

**Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6.30pm  
At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllr Mike Oldnall (Chair), Cllr Simon Jenkins, Cllr Graham Banks, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe, Cllr Dale Pilchowski  
Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans  
County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance  
District Councillor: Cllr Nathan Boyd  
Members of the Public: Approx. 55 members of the public

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
26/22	Cllr Fenella Oberman.	
	ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
27/22	None.	
	ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 10 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022	
28/22	The minutes of the Parish Council Emergency Committee meeting held on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January were approved. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.	
	ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING	
29/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>4/22 (302/21 - 250/21 - 224/21 - 196/21) Speedwatch update</b> – Cllr Jenkins reported that more volunteers were required and he asked members of the public to come forward. Afternote: One additional volunteer came forward after the meeting.</li> <li>b) <b>4/22 (302/21 - 250/21 - 225/21) – Implementation of a 20mph zone</b> – Cllr Oldnall reported that there had been very few comments on the scheme. Three were in favour and two were against. He asked members of the public to send their views to the Parish Council if they felt strongly one way or the other. Awaiting information from OCC on policy and cost before taking any action (see 30/22d below).</li> <li>c) <b>4/22 (323/21) – Business Vehicles parking on pavements.</b> There had been no improvement since last month. It was noted that it was not illegal to park on the pavement, but it did create a hazard for pedestrians. Cllr Oldnall to speak to the PCSO.</li> <li>d) <b>23/22 – Craven Common – Trees on the Mound.</b> The Parish Council had previously agreed to part-fund the replacement of the willow on the mound. This had been replaced by a rowan. Cllr Oldnall was liaising with residents to establish what other planting should take place using the remainder of the funds.</li> <li>e) <b>23/22 – Operation London Bridge.</b> The Parish Council was to decide what the plans will be for Operation London Bridge. To be discussed at a future meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>SJ</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>MO</p> <p>MO</p> <p>C/F</p>
	ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT	
30/22	<p>Cllr Constance had sent a written report which had been previously circulated. At the meeting she reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The OCC budget had been set at the maximum Council Tax increase of 4.99%. This included funds for borrowing.</li> <li>b) The OCC CEO’s appointment had been terminated due to the ending of the shared partnership with Cherwell District Council.</li> <li>c) The Local Transport Plan consultation was still open. Those affected by the A420 were urged to respond to it.</li> <li>d) £8m had been put aside to fund the 20mph scheme, but it was unclear how it would be implemented. It was likely to be free to parishes, but it would take three years to deliver.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.</p>	
	ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT	
31/22	<p>Cllr Boyd would send a written report. At the meeting he reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Vale had a full Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February where the Council Tax would be agreed. It was likely to increase by £5. Afternote: This was confirmed.</li> <li>b) A grant scheme was available to those businesses that had not received a Covid grant. Cllr Boyd to send details.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.</p>	NB

