

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council, Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Simon Jenkins (Chair), Cllr Graham Banks, Cllr Mike Oldnall, Cllr Karen Pilcher, Cllr Fenella Oberman
Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

District Councillor:

County Councillor: Cllr Yvonne Constance

Members of the Public: 5 members of the public attended

66/16	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: District Councillor R Sharp.	Action
67/16	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None. Cllr Jenkins read out a statement from the Vale DC giving information on bias, both presumed and apparent. It was agreed that this should be put on the website.	Clerk
68/16	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2016 Cllr Pilcher proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 th February 2016. Cllr Jenkins seconded. RESOLVED.	
69/16	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Bus Service/Community Bus: Cllr Jenkins reported that Dr Wise, Mayor of Faringdon, has been contacted. See Minute 70/16, below Speeding in the Village: The Clerk has written to OCC Highways requesting information on the cost of a VAS. No response received. Clerk to chase.	Clerk
70/16	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Constance reported that the Local Plan EiP finished at the end of February. Nothing was thrown out and the Vale is cautiously optimistic. It was felt that adoption of the Local Plan by the end of 2016 was a 'best case' scenario. Once the Local Plan has been adopted sites will need to be found for Local Plan part 2. There is a need for 1000 additional houses plus Oxford City's unmet need of 15,000, which may have to be shared between the four District Councils. It is important that the Neighbourhood Plan is as far advanced as possible in order to ensure the village has a say on where any allocation is to be sited; proposed sites for development should be listed in order of priority. An application for devolved powers has been submitted to the government for approval. The plans will require an elected Mayor. The District councils have put forward alternative proposals for four unitary authorities. Both schemes have value and will go forward to separate consultations. Cllr Constance confirmed that all bus subsidies have been cancelled with effect from 21 July. OCC is negotiating with the bus companies and proposals are still being worked on. Cllr Constance was thanked for attending.	
71/16	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Sharp was not present.	
72/16	POLICE REPORT The March area policing report was circulated prior to the meeting.	
73/16	OPEN FORUM Mr Rumble commented that the Clean for the Queen event went very well. Seven bags of rubbish were filled from the parking area by the railway bridge in Fernham Road. Network Rail have asked for photographs as evidence, since they believe that the problem is caused by contractors. He asked that the Parish Council write to Network Rail. He agreed to ask Bill Mattingley for a contact. Cllr Pilcher suggested asking Network Rail to put a sign up. It was noted that there was also a problem at	Mr Rumble

