

Minutes of the Meeting of Uffington Parish Council, Monday 11th April 2016 at 7.00pm 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: Cllr Robert Sharp
 County Councillor:
 Members of the Public: Geoff Rumble

97/16	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.	Action
98/16	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None.	
99/16	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th FEBRUARY 2016 Cllr Oldnall proposed acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 st March 2016. Cllr Oberman seconded. RESOLVED.	
101/16	REMAINING BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Network Rail: Mr Rumble was thanked for providing a contact in Network Rail. All that remains is to collect evidence.	
	ONGOING PROJECTS	
102/16	Museum Update: Cllr Pilcher reported that re-accreditation has been submitted. It could take up to two months to hear back. The completion of the forward plan is still outstanding. This will wait until a new curator is appointed. Cllrs Jenkins and Pilcher have met with Sally Straddling, the conservation officer, and it has been confirmed that Listed Building consent will be required for the repair work. Quotes for the work are now being sought and work is due to start soon on grant application. The emergency plan has been updated. Cllr Banks to put a poster on the museum notice board. The museum management structure still needs to be finalised. Cllrs Pilcher and Oldnall to do this.	KP/MO
	PLANNING MATTERS	
103/16	New Applications to be considered: P16/V0759/HH – 34 Patrick’s Orchard. Vehicular hardstanding to front of dwelling. The meeting had no objection to this application but suggested that consideration be given to extending the adjacent layby.	
	FINANCE	
104/16	To approve April payments and sign cheques: A full list of payments is attached to these minutes. Cllrs Pilcher and Oldnall proposed and seconded. RESOLVED. The cheques were signed.	
105/16	Oxfordshire Together The maps have now been received and there is enough information to go to tender for urban and rural grass cutting. Clerk to write to prospective contractors. It was reported that there is a slight change to the rural grass cutting map. It needs to cover up to the cattle grid on White Horse road.	Clerk
	ANNUAL/QUARTERLY REVIEWS	
106/16	There were no reviews to be carried out this month.	
107/16	UPKEEP (INC. WATERCOURSES) It was reported that the watercourses have been coping well with all the recent rain. Cllr Oberman noted that it was flooded on Fernham Road. Cllr Banks stated that OCC Highways need to desilt the ditch. Cllr Jenkins agreed to provide the exact location. Clerk to report to OCC Highways.	SJ/Clerk
	GENERAL	
108/16	Monthly Play Area inspections: Cllr Oberman reported that the paint is coming off	

	and the equipment needs repainting. It was suggested that this is put on hold until a decision is made of the play area. Cllr Jenkins noted that there was some cracking in the car park surface, near the shop. He asked who would be responsible for the repair. Cllr Banks stated that it would depend where the problem was; it will either be the responsibility of the Village hall or the shop. Cllr Jenkins to check the lease.	SJ
109/16	Lifebelt by the pond: Cllr Banks reported that the lifebelt has been reinstated. A notice has been put on the notice board about this. A notice is required for the lifebelt. Cllr Jenkins to check the size. Clerk to order.	SJ/Clerk
110/16	Celebrations for Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday in 2016: It was reported that planning for the event is ongoing. An initial poster has been put up. More information to be put on the website. The plan is for a bring your own picnic. Two marquees have been secured in case of wet weather and a bouncy castle has been arranged. The event will be covered by Parish Council insurance and a license is not required for playing music. A grant application will be submitted.	FO
	CONSULTATIONS	
111/16	It was reported that a consultation has been received regarding a new bus service between Faringdon and Wantage, which is S106 funded. It is not planned to come through the villages. There is another proposal to restructure the 67 A,B and C routes.	
	CORRESPONDENCE/AOB	
112/16	None.	
113/16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Monday 9 th May 2016 at the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall. As this will also be the AGM.	

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm