

## **Minutes of The Uffington Parish Council Meeting held Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Present: Cllr. Brown – Chairman, Cllr. Dodsworth, Cllr. Mulvaney, Cllr. P. Genever, Cllr. K. Genever, Cllr. Babbs.

Apologies: Cllr. Sheehan

7 members of the public present.

- 1. Anglian water (AW)**– Nathan Saunderson & Dean Canny presented the planned water mains scheme and answered questions. Low dig technology will be used to cause less disruption.

Key points:

Why do we need to do this?

Burst water mains cause interruptions to supply. Pipework is deteriorating because it has reached the end of it's life. 800m of pipe to be installed.

First phase will start 02/01/17 in Newstead. The road will be closed (except for access) at Newstead for a week.

AW stressed that traffic management on roads and driveways is extremely important. On A1175 there will be traffic lights only during AW working hours. They will be removed at other times.

On A1175 between Newstead and Uffington traffic will be disrupted for 3 weeks.

Second phase will begin in February in Bertie Lane, Casewick Lane and Lindsey Road. Minimal disruption is planned. Villagers urged to speak to employees on site if equipment is in the way. Total works to be completed by the end of March.

Safety around equipment and holes is priority. Lighting and barriers will be used.

If water is to be switched off notification will be given 2/3 days in advance. Water will only be off for 2-3 hours at a time.

**ID will be shown by all Anglian Water employees if they knock at your door.**

- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting** - approved as a true record.

Proposer: Cllr P Genever. Seconder: Cllr Brown

- 3. Declarations of interest** – Cllr Brown declared in interest in the allotments

### **4. Matters arising**

#### Play area

Cllr Mulvaney reported that transfers had arrived but the font size is too small – the company are re-issuing them and Cllr Mulvaney is waiting for them to arrive.

Additional play equipment. The Somes Trust would like to donate some money for equipment in the toddler area. A rocking rider and an aero-whirl have been selected from Playdale's equipment catalogue – both of these were identified in the consultation. The total price of £5357.00 quoted from Playdale includes installation, surfacing, inspection and secure storage

**Action:** Cllr Brown to contact Wicksteed to compare prices.

#### Defibrillator

Cllr Mulvaney reported that she is looking into 50 % matched funding from SKDC for the cost of this. The Parish Council agreed to match the funding by fundraising efforts. The Clerk reported that this will also be on the agenda for scarecrows at the January meeting.

**Action:** Cllr Dodsworth to set a pub quiz, Cllr K Genever to set a date, Cllr Mulvaney/Clerk to apply for SKDC funding.

#### Refurbishment of village sign

Ongoing

#### Hedge planting

Completed by Cllr K Genever with help from Elizabeth Genever.

**5. Report from Rosemary Trollope-Bellew** C.Cllr Deepings West & Rural

**6. Report from Councillor Kelham Cooke** ward member for Casewick Ward

### **7. Correspondence**

#### Community Speedwatch

No volunteers have come forward. This is to be put on the parish council agenda for the next meeting.

#### Uffington School

Playing field notice and new notice board. The proposed notice & board is not in keeping with the conservation area. Cllr K Genever believes that the current notice board is in good condition but the legs need replacing.

Action: Cllr K Genever to speak to Mrs Simms. Clerk to write to Mrs Simms to accept her suggestion of black and gold lettering.

#### Transparency Code Drop in Session

Clerk to check the date of this and book a place.

#### Street Lighting

District Councillor Cooke confirmed no lights which are managed by the District Council will be switched, off despite local media coverage stating this.

### Highway Grass Cutting

Not discussed

## **8. Planning**

The following applications were discussed and there were no objections.

S17/2351 Mr B.Church, 19 Somes Close- replacement shed.

S17/2280 Mr Shackell, The Old Rectory – fell cherry tree and reduce crown of apple tree

The following application was discussed and there were concerns that the frontage appears much larger and plainer than current and would be more in keeping with some screening. The design of the porch is not in keeping with the rest of the building.

S17/1169 Mrs M Smith Hummingbird’s Nest (amended information)

**Action: Clerk to notify planning department at SKDC re: parish council comments.**

## **9. Accounts**

The following accounts were approved Proposer: Cllr Brown & seconder: Cllr Mulvaney

Litter picking 12 hours from 02/10/17 to 18/12/17 = £78.00 Fergus Barratt

Aveland trees – hedging plants 50 x hawthorn, 5 x spindle, 5x dogwood = 26.40.

Bank balances before above accounts were debited:

Treasurers account £1621.08

Deposit account £5471.29

## **10. Any Other Business**

Footpath 10. Cllr P Genever believed that work had been done on this.

**Action:** Cllr Babbs to walk the path and report back for any action required.

Pot holes in Lindsey Road. The Clerk has contacted highways. Cllr R Trollope-Bellew will raise this with district.

2 School Lane - Clerk has received a reply from SKDC this reassures that the project is being over-seen by them.

Village Hall Constitution:

Elizabeth Genever (chair of Village Hall Committee) explained the constitution and Cllr Brown re-iterated the desire of the Council to support the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall committee welcome ideas from all of the groups represented in the village and

for an interim period will allow members of the Parish Council to be volunteers representing the PC. Cllr P Genever has volunteered to attend the next meeting.

Tree on Lindsey Road has been pollarded and opinion seems divided.

Trees growing over footpath on A1175 - Cllr Cooke to raise tree-trimming at district level.

Litter – there have been a number of bottles found in the bus shelter – to be monitored.

Increase in McDonalds wrappers. **Clerk to remind** McDonalds to pick up.

Allotments - Cllr Brown will discuss with the allotment holders an increase in rent from £12 to £15 a year.

Thanks have been received from Mary Johnson for her flowers.

Meeting closed 21:30.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 20:00.

Report – December 2017 – Uffington PC

At the Health Scrutiny Committee last week we looked at Thames Ambulance Service which took over the transportation of no emergency patients in Lincolnshire. Most of their drivers are volunteers but since the company took over in July the majority have left. Drivers are not paid mileage until after the first 10miles and they must drive a car less than 5 years old. The committee voted that we have no confidence in the service provided and requested that a monthly update on the firms' performance be given.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas & New Year

Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

C.Cllr Deepings West & Rural

The big clean initial 10 week project collected just over 100 tonnes of waste from across the District, this has led to a 14% year on year reduction in fly-tipping, which is great news.

The Georgian festival was a great success and most events were sold out and it brought an economic benefit to the local economy of around £1m.

The street lighting review currently being undertaken by the District council is just looking at options, however no lights will be switched off despite local media coverage stating this.

We are also looking to improve rural broadband, car parking and leisure centres across the south of the district.

Councillor Kelham Cooke

The Deputy Leader of South Kesteven District Council

Ward Member for Casewick Ward