<b>ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM</b>		
32/22	Approximately 55 members of the public forum attended the Public Forum session. Following the introductory discussion, a wide range of questions for Mr Fraser was suggested. These questions, along with those submitted by email, will be rationalised and the key questions, which have not been addressed during his talk, will be put to Mr Fraser at the March meeting.	
<b>ITEM 8 - ONGOING PROJECTS</b>		
33/22	<b>Improvements to Broadband</b> Ms Foxhall reported that there had been no progress and she was still trying to make contact with either the suppliers or the relevant officers in OCC. Cllr Boyd agreed to chase. Cllr Oldnall to email Cllrs Boyd and Constance.	KF / MO/NB
34/22	<b>Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments).</b> Cllr Jenkins reported that there was no progress. He was to chase for an update.	SJ
35/22	<b>Conversion of the three stiles on FP26.</b> Three stiles were to be replaced by kissing gates. An application for funding had been submitted to TOE and an assessor had been out to look at the site.	SJ
<b>ITEM 9 – PLANNING MATTERS</b>		
36/22	<b>New Applications to be considered:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>P21/V3477/FUL – Border Meadows, Woolstone Road.</b> Variation of condition 2 on application P19/V2064/FUL - raise the ridge line for the centre section of the build. Response due by 5<sup>th</sup> February. There were no objections. Afternote: Permission granted.</li> <li>b) <b>P22/V0090/LB – The Baker’s Arms, High Street.</b> To mount an additional wall mounted aluminium street name plate beneath and existing street name place containing additional information to side elevation of an existing building. Response due by 11<sup>th</sup> February. There were no objections.</li> <li>c) <b>P22/V0163/DIS – Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road.</b> Discharge of condition 4 - surface water drainage. For information only.</li> <li>d) <b>P22/V0010/HH – Broadway Farm.</b> Revision to application P21/V0360/HH in order to create a detached annex. The proposal seeks planning permission to revise the previously agreed application to create an attached annex, to now make the annex detached from the rear of the garage, in effect moving the building by 1.5m and establish a walkway in between the two buildings. The purpose will remain the same as will the materials being used. Response due by 15<sup>th</sup> February. There were no objections.</li> </ul> Planning application responses were proposed by Cllr Banks and seconded by Cllr Jenkins. <b>RESOLVED.</b>	
37/22	<b>To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda</b> The applicants for Moormill Farm had sent a letter informing the Parish Council that they planned to change their previous application but it had not yet been received.	
38/22	<b>Update on outstanding planning applications:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>P21/V3366/N4B – Moormill Barn, Moormill Farm. For information only.</b></li> <li>b) <b>P21/V3460/LDP – 1 Hill View.</b> Single storey rear extension. Permitted development application. For information only. Approved.</li> <li>c) <b>P21/V3056/HH – 9 Jacksmeadow.</b> Extension to existing fence (retrospective). Awaiting determination.</li> </ul>	
39/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Britchcombe Farm – report on Working Group meeting.</b> The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. The next meeting was to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. A member of the public asked whether more members were required. Cllr Jenkins was not sure but agreed to put forward any new volunteers.</li> <li>b) <b>Discussion with Raoul Fraser.</b> There was a discussion on the format of Mr Fraser’s talk given the feedback in the Open Forum. The Chairman stated that it would be in the Large Hall and based on the rationalised list of questions from the Public Forum (See 32/22 above).</li> <li>c) <b>World Heritage Status.</b> Cllr Boyd felt that there was support for the idea that White Horse Hill should be a World Heritage site, but he noted that the process would take at least ten years.</li> <li>d) <b>Talk by Mr David Miles.</b> Cllr Jenkins reported that this had been booked for 22<sup>nd</sup> February.</li> </ul>	SJ

