

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 9th November 2020 at 6 pm
By Zoom conference**

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: County Cllr Yvonne Constance

District Councillor: District Cllr Nathan Boyd.

Members of the Public: Mrs K Pilcher and Mr R Avenell.

248/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	Action
249/20	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None	
250/20	MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2020 Cllr Oldnall proposed approving the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 12 October. Cllr Pilchowski seconded. RESOLVED.	
251/20	REPORT FROM THE UBW CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP Cllr Jenkins reported: a) There were a small number of cases in the three UBW villages. b) The support group remains in place should they be needed. c) The shielding program was not operating during the current lockdown. The playground and shop remained open; the latter would have to close if any member of staff tested positive for Covid-19. d) The government was passing the names of the extremely vulnerable down to district level but for data protection reasons, these names could not be flowed down to Parish level.	
252/20	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING None	
253/20	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Constance had sent a written report which was circulated. She enquired after the Active Travel initiative in the village. Cllr Jenkins reported that the meeting scheduled for 22 October had been postponed; any initiative would need to be led by the School and it appeared that it and OCC were no longer in favour of the Walking Bus initiative and that this element of the Active Travel project was now out-dated and the focus was now on road safety awareness. Cllr Jenkins asked whether there was any prospect of an A420 working group. Cllr Constance reported that meetings had been held with Swindon Borough Council; their plans for the road are ambitious. They would like the road to become a major freight route whereas OCC saw it as a local road. A study on the A34/A420 corridor had been commissioned by England's Economic Heartland and the Oxford-Cambridge expressway proposal was paused for the time being. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
254/20	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Boyd reported: a) The Vulnerable Persons register will not be shared. b) 99% of Vale staff were working from home. Contact with the Vale was to be by email wherever possible. c) Civil Parking Enforcement was at an advanced stage. Plans were expected shortly, for implementation in late 2021. d) There were to be changes to off street parking in towns which would include the provision of EV charging points. e) The VWHDC had developed a new website. There were some teething problems. f) There was an extra garden waste collection w/c 9 th November. g) Swindon Borough Council had lost their appeal for public access to a spine road running through the Symmetry Park site. h) Amazon had started work on their new warehouse at Symmetry Park. Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.	
255/20	POLICE REPORT No report.	
256/20	OPEN FORUM	

	Nothing raised.	
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
257/20	Old Schoolroom Update a) New footpath to the Old Schoolroom. Mrs Pilcher presented a proposal for a new footpath to the Old Schoolroom. The proposal would require a Permitted Development (PD) enquiry to VOWHDC to establish whether planning permission was necessary. Three tenders for the work were presented. The additional funds generated this year were to be used toward the project. All councillors supported the proposal, including that the Parish Council should pay the fee for the PD enquiry. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Banks. RESOLVED.	
258/20	S106 and CIL Contributions a) Allotment Bridge. Nothing to report. b) Improvements to Footpath 19. Grant applications had been submitted. Queries had been received from WHST. Cllr Jenkins had answered them. TOE had sent an assessor, who had accepted the need for two gates at the inter farm boundaries for bio-security reasons and agreed that the price of the recommended quote for installation was reasonable. No offers of funding had been received. c) Facilities for older children. Cllr Oldnall reported that no action would be taken until someone comes forward with ideas. Cllr Pilchowski felt that the matter would arise again in the spring, and Cllr Jenkins agreed to include it in the next edition of The Courier. Cllr Pilchowski to represent the Parish Council if anyone came forward to progress the project. d) Improvements to Broadband. A resident had suggested that there was demand for increased speeds in the village. A survey had been sent out and had received 50 responses so far. Cllr Oldnall was in contact with OCC, but was awaiting the final results from the survey. e) Other S106 Projects. The mower for Uffington Football Club had been ordered and paid for. Awaiting delivery. f) Active Travel. Covered in minute reference 253/20 above. g) Emergency Plan. A draft plan had been circulated. The Village Hall Committee had been helpful in offering their services in the event of an emergency. An appeal for volunteers will be included in the next Courier to try and cover the gaps in local resources. Phone numbers were to be included provided that the appropriate permissions were given to publish the data. It was agreed that the plan would be circulated for comment and would be amended on request. Proposed Cllr Oldnall, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to tidy it up and send it out. Once complete it would be sent to the Vale. Cllr Oberman suggested considering a village first aid course in the future to ensure some residents were properly trained.	SJ SJ SJ/DP MO SJ
	PLANNING MATTERS	
259/20	New Applications to be considered: None	
260/20	To consider any new applications received since the publication of this agenda: None	
261/20	Update on outstanding planning applications: a) P20/V23296/FUL. Garden Lodge, Broad Street. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of application P18/V0865/FUL to simplify the roof form. Permission granted. b) P20/V1739/FUL and P20/V1740/LB. Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm. Retrospective application for conversion of dovecote to a dwelling. Awaiting determination. c) P20/V1860/FUL and P20/V1861/LB. Manor Cottage, Woolstone Road. Stonework repairs and installation of new gate. Permission granted. d) P20/V1890/HH. Shotover House, Shotover Corner. Proposed conversion of 1st floor garage attic floor to home office/occasional guest use. Awaiting determination. Afternote: Permission granted. e) P20/V1902/LDE. Wharf Farm, Fernham Road. Certificate of lawful use of converted building as 2 dwellings with class C3 residential. Permission granted.	
	FINANCE	
262/20	a) To approve November payments: The payments totalling £8735.67 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Pilchowski; seconded: Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online. b) To consider budget virement proposals: A proposal had been circulated. The following proposals were presented:	SJ

