

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council Emergency
Committee
Monday 10th January 2022 at 6.30pm
On Teams**

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

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

District Councillor: Cllr Nathan Boyd

Members of the Public: Two members of the public

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
1/22	Cllr Graham Banks.	
	ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
2/22	None.	
	ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 13th DECEMBER 2021	
3/22	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 th December were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.	
	ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
4/22	<p>a) 302/21 (250/21 - 224/21 - 196/21) Speedwatch update – Cllr Jenkins reported that there had been no progress. There had been no volunteers as a result of the newsletter article but there was an additional request for volunteers in the Winter Courier. It was noted that some progress was being made in Shrivenham where they were awaiting confirmation of the equipment from the Police.</p> <p>b) 302/21 (250/21 - 225/21) – Implementation of a 20mph zone – It was reported that the Parish Council's interest in the scheme had been registered. There was additional information and request for comments in the Winter Courier.</p> <p>c) 323/21 – Business Vehicles parking on pavements. A letter had been sent to the business concerned but there had been no action. It was agreed to wait another month before considering further action.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>MO</p>
	ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
5/22	<p>Cllr Constance reported that:</p> <p>a) She had circulated a written report which had been distributed to all councillors.</p> <p>b) She felt that poor parking would come under Civil Parking Enforcement.</p> <p>c) She had attended a briefing for the 2022/23 OCC budget. Money would be provided for the 20mph scheme over three years but the amount and how it was to be spent/accessed was unclear.</p> <p>d) The HGV weight restriction over Burford Bridge had been revoked, but she felt that this decision might be overturned.</p> <p>Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.</p>	
	ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	
6/22	<p>Cllr Boyd would send a written report. At the meeting he reported:</p> <p>a) Bin collections would be back to normal in two weeks' time.</p> <p>b) The household support fund was still open.</p> <p>c) He was still awaiting a response on the question of new bins.</p> <p>d) OCC were administering Civil Parking Enforcement for the whole county. He noted that the matter discussed in 4/22 above would not be covered by this scheme and should be reported to the police. He suggested using the online form to submit a report as it was quicker.</p> <p>e) 304/21 (277/21 – 250/21 – 224/21 – 204/21) – Planning process (formerly Dragon Hill) – Cllr Boyd had spoken to the planning officer and reported that both planning applications had been approved. The applicant was now able to choose which application was built. This would not be known until development started. On the question of which set of regulations were followed, it would depend on which application was eventually built.</p>	<p>NB</p> <p>CLOSED</p>

