

UFFINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 27th September, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Cllr's present: Cllr. Brown – Chairman, Cllr. Dodsworth, Cllr. Mulvaney & Cllr. P. Genever
Dist. Cllr. K. Cooke and County/Dist. Cllr. R. Woolley.

Apologies – Cllr. K. Genever, Cllr. Sheehan & Cllr. Babbs.
Member of public – Mrs. M. Nicholls.

There were no envisaged **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Minutes of previous meeting were approved and signed
Pro: Cllr. P. Genever Sec. Cllr. Mulvaney.

MATTERS ARISING

Play Area – Cllr. Brown had met with an Playground Inspector from “Wicksteed Playgrounds” regarding a safety certificate for the play area needed for insurance purposes. The Inspector was generally OK with the play area the only major point requiring action was the complaint that the toddler’s swing was too close to the fence. Cllr. Brown and Cllr. P. Genever agreed to inspect the swing to see if it can be moved safely to comply. The fence was again discussed and complaints had been received from some parents stating that as the palings were too close around the toddler area and that they couldn’t keep watch from outside. The contractor had been asked to space out the palings but obviously that hadn’t been carried out. It was not considered advisable to remove the paling and start again as they had been hammer gunned on. The close spacing of the available paling meant there was not enough to finish the fence. Cllr. Sheehan and Cllr. Babbs volunteered to donate new palings to enable the fence to be completed, for which they were thanked. Cllr. K. Genever recently collected the new palings and are in store drying and will be erected when time allows. How to name the donators £10. a paling is still in discussion.

Defibrillator – Cllr. Mulvaney is in the process of obtaining grants etc. and hopes to get this done as soon as possible and then contact James and Katie Genever regarding its installation at the Bertie Arms.

Footpath 917 – Mrs. M. Nicholls had received a reply from LCC following her complaint about footpath 917 around school field. They stated that they considered the path to be fit for purpose which it is clearly not. It was agreed to take a photograph and write again.

The Big Clean - Dist Cllr. K. Cooke was congratulated on the outcome of this enterprise. Work had been carried out in Uffington clearing weeds from kerbs and path and he was thanked. Where more work needs in the village, this will be registered to the Big Clean. The Parish Council pointed out the state of the paths and kerbs on the way into Stamford, he stated that this had been reported and hoped that this area would be cleared. Cllr. Cooke also stated that this project will be on going and the Council had put aside 1 million pounds to fund this enterprise.

Refurbishment of Village Sign – The sign is to be taken down inspected and if it is considered that a new sign is required Glyn Mould be contacted again asking for another quote. The quote he gave on 5th December, 2016 and recorded at the meeting on 8th February, 2017 was £560. Which was just for repair and repainting

River Bridge – The tree on the bridge has been recorded by LCC Highways Team under transition number 101000225918 whether that means the tree will be removed is anyone's guess!

Mr. P. Hirst had trimmed his trees on Greatford Road a letter of thanks had been sent.

CORRESPONDENCE

An email had been received from Mr. Canny Dean at Anglian Water stating that they would be potentially some water main replacement in the Uffington Area and he wanted to know who owned the grassed area from Casewick Lane to Bertie Lane. As the Parish Council own this area he be notified accordingly.

Insurance – A letter has been received confirming that the Parish Council Insurers have changed from AON to BHIB Ltd. And apart from a small charge in IPT (Insurance Premium Tax) the coverage and premium for the next renewal will remain the same.

PLANNING

The following two applications were discussed and there was no objection to either S17/1498 – Conversion of existing barn to 2 No. Office Units – N. Teesdale, Copthill Farm S17/1639 – Re-cladding of existing building, new customer suite and other alterations, parking etc. – Gary Berridge . Cummins Generator, Stamford Business Park.

Planning permission had been received for the following

S17/1244 – Erection of ss Ext – St Michael and all Angels, School Lane – R Yates.

S17/1383 – Pro. Ext to Dwelling – 3 Main Road – J. Hartley.

S17/1452 - Erection of ss front and ss side extension – 20 Greatford Road – E. Wilkins.

1 Main Road - Concerns had been raised regarding the ground work to paddock and grass replaced by artificial turf at 1 Main Road. SKDC Planning have been notified and had replied stating that as the paddock is not considered to be within the curtilage of the dwelling house permitted development rights do not apply, but the building and engineering work that have taken place are unauthorised and require planning permission. The owner has been advised to submit a planning permission application.

2 School Lane – Concern has also been raised regarding all the building work being carried out at this address. SKDC Planning and Conservation Officers had stated that the work the Council has given consent for under its permissions process does not require planning approval. The work is being monitored and if the work is considered beyond the scope of that approved by the Council the matter will be looked at the next site inspection.

ACCOUNTS

Annual Audit 2016/2017 – The Annual Audit has been returned approved and a copy of which has been put on the web site.

The following accounts were approved Pro by Cllr. Brown & Sec. by Cllr. Mulvaney.

3 No. Grass Cuttings 17/8/17, 29/8/17, 21/9/17, = £150. - C. Harris

Palings for play area - £126.00 - J.N. Morris

Play area inspection - £103.20 - Wicksteed Playgrounds

Allotments £17.45 - Anglian Water

Bank Balances before above accounts were debited Treasurers A/c - £2145.18

Deposit A/c £5275.61

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Allotments - There was a very successful Allotment Barbeque on Sunday, 17th September, plenty of good food on offer, thanks to organisers.

Concern was expressed regarding one uncultivated allotment that is causing weed problems to its neighbours. As there were people on the waiting list it was decided to write to the tenant stating that if the allotment is not cleaned up his tenancy will be terminated. It was agreed to write to him stating that if the situation has not changed by the next meeting 8th November, 2017 his allotment will be offered to the next person/s on the waiting list.

One Way System - Cllr. Mulvaney complained again about the state of the one way system roadway regarding leaves and pot holes, she would register cleaning up the leaves on the Big Clean web site and the Clerk would e mail Highway regarding the pot holes.

Cllr. P. Genever had gone to a meeting at the LCC Highways Depot at Thurlby. It was reported that the workforce at both North and South Kesteven has been reduced from 40 to 10 which makes it difficult to get over the whole area. Other items discussed was the material used for road repairs, damaged verges. There was going to be a new self help document sent to all Parish Councils.

C.Cllr. Woolley also brought up the item regarding the removal of the finger post on School Lane/Casewick Lane junction. This missing arm is causing confusion to road users who are carrying on down Casewick Lane rather than around School Lane. At the Parish Council Meeting it was decided to write to Highways to try to get this reinstated (as it is not, as far as we know, war time!!)

A full report from C.Cllr. Woolley can be found on the Uffington Web site.

Dist Cllr. Cooke reported on another very successful Georgian Festival in Stamford which is very expensive for the District Council to fund. It is hoped that the next one in two years' time this will only be part funded by the Council with the help of sponsorship and donations.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 8th November, 2017 at 8 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.