

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council
Monday 11th January 2021 at 6 pm
By Zoom conference**

Present: Cllr Mike Oldnall (Chair), Cllr Simon Jenkins, 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: One member of the public

Minute	ITEM 1 - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR	
01/21	Cllr Jenkins thanked all the Councillors and Clerk for their support since May 2015. He noted that a great deal had been achieved. Cllrs Oberman and Oldnall thanked Cllr Jenkins for his work over these years. Cllr Jenkins then resigned the Chair and proposed Cllr Oldnall as the new Chair. Cllr Oberman seconded. Agreed unanimously, RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took the Chair.	Action
	ITEM 2 - APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR	
02/21	Cllr Oldnall proposed Cllr Jenkins as the new Vice-Chair. Cllr Banks seconded. Agreed unanimously. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins signed the declaration of acceptance of office.	
	ITEM 3 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
03/21	None	
	ITEM 4 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
04/21	None	
	ITEM 5 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2020	
05/21	Cllr Jenkins proposed approving the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14 th December. Cllr Pilchowski seconded. RESOLVED.	
	ITEM 6 – REPORT FROM THE UBW CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT GROUP	
06/21	Cllr Jenkins reported: a) It was decided to keep the Playground open. b) The Government has advised the extremely vulnerable to return to shielding. Cllr Jenkins suggested writing to the support group about this; it was agreed to send a message which would both inform volunteers of the Government letter and remind them that the group was still functioning.	SJ
	ITEM 7 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
07/21	a) 273/20 Young Citizen of the year. Cllr Oberman had liaised with Ms Monk. There has been no further progress. It was agreed to close the item. b) 284/20 – Baulking Lakes planning application. A response to this application had been submitted. c) 286/20 – 2021/22 Precept. The precept request form had been submitted.	CLOSED CLOSED CLOSED
	ITEM 8 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT	
08/21	Cllr Constance had sent a written report containing the latest information of COVID vaccinations and other related matters which had been circulated. At the meeting she reported that: a) She had progressed the application for funds from the Councillor Priority Fund for the SID. She had also asked for the Woolstone Road/Fernham Road junction to be resurfaced prior to the white lines being refreshed. The work needed to be completed by the end of March 2021. Any underspend in the grant budget was being returned to be used by OCC to pay for laptops for schoolchildren in the County that didn’t have them. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
	ITEM 9 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT	
09/21	Cllr Boyd reported: a) That the Vale Communications team continued to provide COVID updates during December and that they would continue doing so. b) The Garden Waste collection had been suspended due to staff absenteeism. No restart date was available. Cllr Boyd agreed to ask whether partial refunds would be given. c) The Vale Cabinet approved Civil Parking Enforcement in December and which would come into effect from 4 November 2021. d) COVID Compliance Marshals were continuing inspections in local towns and villages	Cllr Boyd

	<p>and were working closely with Thames Valley Police.</p> <p>e) Vale Officers were being redeployed to deal with the COVID response. This was causing delays to all services. This was expected to have a greater impact than is currently the case.</p> <p>f) The Vale urged reinforcement of COVID messages across the district.</p> <p>Cllr Oldnall asked whether Thames Valley Police would monitor residents from Uffington who travelled to White Horse Hill for exercise. Cllr Boyd stated that anyone in the White Horse valley would be considered local.</p> <p>Cllr Oldnall asked whether staff from the Vale Enforcement team were hit by the same issues. Cllr Boyd stated that they were. There were only 3.5 staff dealing with over 600 cases and they too were likely to be redeployed as enforcement was not a statutory service.</p> <p>Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.</p>	
ITEM 10 – OPEN FORUM		
10/21	Nothing raised. One member of the public was present for agenda item 12.a.i.	
ITEM 11 - ONGOING PROJECTS		
11/21	<p>Old Schoolroom Update</p> <p>a) New footpath to the Old Schoolroom. Cllr Jenkins reported that DMW Landscapes had marked out the path and would be starting work shortly.</p>	
12/21	<p>S106 and CIL Contributions</p> <p>a) Allotment Bridge. Identification of ownership of the small parcel of land was still with the Treasury Solicitor and there had been no progress. The slight widening of the footpath was with the School, who had referred it to OCC. A meeting was to be held on 14th January between the School and OCC. The Parish Council had not been invited. The Vicar had given approval for work on a very small piece of church land. It was suggested that it would be ideal if work on the widening of the footpath could be carried out while the school was not open. Cllr Jenkins felt that it might not be possible to commit funds until the matter of the unregistered land was resolved. Cllr Jenkins to check with the Solicitor. Cllr Pilchowski suggested getting a separate quote for the fence work; Cllr Jenkins agreed to do this once approval from the school had been received.</p> <p>b) Improvements to Footpath 19. Cllr Jenkins reported that the following funding had been secured: £4k from TOE, £2k from WHST and £1k from the Countryside Access Team. A further £6k was required. It was suggested that £1k should come from Parish Council reserves and £5k from S106 funds. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to update the S106 application.</p> <p>c) Improvements to Broadband. Cllr Oldnall to follow this up with OCC.</p> <p>d) Other S106 Projects. Cllr Jenkins to check whether the mower for Uffington Football Club had been delivered.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>MO SJ</p>
13/21	<p>Active Travel/Highways Speed Reduction Measures</p> <p>a) Cllr Jenkins reported that Mark Francis had been very helpful and that a good solution had been reached. The Councillor Priority Fund (see Item 8a) would cover the junction repair and the erection of 4 poles for the SID. Mark Frances had agreed to fund a SID which recorded speeds if the Parish Council agreed to contribute the difference from the standard model. It was agreed that this would come from EMR for Village Projects. Clerk to arrange the payment.</p> <p>b) Cllr Jenkins had received correspondence indicating that the Police were about to replace the radar guns and at least one would be provided for the NAG. It might, therefore, be possible to reinstate the Speedwatch initiative. Cllr Constance felt these initiatives would feed into OCC's proposals for a 20mph speed limited in all the villages in the County.</p>	Clerk
14/21	<p>Emergency Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins had stated work on Version 3 of the plan which was to include details of local people who, as a result of the recent Courier article, had offered facilities/equipment that could be of use during an emergency.</p>	SJ
15/21	<p>Proposal For Village Lengthman</p> <p>No progress.</p>	C/F MO
ITEM 12 - PLANNING MATTERS		
16/21	<p>New Applications to be considered:</p> <p>a) Planning Appeal Consultation - P20/V0394/FUL - UFF – Meadowgold.</p> <p>i. Letters to the Planning Inspectorate. Two letters had been drafted which were circulated. The first outlined the Parish Council's objection and rebuttal of the claims made by the application. The second letter related to the agent's behaviour and conflicts of interest. Both letters were approved and were to be</p>	Clerk

