

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council

Monday 11th April 2022 at 6pm

At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Mike Oldnall (Chair), Cllr Simon Jenkins, Cllr Graham Banks, Cllr Nigel Puddicombe, Cllr Dale Pilchowski, Cllr Fenella Oberman
 County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance
 District Councillor: Cllr Nathan Boyd
 Members of the Public: 3 members of the public

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
76/22	Clerk (Julia Evans)	
ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
77/22	None.	
ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 14 th MARCH 2022		
78/22	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14 th March were approved. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED.	
ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING		
79/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 54/22 (29/22, 23/22) – Operation London Bridge. A condolence book had been purchased. Cllr Oldnall to speak to the shop owners. b) 57/22a – Thames Water. Cllr Oldnall had not yet written to Thames Water but would do so now that the installation issue at Lower Common/Jacksmeadow had been resolved. c) 57/22c – Allotment Holder Details. The Clerk had provided the necessary information to Mr Godsell. d) 69/22 - Review of Asset Register. The kissing gates had been removed from the Asset Register. e) 70/22 – Tree Survey. The Clerk had distributed the Survey. Cllr Jenkins had raised several comments about inconsistencies in the tagging terminology and that there were 2 tags on some trees (by the pond) which needed to be corrected. Cllr Oldnall to contact the company concerned. 	<p style="text-align: center;">MO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLOSED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MO</p>
ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT		
80/22	Cllr Constance reported that she had been made aware of the future cessation of the school bus service taking children from Uffington (and other villages) to King Alfred’s, Wantage, with effect from Sep 2023. This was on the basis that it was not the nearest secondary school to Uffington. She would be monitoring the situation and had sought the passenger figures and costs which underpinned this decision. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT		
81/22	Cllr Boyd had sent a written report which had been circulated. He also reported that delays in services from the Vale could be expected to continue as there was up to 30% staff absent with Covid and 140 others had been redirected to provide support the Ukrainian refugee situation. Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.	
ITEM 7 – ONGOING PROJECTS		
82/22	Improvements to Broadband. Cllr Oldnall reiterated his disappointment that Openreach had still not, despite OCC’s offer to chase weekly, provided revised costings for the Community Fibre Project. In the meantime Airband was continuing to lay fibre in and around the village. Cllr Pilchowski pointed out that he had recently successfully ordered fibre to the premises from Vodaphone and it was installed and working well.	
83/22	Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments). Cllr Jenkins stated that after a long period (7 months) of no comments from OCC Legal (estates) an officer was now suggesting an alternative approach at this late stage.	SJ/YC
84/22	Conversion of the three stiles on FP26. Cllr Jenkins reported that award of the TOE grant had been confirmed. The kissing gates had been ordered for delivery to the installation contractor (Pepler Fine Fencing Ltd) but there was a delay to the planned delivery date and Mr Pepler would contact the landowner to arrange installation.	SJ
85/22	World Heritage Status. This subject was briefed to all at the Annual Assembly.	

