

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council Monday 16th May 2022 at 6.30pm At Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

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

Minute	ITEM 1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Action
111/22	County Cllr Yvonne Constance, Cllrs Mike Oldnall and Fenella Oberman.	
ITEM 2 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
112/22	None.	
ITEM 3 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 11th APRIL 2022		
113/22	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 th April were approved. Proposed Cllr Puddicombe, Seconded Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.	
ITEM 4 – REMAINING BUSINESS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING		
114/22	<p>a) 79/22 (54/22 - 29/22, 23/22) – Operation London Bridge. Cllr Oldnall to speak to the shop owners. Carried Forward.</p> <p>b) 79/22 (57/22a) – Thames Water. An email had been received from Thames Water stating that they were working hard to install new equipment and end the tankering service; they expected the work to be completed by the end of May. A response to the FOI request had been received. Clerk to circulate to all Councillors. Concern was raised over the damage caused to the verges. It was suggested that access to the site required alteration. Cllr Jenkins had asked Cllr Oldnall to report this back to Thames Water, for discussion with the landowner.</p> <p>c) 70/22 – Tree Survey. Carried Forward</p>	<p>c/f MO</p> <p>MO/Clerk</p> <p>c/f MO</p>
ITEM 5 – COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT		
115/22	No report.	
ITEM 6 – DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT		
116/22	<p>Cllr Boyd reported that</p> <p>a) Until recently the Vale had only been communicating with the Oxford Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to planning applications. This had led to issues in areas which were served by neighbouring CCGs. Regular meetings had now been set up with neighbouring CCGs; one had been held on 6th May. Attempts were being made to secure additional funding for the surgery at Shrivenham which needed to expand. A plot of land had been found in Faringdon for a new surgery, but it had been rejected by the Vale. Cllr Boyd felt that S106 funding for healthcare services was not being spent in the local area. Cllr Jenkins pointed out that the S106 funding from the Jacksmeadow development had been spent in Wantage and Faringdon.</p> <p>b) There had been lots of planning applications during the year. There was no sign of an application for Britchcombe Farm, but a three-phase electricity supply was being installed.</p> <p>c) The Vale still had the highest recycling rate in the country.</p> <p>d) The Government was considering a proposal to implement a mandatory free garden waste service. This would be very expensive, and the Vale were fighting the proposal, which would impact all residents through their council tax, regardless of whether they needed the service</p> <p>e) Civil Parking Enforcement was operational, with a focus on towns. The Police were becoming involved in tackling dangerous parking elsewhere.</p> <p>f) EV charging points had been installed, but they could not be used because (computer) chips were awaited for the payment systems.</p> <p>g) White Horse Community Lottery. Tickets cost £1 and players can choose which local good cause(s) they want to support when they purchase tickets. Prizes range from free prize draw entries to a £25,000 jackpot. The Community Garden had signed up. Cllr Jenkins asked Mrs Pilcher if she had applied on behalf of the museum. She confirmed that she had. Cllr Jenkins suggested to Mr Rumble that the Village Hall considered signing up as well. He asked Cllr Boyd to send him a link to the appropriate web page,</p>	