	<p>high. It was also felt that the double garage with the room over was visually detrimental to the conservation area given its size and location. The meeting voted to object on the grounds of the height of the proposed house and the size of the proposed garage.</p> <p>P16/V0275/HH – Craven Farm Cottage, Upper Common. Single storey rear extension and enlarged front porch. The meeting had no objection to this application.</p> <p>P16/V0203/PDH – Sunnymead, Broad Street. Pre-application determination for the rebuilding of fire damaged kitchen. For information only.</p> <p>P16/V0247/LDE – Britchcombe Farm. Certificate of Lawful development for residential caravan in Plum Tree Field. For information only. This has been approved.</p> <p>Vehicular Access to Westview from Fernham Road. The meeting discussed the potential purchaser’s enquiry about support for the development of vehicular access to the rear of the property between the museum and the church. It was noted that the museum is a grade II listed building and the Church gate is an ancient structure. It was agreed that based on the information provided so far the Parish Council would not approve such an application. Cllr Oldnall suggested writing to the owners. Cllr Jenkins to establish who the owners are.</p> <p>Jack’s Lea – Planning conditions. All discharged planning conditions have been satisfied except for surface and foul drainage. The latest statement from Thames Water is that extra capacity is not required. The Vale has stated that they are not in a position to argue with this. It was noted that Thames Water has been carrying out some work at the sewerage works.</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins to write to Helen Payen at Thames Water expressing Parish Council continuing concerns about foul and surface water drainage.</p> <p>Gladman Appeal. It was reported that the Inspector has refused the appeal. If the appellant can find any points of law that can be challenged he must do so within six weeks. He cannot, however, challenge the views of the inspector. The meeting recorded its thanks and appreciation to Neal Wells supported by Mike Thomas, for the work they have done on the original application and on the rebuttal document.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
81/16	<p>New Applications addressed by circulation:</p> <p>None.</p>	
82/16	<p>Public Art – funded from Station Road development</p> <p>Cllr Jenkins reported on a meeting with Abigail Brown. £11,600 has been received for public art. Ms Brown has been invited to attend the Annual Assembly to present some ideas. It has been suggested that ideas from the CLP could be utilised.</p> <p>Cllr Pilcher suggested something useful such as a welcome sign. Cllr Jenkins suggested a tableau. Cllr Oberman suggested a seat.</p>	
83/16	<p>Station Road Site - S106 Contributions</p> <p>It was suggested that this topic should be the theme for the Annual Assembly. Beth Elkins (South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils) has confirmed that the £100,000 will come directly to the Parish Council. Other funds will need to be claimed. There are currently three ideas for the Parish funds: the playground, the village hall and the allotment bridge. Cllr Pilcher asked whether other CLP ideas should be considered as well as the museum. Cllrs Jenkins and Banks suggested that projects should be match funded in order to maximise the benefit to the village.</p>	<p>Clerk/SJ</p>
	<p>FINANCE</p>	
84/16	<p>To approve March payments and sign cheques:</p> <p>A full list of payments is attached to these minutes. Cllrs Oldnall and Pilcher proposed and seconded. RESOLVED. The cheques were signed.</p> <p>The Clerk asked whether the council would like to continue the subscription to Clerks and Councils Direct. It was agreed to renew.</p>	
85/16	<p>Oxfordshire Together</p> <p>The maps that were promised in December have still not been received. It was</p>	

	reported that Tim Shickle had advised that the revised agency agreements need to be approved at the OCC cabinet meeting on 18 th April.	
	ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
86/16	There were no reviews to be carried out this month.	
87/16	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) Cllr Pilcher to send thanks to the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers for their involvement in Clean for the Queen.	KP
	GENERAL	
88/16	Monthly Play Area inspections: Cllr Banks reported that there are no problems in the play area and the bins have been emptied.	FO/GB
89/16	Allotments: It was reported that a structural engineer may be required to develop plans for the bridge. A letter from the builder is awaited. Cllr Banks noted that it is important to remember that this is to be an off highway bridge.	SJ
90/16	Governance: Policies were circulated to all councillors in advance of the meeting. The following were approved and adopted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection policy • Grants and Donations policy • General Risk Assessment Clerk to put on the website.	Clerk
91/16	Village Website Planning pages have been added to the website. This will need to be updated following feedback. The meeting agreed that the FCC Cinema item could be put on the website as a news feed. It was suggested that community facilities and commercial ones should be separated. However this will need some caveats and disclaimers. It was agreed that minutes do not need to be entered into the change log when they are uploaded. It was agreed that the following should be added to the site: a note about the intended audience; information about the local waste tip; the waste bin timetable.	MO
92/16	Celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday in 2016: Preparations for this are ongoing.	FO
93/16	Casual Vacancy: It was noted that there is still a Casual Vacancy on the council following John Helsby's resignation. No one has come forward yet.	
	CONSULTATIONS	
94/16	No consultations to be considered.	
	CORRESPONDENCE/AOB	
95/16	DMMO – proposed change to the route of footpath over the railway line. The Clerk reported that this proposal had been received and it would be put on the noticeboard. Museum electricity and broadband. The museum/Friends of the museum need to be invoiced for electricity and broadband. Clerk to liaise with Cllrs Pilcher and Banks about this.	Clerk Clerk/KP/GB
96/16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Monday 11 th April 2016 at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall. As this will also be the Annual Assembly it was agreed to hold a short Parish Council meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Assembly at 8pm. Cllr Jenkins to send out a village email about the Annual Assembly and will also contact the WI about providing refreshments. Display boards to be created. Cllr Banks to put up some information on village trails. Cllr Pilcher to create a display on play equipment. Clerk to ask Abigail Brown for some examples of public art. Cllr Oldnall to link to CLP and NP.	

The meeting closed at 10.20 pm