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Overspend in Pond Maintenance due to an extra clearance this year. £500 to come from EMR and £241 from Village Maintenance ii. Website – overspend due to statutory changes to meet accessibility requirements. To come from General Administration. iii. Courier – overspend due to increased pages and colour printing. £241 to come from the underspend on insurance and the remainder to come from training as this was unlikely to be used in the current financial year. <p>The proposals were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) Grant request from THMH. The request was for £500. Following discussion with Mr Avenell, all councillors agreed to approve the request. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.</p>	MO/Clerk
	THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST	
263/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Monthly play area inspection. Cllr Oberman reported that everything was in good order. The small swings would need a coat of paint in the spring. b) Verge and hedge cutting. This had all been done. c) Extension of hedge line. Cllr Oberman reported that the plants had not yet been received; they were expected any day. The brambles etc were to be removed when the pond dredging was carried out. The same contractor would do both jobs. Cllr Jenkins suggested that some of the plants could go in the burial ground. Cllr Oberman to investigate. 	CLOSED FO/SJ
	ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
264/20	None	
	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)	
265/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Pond. The pond had been tidied up but it had not been possible to do much clearing at the weekend due to the weather. A large willow branch had been cut down and burnt. b) Dredging the Stream around Jubilee Field. The need for dredging was discussed. It was noted that if it was to be done, the majority of the stream from where it joins the Fawler Road to Upper Common Lane and a small section at Shotover would need to be dredged; it was hoped that part of the cost could be re-charged to riparian owners. Cllr Jenkins to discuss with three contractors. To be included in next year's budget, to allow for the work to be carried out next autumn if agreed, 	
	GENERAL	
266/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Proposal to install a dog waste bin at Jacksmeadow. Cllr Boyd was still working on this. b) Website Accessibility. Mark Woodman to be chased for his report. 	Cllr Boyd Clerk
267/20	Consultations None	
	CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR DECEMBER 2020 AGENDA	
268/20	<p>The following to be included on the November agenda:</p> <p>Matters for the December Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Draft budget for 2021/22. Cllr Oberman requested that the precept remain the same given the difficult financial situation. The first draft budget would be circulated in advance of the next meeting where it will be discussed so it can be finalised and approved at the January meeting. b) Proposal for a village Lengthman 	
269/20	DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 14 th December 2020 at 18.00 by Zoom conference.	

The meeting closed at 19.58