	<p>h) Councillors were holding regular meetings with Police Officers. There had recently been a spate of robberies, including thefts from farms. TVP had increased policing and patrols.</p> <p>i) The planning situation at Baulking Lakes was being investigated as a high priority by the Vale. A date for hearing the appeal was still awaited, pending the availability of a suitably qualified Planning Inspector</p> <p>j) Council Tax rebates had been made to those paying by Direct Debit. Those paying by other methods were taking longer to process.</p> <p>k) The reported construction project on Jacksmeadow was likely to fall under permitted development, but it was not possible to make a judgement until it had been completed. The enforcement team were monitoring the situation.</p> <p>l) He had chased for information on dog bins but had not been successful.</p> <p>Cllr Boyd was thanked for attending.</p>	
ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM		
117/22	<p>a) Trees. Mr Rumble noted that the trees that were being planted for the Jubilee would require watering for some time. He pointed out that there was a tap and hose available for this at the Village Hall. Cllr Oberman had previously noted that the pond was nearby too.</p> <p>b) Speed Reduction. Mrs Pilcher noted that there had been a lot of comments on social media because another pet had been killed on the road. Residents were asking for various speed reduction measures. In response Mrs Pilcher had asked for volunteers for the Speedwatch initiative. Mrs Forster volunteered. Cllr Jenkins noted that at least 6-8 volunteers were needed before it could be progressed. It was noted that the SID was working well but the VAS on Fawler Road was not working. Clerk to contact Westcotec.</p> <p>c) Support for Ukraine. Mrs Forster reported that regular runs were being made to the Shrivenham collection point with donations for Ukraine. The level of donations had been fantastic. She noted that a local resident was about to take in a refugee family, who were expected to arrive in about three weeks. She noted that there was a support group for refugees in the village, which she was happy to continue to coordinate.</p> <p>d) Children’s Air Ambulance clothes bank. Mr Rumble reported that the clothes bank was working well and was being emptied weekly.</p> <p>e) Pole – Mr Rumble asked if anyone knew what the tall cast iron pole situated at Woolstone corner was. Cllr Banks felt that it was a vent pipe for the sewers.</p> <p>The members of the public were thanked for attending.</p>	Clerk
ITEM 8 – ONGOING PROJECTS		
118/22	Improvements to Broadband. Carried forward.	c/f MO
119/22	Access to the Paddock (formerly Vehicle Bridge to the Allotments). Cllr Jenkins reported that an Easement had been drafted by OCC and circulated. It was with Mr Avenell for review and his comments were awaited.	SJ
120/22	Conversion of the three stiles on FP26. Awaiting delivery of the kissing gates. These were expected by the end of the month.	SJ
121/22	<p>World Heritage Site. Cllr Jenkins reported:</p> <p>a) He had attended a workshop run by DCMS and was therefore qualified to draft an application for inclusion in the UK’s Tentative List; applications are required by 15 July.</p> <p>b) The area to be inscribed was under discussion with a number of stakeholders, including National Trust, North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Uffington Heritage Watch.</p>	
ITEM 9 – PLANNING MATTERS		
122/22	<p>New Applications to be considered:</p> <p>a) P22/V0962/HH – Little Orchard, Packer’s Lane. Proposed detached garage. Respond due by 18th May. There were no objections.</p>	Clerk
123/22	<p>To consider any new applications received since the publication of the agenda</p> <p>a) P22/V1141/FUL – Dragon Hill, Woolstone Road. Proposed erection of 2 x 4 bed detached (self-build) dwellings. Response due by 6th June. Clerk to apply for an extension to the consultation period. If that was not approved, an emergency planning committee meeting might be required. It was noted that two bungalows had been approved on appeal at this site, followed by another application for a single bungalow. The current application was for 2 x 1.5 storey houses. It was not clear whether this</p>	Clerk

