

# UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr. Brown – Chairman, Cllr. Babbs – Vice Chairman, Cllr. Mulvaney, Cllr. Sheehan, Cllr. P. Genever & Dist. Cllr. R. Woolley.

Apologies – Cllr. K. Genever, Cllr. Dodsworth and Dist Cllr. K. Cooke.

Public present: Mr. & Mrs. V. Kimberly, Mrs. J. Swanson & Mr. R. Irvine.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman.

Cllr. Brown was proposed by Cllr. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. Mulvaney.

Vice Chairman – Cllr. Babbs - Proposed – Cllr. Mulvaney Sec. Cllr. Sheehan.

Lord Lindsey Trust - Cllr. Brown volunteered for this post and this was accepted.

Village Hall Committee – As Cllr. K. Genever wished to stand down it was agreed that one or two members of the Parish Council would attend Village Hall Meetings on a rotar basis.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PC MEETING**

Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 were approved and signed.

Pro: Cllr. Babbs Sec. Cllr. Brown.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. P. Genever would declare an interest when the Clerks wages were discussed.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

**Court Case** – The result of this will be known by the next meeting.

**Play area** – Cllr. Mulvaney now has the burning equipment and when this is complete Cllr. P. Genever stated that two of his colleagues would be available to erect the fence.

Mr. C. Harris has now levelled and reseeded the Parish Council's grass area on the south side of the Bertie Lane Footpath.

**School Field** – Still no definite answer. The Clerk agreed to chase this up.

**Footpath 7** – The stile has now been repaired.

**Horse riders on Parish Lane and Footpaths** – A sign has been erected at the Casewick Lane end of Footpath 10 informing the public that horse riders, cyclists and vehicles were not allowed on the footpath

**Pot Holes** – The pot holes reported on Barnack and Essendine Road has now been repaired.

**Transparency Code Application** – The grant of £550. For Parish Council Computers and Printers has been received and banked and Mr. R. Irvine is obtaining details of this equipment and would liaise with the Clerk regarding the purchase of these items.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

An e mail had been received from Vanessa Kimberly – Village Hall Secretary pointing out that as the Village Hall is having difficulty despite valent efforts from Vanessa and helpers to meet the running costs of the Hall (£350 per month). She was wondering why the Village Hall is expected to cover the cost of the new storage facilities given that the existing shed is used by the whole village. The Village Hall has also purchased a cabinet to store the village archives. After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Sheehan and seconded by Cllr. Babbs that the Parish Council pay for this cabinet out of Parish Funds. The Clerk to be notified of the cost and forward a cheque to the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. P. Genever offered the site container in the Old Brick Yard to house May Day equipment off site as the rear of the village hall could be used more beneficially.

All other correspondence had been circulated and there were no further comments.

## **PLANNING**

**Planning permission** had been received for the following:

S17/0237 – Erection of two storey ext. and garage – J. Gorman – 18 Greatford Road.

The following were discussed and there was **no objection** to any of the applications:

S17/0474 – Uffington Village Hall – Removal and replacement of existing storage sheds

S17/0618 – Fell 2 Ash Trees – J. Reynolds – Barclay House, Bertie Lane.

S17/0633 – Construction of a 12,000 Bird Extension to and existing 12,000 Bird Free Range Egg Production – PN Watts – The Pheasantries Casewick Park Casewick.

S16/1143 – Erection of single storey and rear link from dwelling to garage – E Stoneman, 25 Main Road.

Concerns had been expressed into how the use of pantiles had been allowed as it was shown on the approved plan as slate should have been use to match the house.

The next door neighbour has checked with the Planning Department who notified her that the Planning Officer after viewing the site had changed the recommendation from a double stepped roof on the extension and also allowed the use of pan tiles which matched the garage which was set back in the garden and certainly did not match the dwelling.

## **ACCOUNTS**

### **Annual Audit –**

Item 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

Considered, approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman Cllr. Brown on 24/052017

Item 2 – Accounting Statement 2016/17

Considered, approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman Cllr. Brown on 24/05/2017. Copies of this Audit Report will be put on Uffington’s Web site.

Anyone wishing to inspect these accounts they will be available at Croft Farm, by appointment from 6<sup>th</sup> June for 30 working days.

C. Harris – Grass Cutting on 31/03/2017, - £50

13/04/2017 - £50

Grass Cutting and levelling and reseeded ground south of footpath on play area

12/05/2017 - £180

Pro: Cllr. Brown Sec. Cllr. Babbs

Stable Hire excavator for the levelling - £99.36.

Pro: Cllr. Sheehan Sec. Cllr. P. Genever

Cllr. P. Genever left the room while the following was discussed.

Clerks wages and expenses - £1330. Pro: Cllr Mulvaney Sec. Cllr. Sheehan

Cllr. P. Genever returned to the meeting

The following monies have been received and banked:

LALC - £550.00 Transparency Fund

HMRC - £142.35 VAT Refund

SKDC - £4000. Precept

SKDC - £195. Litter Picker

Bank Balances Treasurers Ac. £1082.36 Deposit Ac £9079.37.

Melton Mowbray BS - £10335.15.

After much discussion it was decided to draw up a list of 2017/18 projects for possible funding by the Parish Council so as to try to indicate what is done with the precept money. Proposals to be put forward for discussion at further meetings.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Babbs stated that the yellow footpath marker had been removed from the post near the style of Footpath 10, he had correspondence from the Footpath people stating that this would be put back by 12<sup>th</sup> June. He would report the outcome at the next meeting.

Cllr. Mulvaney reported that she was seeking the acquisition of a Defibrillator for the village through various funding and possibly a top up from the Parish Council.

She had contacted Katie and James Genever who had recently taken over the Bertie Arms who stated that they would be willing to have the Defibrillator installed on one of their outside walls. More information at next meeting.

Cllr. Sheehan stated that he had seen the Glasdon Leaflet regarding village signs and suggested that a new sign on the A1175 on the approach to the village would and enhance the entrance, but as there was no price list the Clerk agreed to try to obtain one and report back.

The Salter family had contacted the Clerk asking if the Parish Council would agree to them putting a seat on the play area in memory of their mother and father. This was agreed and would be welcomed on the play area. Clerk to contact them.

It was also agreed to write to Mrs. Jane Hartley thanking her for organising the very successful recent litter pick up on the Greatford and Essendine roads.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 8 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9 p.m.