farm, Fernham Road. Certificate of lawful use of converted building as 2 dwellings with class C3 residential. Permission granted.</p> <p>f) P20/V1788/HH. 11 Freeman's Close. Proposed rear conservatory. Permission granted.</p> <p>g) P20/V1880/HH and P20/V1881/LB. Meadowgold, 1 Upper Common. Demolition of existing single storey sunroom, WC and study and construction of new two storey and single storey extension to the rear elevation. Internal alterations to the ground and first floor layout, the repositioning of the existing staircase, stud partitioning to create a utility room on the ground floor and new bathroom and bedroom on the first floor. New patio to exterior of family room and kitchen. Installation of air-source heat pump. (Amended submission to that approved under P19/V3330/LB and P19/V3328/HH). Permission granted.</p>	
	FINANCE	
240/20	<p>a) To approve October payments: The payments totalling £1,518.13 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe; seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online; one payment to be made by cheque.</p> <p>b) Six monthly Budget Review: Cllr Oldnall reported:</p> <p>i. At the half way point of the year, we were £600 in credit against the budget.</p> <p>ii. Some Covid grants had been received from the Vale, to off-set expenditure on screens in the Uffington Shop and hand sanitiser for the playground.</p> <p>iii. There were currently no funds set aside for the additional part-clearance of the pond or for the agreed accessibility work on the website, and the Courier budget was slightly overspent, although partially off-set by advertising income. Recommendations for flexing from elsewhere would be put forward at the November meeting when the Clerk / Finance Officer had returned from holiday.</p> <p>iv. The final Audit report from last year had been received, with very minor comments only; he proposed that the Audit report be accepted; seconded: Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED. The Parish Council thanked Mrs Evans for her work.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>MO/Clerk</p>
	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST	
241/20	<p>a) Monthly play area inspection. Cllr Oberman reported that everything was in good order.</p> <p>b) Verge and hedge cutting. This was currently in progress.</p> <p>c) Extension of hedge line. Cllr Oberman reported that there had been substantial growth of nettles and brambles in the summer on the intended line for the new plants (expected in November) and assistance, possibly requiring a digger, with clearance might be needed.</p>	FO/SJ
	ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
242/20	<p>a) Health and Safety Policy. The revised draft Health & Safety policy had been circulated and was approved for issue. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe. Seconded: Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall noted that this was a very comprehensive policy as recommended by NALC; the essence of the policy was contained on the first two pages with specific matters covered in the appendices.</p>	
	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)	
243/20	<p>a) The Pond. The contractor had stated that the costs of the additional part clearance of the pond would be capped at £750.</p> <p>b) A resident had complained to OCC about the damaged surface of FP387/25 (Packers Lane), where it joined the High Street.</p> <p>c) Cllr Jenkins reported that the pond sluice gate had been interfered with again and a better/more secure solution was still needed.</p> <p>d) A complaint had been made to Thames Water on 5 October 2020 about a further example of hydraulic flooding (excess surface water overloading the sewerage system) and subsequent contamination of the stream on the Fernham Road, and an inability to contact Thames Water, over the weekend 2 to 4 October.</p>	

	e) Allotments. Cllr Puddicombe reported that an inspection of all allotments had taken place; the majority were in good condition but a 'Notice to Remedy' had been issued to three tenants.	
	GENERAL	
244/20	a) Proposal to install a dog waste bin at Jacksmeadow. See Minute 233/20.	Cllr Boyd
245/20	Consultations a) Three consultations on changes to the Planning System. The Parish Council's response to the consultation 'Changes to the Current Planning System' had been submitted on 30 September 2020. Work was continuing on a response to the Government White Paper 'Planning for the Future' (August 2020). b) Shellingford Neighbourhood Plan. A formal 'No Comment' response had been submitted to the area designation consultation. Cllr Jenkins had been in contact with the Shellingford representatives and offered any assistance if required.	MO/SJ
	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 AGENDA	
	The following to be included on the November agenda:	
246/20	Nothing.	
247/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 9 November 2020 at 18.00 by Zoom conference.	

The meeting closed at 19.15