ITEM 8 – PLANNING MATTERS		
86/22	<p>New Applications to be considered:</p> <p>a) P22/V0486/FUL – Symes Cottage, Broad Street. Single Storey rear extension. Recording the Parish Council response: response confirmed with no comments. Proposed Cllr Oberman, Seconded Cllr Jenkins. RESOLVED.</p>	Clerk
87/22	<p>To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda</p> <p>None</p>	
88/22	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P22/V0486/FUL - Moor Mill Barn Moor Mill Farm. Full planning application for change of use of an agricultural barn to a dwelling, together with associated external alterations, Formation of a garden, provision of parking, installation of ground source heat pump and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery (MVHR) unit, roof-mounted solar panels and boundary treatment. Awaiting determination.</p> <p>b) P22/V0090/LB – The Baker’s Arms, High Street. 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. Granted.</p> <p>c) P22/V0010/HH – Broadway Farm. 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. Granted.</p> <p>d) P21/V3056/HH – 9 Jacksmeadow. Extension to existing fence (retrospective). Awaiting determination. As agreed at the previous meeting, Cllr Oldnall had written to the desk officer to enquire about the delay. The reply stated “I have made my recommendation for refusal of the application for the higher fence at 9 Jacksmeadow, Uffington, and am awaiting a manager to review the application and sign it off.</p>	
89/22	<p>a) Britchcombe Farm – No Planning Application Received to date. Cllr Jenkins briefed on this subject to all at the Annual Assembly.</p>	
ITEM 9 – FINANCE		
90/22	<p>a) To approve March payments: Payments totalling £5523.31 were approved. This included the increased amount for the Old School Room (See 91/22) invoice. Proposed: Cllr Puddicombe, seconded: Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Cllr Oldnall to authorise the payments online.</p>	MO
ITEM 10 - THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST		
91/22	<p>a) Grass cutting. The Clerk had written to the Sports Club to confirm that they will be carrying out the grass cutting this year. The price originally quoted was within the budget allocation but this had been followed up by a £50 increase due to fuel price rises taking it over-budget. This revised price had been accepted as realistic and any unbudgeted amount would be taken from EMR.</p> <p>b) Monthly play area inspection. Cllr Oberman reported that there were no issues in the playground.</p> <p>c) Memorial Bench on Jubilee Field. Cllr Oberman showed a photo of the new bench to be installed. It was agreed that it should be installed, with a concrete base, in the area where the old (Waitrose) bench had stood. Cllr Oberman to liaise with the donor when the bench was ready for installation.</p> <p>d) Applications to use the field. None.</p>	Clerk FO
ITEM 11 – OSR UPDATE		
92/22	<p>OSR Update</p> <p>a) Repairs. Cllr Puddicombe reported that Mr Hawkins had commenced work on the Old School Room but had quickly discovered a serious additional problem with the wall under the windowsill which needed to be repaired before the planned replastering could take place. This additional repair had been authorised out of committee in order to allow the work to proceed without a more costly revisit and the additional cost was included in the amount authorised (£1502.40) under Item 9. The repair to the window would commence shortly.</p>	NP
ITEM 12 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS		
93/22	None.	
ITEM 13 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)		
94/22	<p>a) Village Stream. The stream continued to run well.</p>	

	b) State of Stiles on Footpath 4. A member of the public had complained about the state of the steps as well as stile on the south side of the footbridge over the railway which had been blocked to prevent livestock escaping via the damaged stile. Cllr Jenkins had contacted OCC about this previously, but there had been no response in the last year. Cllr Jenkins to follow up.	SJ
ITEM 14 – GENERAL		
95/22	<p>a) Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee 2022.</p> <p>a. The Parish Council will sponsor a village picnic. It was agreed that the pizza van should be booked, and a bar would be required. Cllr Oldnall to ask the pizza company and the Sports Club.</p> <p>b. Queens Green Canopy. Working with a member of the public who wished to donate a tree and the Cubs, Beavers and Scouts, Cllr Oberman had identified a space on the Jubilee Field and the ground prepared for 5 trees which would be planted shortly. The Council tree and plaque had been purchased and it was planned to unveil the plaque on 5th June.</p> <p>c. Afternote from Annual Assembly. The following were also suggested:</p> <p>i. Tub-of-war (a resident volunteered to organise).</p> <p>ii. NERF gun range (can be loaned). PTA to be asked.</p> <p>iii. Children's Games (previous organiser to be asked).</p> <p>iv. Cricket/rounders game(s) - to be investigated.</p> <p>v. Music/Open Mic - to be investigated.</p>	<p>MO</p> <p>MO FO FO DP</p>
ITEM 15 – CONSULTATIONS		
96/22	None	
ITEM 16 – CORRESPONDENCE		
97/22	<p>a) King Alfred's School Bus. A letter raising the issue of the future cancellation of the school bus from Sep 2023 had been received. This subject had been covered above (See 80/22).</p> <p>b) Waylands Footpath Sign. A member of the public suggested that as no action had been taken in over a year to re-instate the Waylands footpath sign at the junction with Broad Street that this should be repaired on a self-help basis. Cllr Jenkins agreed to follow this up.</p>	SJ
ITEM 17 – MATTERS FOR THE MAY AGENDA		
98/22	<p>a) The May meeting will be preceded by the Council and Jubilee Filed AGMs, both of which will have the same agenda as last year.</p> <p>b) Mr Raoul Fraser had suggested that he speak at the May meeting but this was not agreed given the need for the AGMs on that day. It was agreed that the Chair would write to him again offering the June meeting date.</p>	MO
ITEM 18 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
99/22	The AGM is currently scheduled for Monday 9 th May 2022 at 18.30 in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, to be followed by the May Council meeting, but both the Chair and Vice Chair will be on holiday then. Afternote: Date revised to 16 th May. Clerk to publicise as necessary.	Clerk

The meeting closed at 18:45