

**Unapproved minutes of the Uffington Parish Council meeting held remotely on Thursday
11th March 2021 at 7:30pm**

Present by zoom: Cllr Brown – Chairman, Cllr Hutchins, Cllr Barratt, Cllr Woolf, Cllr Sheehan, Cllr Hartley, Cllr Genever, and two members of the public. Two Clerks – Mrs. L Thurston and K Turner(Minutes)

Cllr Brown opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present

Apologies: Cllr Kelham Cooke

Minutes of the previous meeting 28th January & 18th February

28th January - Agreed

Proposer: Cllr Sheehan, Second: Cllr Woolf

18th February - Agreed

Proposer : Cllr Barratt Second : Cllr Hutchins

Matters arising

Footpath along Greatford Road – correspondence will be sent again to SKDC highlighting a request for the existing footpath to be extended along Greatford road to serve residents living on the outskirts of the Village, also safe access for pedestrians to the cricket club.

Need a definitive answer

- **Action required** Clerk to contact footpath officer at SKDC

There is no further news or update about a parking solution in Needham Allen Close. Was noted that there were no parking restriction signage

-**Action required** – Clerk to contact Cllr Kelham Cooke for update on original query sent

Cycle and footpath survey – Sustainable Stamford still require feedback from members of the public to obtain funding. Cllr Barret has agreed to be a contact for this and reminders to be put out on social media, towers and spires newsletter and the parish notice board

Thanks given to Cllr Hutchins for keeping parish noticeboard tidy

Speedwatch is still not operational because of lockdown.

The Parish council website is being updated with current agendas and minutes along with a list of correspondence received. This will continue to be updated with further information in the coming weeks and hopes to provide an informative resource for the village

Casewick Lane

Reports regarding state of the road and in need of repair. Several other large potholes in the village and also on Barnack road. The Chairman expressed concern that this is now a safety issue for both motorists and cyclists and is a severe hazard

-Action Required Chairman to contact LCC as a matter of urgency

Flood Prevention

The Parish Council have been made an offer of sandbags in light of recent flooding in the village. There are storage solutions to consider as the village will have to bag the sand and have it stored in a dry, safe area. Suggestions of a possible storage shed in the village. Cllr Sheehan agreed to talk with those residents affected to see if there is a need for the sandbags and to provide more feedback on a possible storage solution.

Playground and Hedgerow management

The council have received two quotes for the necessary work to be completed at the playground. There is no difference in price other than one company offered to replace the decorative logs. Cllr Genever asked if the felling of both Elder trees was necessary. Chairman agreed to contact both companies to find out their work timescale and when the work could be completed before a decision is to be made. Cllr Brown suggested a sub group to be formed to oversee the land management and any associated queries going forward.

This playground group would include Cllr Brown, Cllr Sheehan, Cllr Genever, and Cllr Hartley

Allotment Agreement

Cllr Brown advised that an addendum has been circulated to all allotment holders and all queries raised had now been answered. Cllr Brown suggested for a sub group of councilors to be formed to help deal with any routine management and queries with allotments going forward.

Cllr Brown, Cllr Hutchins, Cllr Genever and Cllr Woolf to discuss and arrange a date to visit the allotments with regard to confirm the boundaries.

Reports from Outside bodies

Report received from district council circulated and attached

Accounts

Expenditure Out

Litter picking January	£40.00
Intellitech Services Invoice	£300.00
February Clerks wages (gross)	£252.88
LALC Membership	£228.30
Anglian Water – Allotments	£59.39

Total £880.57

Payments In

Allotments £170.00

Bank balance as at 5th March 2021 (before deductions above)

Treasurer's account: £1563.80

Business account: £5077.58

Accounts agreed - Proposer: Cllr Sheehan Second: Cllr Hutchins

Note: The chairman expressed his dissatisfaction at the service and support received from LALC and commented on that the membership had been paid for the upcoming year.

Action - Clerk to write to LALC expressing the concerns and that at the time of renewal the council will re-assess membership based on the level of support and guidance given throughout this year

Declarations of interest for planning.

None

Planning

S21/0260 – Single storey extension to cricket pavilion. No further comments or objections raised

S19/2236 – Planning appeal Land between orchard Meadow and Tollbar off Uffington road. No further comments to add from original ones made by councilors previously

Correspondence

list attached and circulated

Email from resident regarding public footpath number 10. Footpath arrow pointing in wrong direction so that member of the public would be walking in the wrong direction and not following the correct path. Cllr Brown advised that he would make contact to ascertain the correct route

Other business

Cllr Genever highlighted the volume of emails currently being sent. Asked if the council could try to reduce the amount of items being sent and to only correspond and reply when necessary. Highlighted that current circumstances with covid restrictions have meant an increase in electronic communication

The council were asked if they would consider buying some more equipment for the village playground suitable for older children from a member of the public. The PC asked for a proposal with cost and possible equipment to be brought forward for consideration and then it could be looked into and discussed what support it could give. Cllr Hutchins noted that residents of Lindsey road would need to be consulted dependent on what equipment was suggested and if anything over 2 meters high. Cllr Brown to check deeds for any clauses

Concerns were made over the speeding issue along main road and the position of the 30 mph speed limit on entering the village. Cllrs also expressed their dissatisfaction at the current speed limit of 50mph at Newstead corner and the lack of any speed awareness or safety signs. Safety implications need to be brought to LCC attention when corner is flooded.

-Action Chairman to contact LCC highways to highlight the flooding issues.

Clerk to contact LCC office regarding current speed limit in place and to re-address the possible movement of 30mph sign

Member of the public raised a question regarding a neighbourhood watch scheme. Cllr Hutchins confirmed that the village is not currently registered under the scheme. To be discussed at the next council meeting.

Cllr Sheehan advised that there was no longer a need for the village to have broadband investigated any further for residents on the outskirts of the village.

Member of the public made the PC aware that a parishioner needed help with their allotment due to ill health. The PC accepts this for the short term. Member of public to provide feedback on the duration of help that maybe required.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm. Next meeting: Thursday 15th April@ 7:30pm by zoom unless guidance changes.