

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
1 December 2016 at The Square Corner

Chairman: P Blackman

Present: P Cornish T Emms J Gardner P Golding
P Mackian M Pollard D Wells

Apologies: P Disley G Evans E Hagelstein
R Radford B Evans G Does

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2016 - Approved and signed as a correct record.

Police report:

The meeting heard the Police report by Adrian Legg (neighbourhood Bet Manager) and Dave Waller (PCSO for Uffculme). They reported in general that crime was low within Uffculme and that they had very little incidents to deal with.

The parking at Coldharbour was discussed and they informed the meeting that parking matters were not actively a policing matter. If there was an obstruction concerned residents could report it, although it would ultimately result in the police, if available knocking on doors. Removing vehicles wasn't a common solution due to the cost involved.

The use of disabled spaces was also discussed and the meeting was informed that it was common for the paint to remain even when the person living in a house was no longer there and therefore the need for the space was no more.

Business cards, with contact details were left for councillors to take ad contact was actively encouraged.

Finance:

November Financial Statement

APPROVED as official Council Minutes

Defibrulators

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had heard back from the Co-op and they were not willing to have the defibrulator on the outside of their building and therefore she was exploring other options, including The Square Corner.

Noticeboard

The noticeboard had been approved by the Co-op. The central management were considering whether a donation would be made.

Magelake MUGA new goals

The clerk shared details provided by Martin Halse in respect of the goals for the MUGA needing replacing. The estimated cost was £1,658.42. The meeting agreed that Councillor Pollard would collect and arrange repair of the goals at a fraction of the cost – Councillor Pollard would arrange.

Magelake MUGA Repairs from flood damage

Following the flooding the MUGA suffered several lifts and buckles. There will need to be some repair works and this is currently being investigated by Martin Halse.

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The meeting also discussed that we should look into additional kick boards to increase the height of the boards to protect against flooding.

Ashill Village Hall

Councillor Blackman made a request on behalf of the Ashill Village Hall committee for funds towards a new fence. The cost of the fence would be £500. The meeting was in full agreement to offer funds of £500, it had been included in the budget to contribute the same funds towards a shed, but nothing had come to fruition.

2017/18 Budget

The Clerk reminded the meeting that during January we would be setting and agreeing the budget for the next financial year and that all suggestions should be presented by 31 December to allow the Clerk to prepare a draft budget.

Business Arising

Uffculme Central

Councillor Emms shared a run-down of progress with the project. A summary had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk needed to write to Swan Paul to formally instruct them to undertake the work on behalf of the Parish Council. A further meeting would be scheduled to progress matters and an update would be provided at the January meeting.

Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 – 2033 – Update

There was very little in the way of updates – the consultation would run from 3 January to 14 February and the Council would need to compile its response to be submitted to MDCC.

The meeting also agreed that we should try to promote the consultation period to all local residents to ensure as many people respond to the variations proposed.

Landfill site at Broadpath

A meeting would take place on 5 December and a report would be given following the meeting.

However, the email from 15/16 relating to Straightgate and Clay Lane set out the proposal for widening of Clay lane to deal with processing of the material.

It was expected that news would be available in the new year regarding the quarrying at Houndaller.

ABN Feed Mill

A meeting was scheduled for 5 December 2016 and a report would follow.

It was noted that the lorries through the village had been more speed aware recently and this had been noted between local residents.

Willand - Proposed Boundary Change

The committee had a meeting with representatives from Willand Parish Council to discuss the proposed change – the committee agreed the suggestion of Willand for the change and it was agreed at the meeting that Willand would put together a document to consider before submission to MDCC.

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Commercial Road Footpath

There had been recent progress with the footpath and a site visit by DCC was promising. DCC committed to the works and would manage and design the project. Councillor Radford had also committed to offer funds towards the project and the Clerk had completed an application form for the funding.

Magelake Committee & future structure

The Clerk reported that a meeting had been scheduled for the previous week to discuss the structure of the management committee going forward, following the transfer of day to day management to MRH Management, but the meeting didn't take place.

The Clerk had spoken with the committee members who were not involved with the Parish Council and they were in agreement to transfer the day to day committee roles within the Parish Council. This will be further investigated and a progress will be made during January.

Councillor Emms also asked the meeting for support towards purchasing two fire proof filing cabinets to store the Parish archive's. The meeting was in agreement to purchase two fire-prof cabinets at a cost of £400 each, although

Highway Matters/Road and Traffic

Street Lighting

The street lighting had not progressed as DCC's view was that no works would be required as the trees did not infringe on the light as it was more than 1m away.

CLlr Blackman reported that the lights in Ashill had been out for two weeks, although this was now sorted.

Coldharbour Parking Issues

This was largely discussed during the Police report and that there is little that can be done by the Police for the issues.

Correspondence

Other Correspondence

The Clerk advised that she had received no hard copy correspondence.

Clerk's Report

Pathfields Play Area

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place on 29 November 2016 with Sovereign to discuss the play equipment that could be installed. It was thought the something similar to what had been installed at the Rec. Details and costs would follow shortly and discussed at the January meeting.

The Clerk had also received a draft lease which she would review and it was agreed once initial queries had been cleared it would be circulated to Councillors Emms and Wells.

Snow Wardens

CLlr Pollard had distributed the salt to those who had put their names forward.

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New Councillors

The Clerk reported that Dave Lupton had tendered his resignation from the Council due to personal reasons.

The meeting agreed to actively try to attract new Councillors.

Grass Cutting

The meeting agreed that we would continue with the DCC verge plan and would review again annually.

Parish Council Committees

The Clerk had circulated the involvement of Councillors in committees and this was agreed.

2017 meeting dates

The Clerk referred Councillors to the schedule that had been circulated for the forthcoming year.

County Councillor's Report (Cllr Radford)

No report was available.

District Councillors' Report (Cllrs Chesterton, Doe and Evans)

No report was available from any District Councillors.

The next meeting will be Thursday 19 January 2017 at 7.00pm at The Square Corner