	<p>sent to the Planning Inspectorate, Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED.</p> <p>ii. Letter to the RTPI. It was further agreed to write to the RTPI regarding the agent's behaviour. Proposed Cllr Pilchowski, Seconded Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Afternote: After discussion with the RTPI they stated that the complaint would not be investigated until after the Appeal decision; it was therefore decided not to send this letter until after the decision had been made.</p> <p>iii. Letter to the Vale Planning Enforcement Team. It was noted that a lot of work had already been carried out in the garden of the cottage and that a number of neighbours had already reported this to the Enforcement Team. The Vale had responded stated that the work being carried out was Permitted Development. It was suggested that the Parish Council contact the Enforcement Team; this was agreed. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Oberman. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to draft a letter.</p>	SJ
17/21	To consider any new applications received since the publication of this agenda: None.	
18/21	Update on outstanding planning applications: <p>a) P20/V2912/HH – 19 Craven Common. Resubmission of drawings following approved planning permission. Approved rear single storey extension to extend by an additional metre. Permission granted.</p> <p>b) P20/V1739/FUL and P20/V1740/LB. Dovecote, Britchcombe Farm. Retrospective application for conversion of dovecote to a dwelling. Awaiting determination.</p>	
ITEM 13 – FINANCE		
19/21	<p>a) To approve January payments: The payments totalling £2824.52 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe; seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to authorise the payments online.</p> <p>b) Request for Grant from South and Vale Citizens Advice. A grant of £100 was approved. Proposed Cllr Pilchowski, Seconded Cllr Oberman.</p>	MO
ITEM 14 - THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST		
20/21	<p>a) Monthly play area inspection. Cllr Oberman reported that everything was in good order. It was agreed that there was no need for a monthly paper report on these inspections provided that visits were reported, along with any actions necessary, and recorded in the Council meeting minutes.</p> <p>b) Extension of hedge line. Cllr Oberman reported that Malcolm Hinton had completed the initial digging and she was preparing the ground for planting the hedging. A request for volunteers to help with the work had been made and would be repeated in the next village email.</p>	FO SJ
ITEM 15 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS		
21/21	<p>a) Review of Standing Orders. Carried forward to February.</p> <p>b) Review of Financial Regulations. Carried forward to February.</p> <p>c) Business Continuity Plan. Cllr Oldnall outlined the proposed approach to this policy. There were no objections. The Policy to be reviewed next month.</p>	C/F Clerk C/F Clerk MO
ITEM 16 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)		
22/21	<p>a) The Pond. The work had been completed.</p> <p>b) Dredging the Stream around Jubilee Field. Cllr Jenkins to discuss with Malcolm Hinton.</p> <p>c) Jubilee Field Spring Tidy. It was agreed at the previous meeting that this would take place on the weekend of 21/22 March 2021.</p> <p>d) Fly-Tipping. It was reported that rubbish containing asbestos has been fly-tipped at White Horse Hill. Cllr Jenkins to put a note in the next village email asking that anyone with information on this incident to contact Andy Foley.</p>	CLOSED SJ SJ
ITEM 17 - GENERAL		
23/21	<p>a) Proposal to install a dog waste bin at Jacksmeadow. No progress.</p> <p>b) Website Accessibility. Cllr Oldnall had made no progress yet and there had been no feedback from Mark Woodman.</p>	Cllr Boyd/DP MO
ITEM 18 - CONSULTATIONS		
24/21	a) Strategic Vision for Oxfordshire. Cllrs Jenkins and Oldnall had reviewed this consultation and decided not to comment.	CLOSED
ITEM 19 – CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR FEBRUARY 2021 AGENDA		
25/21	Nothing.	

ITEM 20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
26/21	The next meeting will be on Monday 8 th February 2021 at 18.00 by Zoom conference.	

The meeting closed at 19.38