	Cllr Puddicombe asked whether the Christmas Tree collection scheme would operate this year. Cllr Boyd reported that Christmas Trees could be left next to the brown bin on the next green/brown bin collection day (18 January). Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.	
ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM		
7/22	Mr Coxhead welcomed the news about Burford Bridge and reported that he had applied for an exemption certificate to cross it but this had been refused and would result in a 60 mile detour. Cllr Constance noted that the scheme had only been intended to stop through traffic, not to prevent legitimate businesses from operating. She asked Mr Coxhead to send her his email address so that she could liaise with him over the matter. Mr Coxhead reported that he had been unable to access the Defibrillator training. Cllr Pilchowski noted that there had been issues. He offered to help Mr Coxhead if he continued to experience problems. Mr Coxhead was thanked for carrying out the annual ditch clearance.	DP
ITEM 8 - ONGOING PROJECTS		
8/22	Improvements to Broadband Ms Foxhall had received no response from Openreach despite chasing them. She suggested following this up with the relevant OCC officer. Cllr Constance noted that other villages were experiencing the same problem, which she felt could be due to low take-up numbers. Cllr Oldnall had received only a holding reply from Airband (despite the fact that fibre was already being installed!) asking for information on their roll-out. Cllr Jenkins noted that a number of road closures were being planned to enable Airband to install their cables.	KF / MO
9/22	Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments). Cllr Jenkins reported that there was no progress. He was to chase for an update.	SJ
10/22	Conversion of the three stiles on FP26. The application for funding had been submitted to TOE. They will start to consider all applications after 20 th January.	SJ
ITEM 9 – PLANNING MATTERS		
11/22	New Applications to be considered: a) P21/V3460/LDP – 1 Hill View. Single storey rear extension. This was a permitted development application. For information only. Cllr Boyd asked about the Moor Mill Barn application as he had not seen this on an agenda. It was explained that this was discussed at the December meeting. He noted that a response had been submitted about contaminated land. He agreed to get clarification on whether the Parish Council was able to comment on the application. A resident had asked Cllr Oldnall about the footpath, but it was pointed out that this was outside the site so not shown or included in the plans. Cllr Jenkins noted that he had found it difficult to get a response from Arthur McEwan-James about the FP4 footbridge stiles nearby which were in a dangerous condition. Cllr Constance agreed to assist.	Clerk YC
12/22	To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda None.	
13/22	Update on outstanding planning applications: a) P21/V3366/N4B – Moor Mill Barn, Moor Mill Farm. For information only. b) P21/V3056/HH – 9 Jacksmeadow. Extension to existing fence (retrospective). Awaiting determination. c) P21/V2645/HH – The Clock House, High Street. Extension to existing building. Permission granted.	
14/22	a) Britchcombe Farm – report on Working Group meeting. Cllr Jenkins had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. Another meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for 20 th January. The talk by David Miles had been postponed due to Covid. b) Discussion with Raoul Fraser. Mr Fraser from Lovat Parks had been invited to join a Parish Council Open Forum to explain his intentions for the Britchcombe Farm site. He had accepted and requested that he attend the March meeting. Discussion followed on an application that had been submitted by Lovat Parks in the New Forest which had been the subject of many local objections. Cllr Jenkins offered to send details on request. There followed a discussion on permanent and temporary camping sites. c) World Heritage Status. The Working Group had suggested that World Heritage	SJ

	Site status should be applied for, in respect of White Horse Hill and the surrounding area. Cllr Jenkins had spoken with Dr Godfrey who had been involved in an attempt to do this some years ago. However, it would be a long drawn-out process and could take ten years to come to fruition. Cllr Constance felt it was worth pursuing. Cllr Jenkins to follow up.	SJ
ITEM 10 – FINANCE		
15/22	<p>a) To approve January payments: Payments totalling £1145.34 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded: Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to authorise the payments online.</p> <p>b) 2022/23 Budget Allocations: The revised budget allocations had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The main revisions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uplift reduced to a 5% increase in the precept as previously agreed • The '20 is Plenty' funding removed • An uplift to village maintenance to cover 'lengthman' type work on the Jubilee Field stream etc • An uplift to the Old School Room in-year repairs and for Major Repairs EMR as agreed previously • £2k for the allotment fence repair/replacement • Software Licenses has been increased (note: some from EMR not precept) to cover potential costs for increasing business continuity/resilience and replaces the specific 'Clerk Laptop' previously budgeted for. A decision on the final solution has not yet been reached or agreed. <p>The changes were noted and discussed. The budget allocations were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.</p>	MO
ITEM 11 - THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST		
16/22	<p>a) Update. The scrap metal bar had been disposed of along with a chair that had been found on the allotments.</p> <p>b) Monthly play area inspection. Cllr Oberman was to inspect the play area on 11th January and circulate a report.</p> <p>c) Request for a Memorial on the field. A meeting had been scheduled for 11th January to discuss the location of a memorial tree, It was agreed that the applicant would plant it themselves. Cllr Oldnall noted that there had been another application for a memorial bench. He suggested installing this where the old bench had been by the play area. The Parish Council was to review the design prior to installation. Future maintenance was discussed but not felt to be an urgent matter if the bench was a metal one. It was felt that the Village Hall Committee should be notified. Cllr Oldnall to contact the applicant and the Village Hall Committee. There was a question about whether the bench should go on the Parish Council Asset register.</p> <p>d) Applications to use the field. Cllr Oldnall to chase for an update on the request to use the field for a wedding reception. Afternote: A revised request had been received on 11 January and responded to saying music would be allowed up to midnight in line with Village Hall policy.</p> <p>e) Little Kickers. Their 2021 invoice had been paid and permission granted for them to use the field again this year on the same terms. They had been asked to use the MUGA area if the grass was very wet.</p>	FO MO MO
ITEM 12 – ALLOTMENTS UPDATE		
17/22	<p>Allotments Update Cllr Puddicombe reported that the order for the new fence had been placed with Shrevenham Fencing. The work was to be done in April. It had been agreed not to carry out a temporary fix. Mr Godsell had been given a gift to thank him for his efforts over the year. A new tenant had been secured for one of the vacant plots. There were a couple of plots in poor condition and addressing this was to be discussed with Mr Godsell.</p>	NP
ITEM 13 – OSR UPDATE		
18/22	<p>OSR Update There was nothing to report. It was noted that the funds for the repair work were included in the 2022/23 budget. No indication of timescales for the work had been provided.</p>	NP