	was for two additional units or instead of the bungalows. Concern was raised about flooding from the stream.	
124/22	<p>Update on outstanding planning applications:</p> <p>a) P22/V0486/FUL – Symes Cottage, Broad Street. Single Storey rear extension. Granted.</p> <p>b) 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>c) 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>d) P21/V3056/HH – 9 Jacksmeadow. Extension to existing fence (retrospective). Refused.</p>	
125/22	<p>Cllr Jenkins reported:</p> <p>a) The Britchcombe Farm Working Group had been renamed Whitehorse Hill Action Group (WHAG).</p> <p>b) It had been reported that 3 phase power was to be installed at Britchcombe Farm shortly; no other activity of any significance had been reported.</p> <p>c) A PR Action Plan for the WHAG was under development.</p> <p>d) The following was agreed in principle, in the event that a planning application was received for development of some form of caravan park at Britchcombe Farm:</p> <p>i. The Council should submit an immediate request to District Cllr Boyd that the application should be taken to the full Planning Committee of VOWHDC for determination. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins. Seconded: Cllr Puddicombe. RESOLVED.</p> <p>ii. The Council should submit an immediate request to the Planning Officer at VOWHDC for an extended consultation period of 16 weeks. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins. Seconded: Cllr Pilchowski. RESOLVED.</p>	
ITEM 10 – FINANCE		
126/22	a) To approve May payments: Payments totalling £3969.84 were approved. Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, seconded: Cllr Banks. RESOLVED. Cllr Jenkins to authorise the payments online. Clerk to inform Cllr Jenkins where the recently received CIL funds came from.	SJ
ITEM 11 - THE JUBILEE FIELD TRUST		
127/22	<p>a) Grass cutting. Closed</p> <p>b) Monthly play area inspection. No issues were reported,</p> <p>c) Memorial Bench on Jubilee Field. The bench was to be installed where the old Waitrose bench had been. It was hoped that installation would be completed before 5th June.</p> <p>d) Applications to use the field. A wedding reception had booked to use the Village Hall and to place a marquee on the Jubilee Field on 18th June. Cllr Oberman reported that more information was required. It was noted that residents should be informed that there would be music. Cllr Jenkins to put a note in the newsletter. A personal note to nearby residents was also considered.</p>	<p>CLOSED</p> <p>FO</p> <p>SJ</p>
ITEM 12 – OSR UPDATE		
128/22	<p>OSR Update</p> <p>a) Repairs. Mrs Pilcher reported that the end window had been removed and taken away for repair.</p>	NP
ITEM 13 – ANNUAL / QUARTERLY REVIEWS		
129/22	<p>a) Data Protection Policy. This was carried forward.</p> <p>b) Communications Policy. This was carried forward.</p>	c/f Clerk
ITEM 14 – UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES)		
130/22	<p>a) Village Stream. Nothing to report.</p> <p>b) Bus Shelter. One of the glass panels had been broken. Cllr Pilchowski to send a photo to the Clerk. Clerk to consider making an insurance claim.</p> <p>c) State of Stiles on Footpath 4. The steps coming down from the footbridge over the railway (south side) were very dangerous. Cllr Jenkins had written to the Councillor at OCC with responsibility for rights of way. His letter had been passed back to the Countryside officer.</p>	<p>DP/Clerk</p> <p>SJ</p>
ITEM 15 – GENERAL		

131/22	a) Celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee 2022. Lighting of the National Trust beacon on Whitehorse Hill on Thursday 2 June would not take place until 9.45pm. Cllr Jenkins would ask for volunteers to help dig the pit. The Big Picnic on Sunday 5 June would include a bar, pizzas, a tug of war and face painting. It was hoped that someone from the Scouts would organise children's games. Cllr Pilchowski had not received any volunteers to provide music. It was suggested that he contact George Read in Baulking.	SJ DP
ITEM 16 – CONSULTATIONS		
132/22	None	
ITEM 17 – CORRESPONDENCE		
133/22	a) Litter Bug Detectives Trail. Cllr Oldnall had circulated a map of last year's event. Cllr Jenkins asked whether it should be held again; it was agreed that it should, but that the area should exclude Woolstone Road where there is no footpath. Clerk to inform Jessica Beare at the Vale. b) Ukrainian Refugees. A resident had suggested that the Parish Council set up an action group as soon as possible. The Parish Council was unsure what its role might be in this regard, as there was already a support group running in the village (refer to minute 117/22 c above). It was felt that taking in refugees was a personal responsibility. Cllr Jenkins to draft a response.	Clerk SJ
ITEM 18 – MATTERS FOR THE JUNE AGENDA		
134/22	a) Vale Local Plan consultation. The deadline was 23 rd June.	Clerk (agenda)
ITEM 19 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
135/22	Monday 13 th June 2022 at 6.30pm. Cllr Banks gave his apologies in advance.	

The meeting closed at 20.19