ITEM 10 – FINANCE		
40/22	<p>a) <b>To approve February payments:</b> Payments totalling £1171.50 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe, seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to authorise the payments online.</p> <p>b) <b>To consider Members allowances.</b> A note on this matter had been circulated. It was noted that Members could claim expenses and it was not felt appropriate to approve Members allowances. However, it was felt that the Chairman should receive an allowance. Cllr Oldnall suggested that the budget should be reviewed to enable an allocation of £300 for a Chairman’s Allowance. This was approved. Proposed Cllr Pilchowski, Seconded Cllr Banks. RESOLVED.</p> <p>c) <b>Interim Audit Report.</b> The report had been previously circulated. It was reviewed and comments noted. No action arising.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>MO/Clerk</p>
ITEM 11 - THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST		
41/22	<p>a) <b>Update.</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p>b) <b>Monthly play area inspection.</b> Not discussed.</p> <p>c) <b>Memorial Bench on Jubilee Field.</b> Not discussed – carry forward.</p> <p>d) <b>Applications to use the field.</b> The Brownies have applied to use the field on 15 May for their annual get together. They were to conduct a recce.</p> <p>e) <b>Dogs in Play area.</b> Cllr Pilchowski reported that owners had been allowing dogs to run around in the playground. Signs were installed stating that dogs were not allowed in this area, but they were being ignored. To be monitored.</p>	<p>FO</p> <p>DP</p>
ITEM 12 – ALLOTMENTS UPDATE		
42/22	<p><b>Allotments Update</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
ITEM 13 – OSR UPDATE		
43/22	<p><b>OSR Update</b></p> <p>a) <b>Asset of Community Value.</b> Cllr Puddicombe reported that the Trustees did not feel that the Parish Council should request a renewal of the ACV. It had not provided any benefit in the five years it had been in place.</p> <p>b) <b>Window repair.</b> The estimate cost was £1926. Only one quote had been received so far. It was agreed in principle that the work needed to be carried out but a second quote was required. Cllr Puddicombe to contact Paul Pounds. Cllr Oldnall noted that the sum was more than that available in next year’s budget so it would need to come from the repair fund.</p>	<p>NP</p> <p>NP</p>
ITEM 14 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS		
44/22	<p>a) <b>Emergency Plan.</b> Reviewed. No action arising.</p> <p>b) <b>Review of Standing Orders.</b> These had been circulated ahead of the meeting. There had been a minor change regarding committee meeting. The Standing Orders were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe.</p> <p>c) <b>Review of Financial Regulations.</b> These had been circulated ahead of the meeting. There had been an addition on the management of reserves. The Financial Regulations were approved. Proposed Cllr Jenkins, Seconded Cllr Puddicombe.</p> <p>d) <b>Councillors Code of Conduct.</b> The Vale had not yet adopted a new code of conduct. No changes. The code was to be reviewed again once a new one had been adopted by the Vale.</p>	
ITEM 15 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)		
45/22	<p>a) <b>Pond Dredging.</b> This had been completed.</p> <p>b) <b>Village Stream.</b> The stream was running well.</p> <p>c) <b>Plans for Tree Survey.</b> Five companies had been contacted. Two declined to quote and one did not reply. The two quotes received were considered and it was agreed to appoint Ligna. Proposed Cllr Oldnall, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. Clerk to instruct them. Afternote: Actioned.</p> <p>d) <b>Jubilee Field Spring Tidy.</b> It was agreed that this would be held on 26<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>e) <b>Road litter pick dates.</b> This event had previously been carried out in conjunction with Woolstone and Longcot. It was noted that the Great British Spring Clean was from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April. It was agreed to hold this on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Jenkins to include this in the next newsletter. The Clerk was requested to book the litter pick equipment. Afternote: Woolstone have agreed to the same weekend for their litter pick.</p>	<p>CLOSED</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>Clerk</p>
ITEM 16 – GENERAL		

46/22	<p><b>a) Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee 2022</b> The NT had confirmed that they will be lighting a beacon on the Hill similar to that for the 2018 celebration. Cllr Oldnall to contact the Scouts. It was noted that the Royal British Legion were producing plaques for memorial trees. It was agreed to purchase a plaque and a tree. The site for the tree was to be agreed by Cllr Oberman in due course. A budget of £200 was allocated. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED.</p>	MO FO
<b>ITEM 17 – CONSULTATIONS</b>		
47/22	<p>a) <b>Draft Joint Design Guide.</b> The consultation was open until 15<sup>th</sup> March. All Councillors to review. Response to be confirmed at the March meeting. b) <b>Local Transport Plan</b> – The consultation was open until 16<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to send the link to all councillors.</p>	All Councillors Clerk
<b>ITEM 18 – CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
48/22	<p>a) <b>Letter from Jacksmeadow Management Company to Maycroft Homes.</b> The letter was about the choice of route for water to the new houses. The letter was for information only. No Council action was required. b) <b>ABS Lorries.</b> Cllr Banks raised the issue of the ABS lorries travelling to the sewerage plant. Clerk to chase Thames Water for a response to the Parish Council enquiry.</p>	CLOSED Clerk
<b>ITEM 19 – MATTERS FOR THE MARCH AGENDA</b>		
49/22	<p>a) Ratification of Committee meeting decisions b) Approval of Asset and Risk registers c) Annual Assembly d) Jubilee Field Trust AGM</p>	Clerk (agenda)
<b>ITEM 20 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
50/22	The next meeting will be on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 18.30 in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall.	

The meeting closed at 21.15