ITEM 14 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS		
19/22	<p>Emergency Plan. Cllr Oldnall had made some minor amendments to the plan; the substance of the plan had not been altered. The 'bottle in the fridge' scheme was discussed. It was felt that this would be useful for those living alone. Cllr Oldnall to investigate further. Cllr Oldnall was also considering the possibility of a generator to be used if there was a major power outage. This had been discussed with the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Oldnall felt there might be grant funding for this; possibly from SSE.</p>	MO
ITEM 15 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)		
20/22	<p>a) Pond Dredging. Nothing to report. b) Village Stream. The stream was running well. There was discussion on clearing the stream around the common. It was decided to keep it as a manual process which would be carried out in the autumn. c) Early Summer strimming around Jubilee Field. Cllr Jenkins and Mr Godsell agreed to continue with this for 2022. d) Road closures. Another closure of Woolstone Road was planned for a water connection. Clerk to ask OCC whether this was a duplication of a connection carried out 2-3 months ago. e) Plans for Tree Survey. This had been held up due to the suggestion to include the school. The revised ITT was to be sent out this week.</p>	SJ SJ Clerk Clerk
ITEM 16 – GENERAL		
21/22	<p>a) Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee 2022 Cllr Oldnall had informed Woolstone and Baulking of the plans to hold a bonfire and a lunch. The National Trust had not yet provided any information on their plans. Cllr Jenkins offered to chase Simon Knapper. Afternote: The NT has confirmed that they will be having a bonfire on the Hill similar to that for the 2018 celebration.</p>	FO/MO SJ
ITEM 17 – CONSULTATIONS		
22/22	<p>a) Environmental Permits. A response to the proposals had been submitted. b) OCC Budget Proposal 2022/23 – Cllr Oldnall had reviewed the proposal. No response was submitted due to the lack of budget figures.</p>	CLOSED CLOSED
ITEM 18 – CORRESPONDENCE		
23/22	<p>a) Community Governance Review. The request for an additional Councillor had been submitted. To be monitored closer to the date for the next election. b) Trees on The Mound at Craven Common. No progress. Cllr Oldnall was liaising with Mr Godsell. c) Operation London Bridge. Plans were being reviewed for the death of a senior public figure. A video conference was being held on 18th January. Clerk to attend.</p>	CLOSED MO Clerk
ITEM 19 – MATTERS FOR THE FEBRUARY AGENDA		
24/22	<p>a) Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Cllr Oldnall to consider the use of reserves and how video conferencing is used. b) Code of Conduct Review.</p>	Clerk (agenda)/MO Clerk (agenda)
ITEM 20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
25/22	The next meeting will be on Monday 14 th February 2022 at 18.30 in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall subject to the Covid situation.	

The meeting closed at 20.16