

Uffington Parish Council

Unapproved Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Uffington Village Hall on Monday 7th April
2025 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Yvonne Waterfall – Chair, Cllr Brown – Vice Chair, Cllr Barratt, Cllr Church, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Vanessa Smith, Cllr A Baxter and 6 members of the public
Clerk – Mrs. K Turner

1-1/26 – Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Genever and Cllr Carr

2-2/26 – Approval of Minutes from 13th March 2025

Cllr Waterfall read through points from previous minutes.

Proposal or the minutes to be approved as a true and accurate record

Pro: Cllr Brown Sec: Cllr Barratt

RESOLVED

3-3/26 – Public Forum

Members of the public were given the opportunity to discuss and update Council members on recent flooding that occurred on the 22nd March that affected their properties along Casewick Lane. It was established that LCC have acknowledged that there is a drainage problem along the whole of Casewick Lane. To be discussed fully on item 6

4-4/26 – Declaration of Interests

None disclosed

5-5/26 – Highways

No further developments or information from LCC on the request for a 30mph extension along Greatford Road, request is ongoing and await formal review to be completed. Speedwatch group member recommend that they are yet to receive a receive response from the Lincolnshire road safety partnership from their enquiry for statistics. The white ornamental gate proposed for the village from SKDC funding could possibly obstruct the speedwatch radar gun. Coordinates will need to be checked with LCC and Lincs road safety along with the speedwatch group to ensure gate is properly positioned and will not interfere with the Speedwatch group in any way.

Area outside of the Church footpath opposite the school to be fenced off for re-seeding. Problem parking around school areas was raised to Cllr Ashley Baxter and asked if there were any other enforcements that can be imposed. Unfortunately, all lines on the roads are advisory. Council members discussed if there could be a possibility that the school offered a road safety session with members of the Council, members of the speedwatch group and the Headteacher. To raise awareness around safety with speed and parking in and around the village. An idea was also proposed that children who walked to school from the designated parking areas could possibly obtain house points for their team. Clerk to contact Mr. Evans after the Easter break with the ideas put forward

6-6/26 – Flooding

Cllr Smith has raised all concerns on behalf of the residents in Uffington village and also Council members to the LCC team regarding the flooding and drainage issues in the village. Cllr Church believes there is an extensive problem with the whole system and a full drainage survey is needed. Regular gulley maintenance is also needed. Residents expressed their frustration that the problems have been regularly reported to LCC and they feel that their reports and concerns have been ignored. Work has been scheduled in June for curb stones. No definitive answer has been given about a drainage survey. Cllr Smith will chase with LCC. It was suggested that County Council officers meet with Council members and residents if there is a site visit.

7-7/26 – Accounts

Accounts March 2025

Payments Out

Lloyds Service Charge	£4.25
J Hartley Litter Pick March	£60.00
Clerks' wages Feb & March	£312.72

Payments In

Allotment Rental	£87.50
Community Account	£243.28
Treasurer Account	£3,073.48
Reserves Account (Play Area)	£5,405.99

Pro: Cllr Barratt Sec: Cllr Brown

RESOLVED

8-8/26 – District Reports

Mayoral election and County Council elections next month (District council elections would have been due in 2027 if it weren't for local government reorganisation which may see them replaced with unitary authority elections)

Local Government Reorganisation: This will see the abolition of the two-tier system (District and County Councils) and new single tier (Unitary Authorities) formed. It is anticipated that reorganisation will be complete by 2028. National government requested that existing authorities submit proposals to them on how they would like to do this by 21 March 2025. This was debated by SKDC Full Council on 18th March. Merging with Rutland CC, North Kesteven DC and South Holland DC to form a single unitary authority was agreed as the preferred option. This would give a total population of around 410,000. Feedback is now awaited from Westminster to enable councils to form final proposals which are due for submission by 28 November 2025. It is anticipated that SKDC will be conducting a public consultation within that time. LCC have submitted two different preferred models, opting to split Lincolnshire into two unitary authorities. This would either put SKDC in with the rest of the current area covered by LCC or see LCC split north south with SKDC in with Lincoln, North Kesteven, Boston and South Holland. (SKDC's proposed three unitary authority model was supported by NKDC but not by SHDC who opted for a two unitary authority model but different from LCC's with the South of Lincolnshire comprising NK, SK, SH, Boston and East Lindsey.) Rutland CC's website state that they are involved in three different options, one of which is the model put forward by SKDC.

Greatford Quarry: Application to vary conditions with regard to the timing of road widening was refused

Deeping Leisure Centre: Plans to reopen have now been blocked as the CIC have been unable to reach an agreement with the Anthem Trust

Public consultation: Customer Experience Strategy Consultation closes on 7

April <https://ow.ly/YvNN50VeYP5>

Stamford Poet Laureate Competition, closing date for applications 18th

April <https://tinyurl.com/3y3yphix>

Fix My Street is now available to use for reporting District as well as County matters, so can now be used for reporting fly tipping

SK Today available online. <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/sktoday>

Spring edition includes:

SKDC's waste collection services winning a national award

The need for councils to introduce food waste collection before March 2026

Details about the construction of the new depot for the waste collection services near Grantham

Understanding your council tax bill

Details about work which has begun on improving and expanding the cattle market car park in Stamford

Tree planting and the council's aim to cut carbon emissions

LotterySK supporting Deeping Men in Sheds

New homes being built for affordable housing

What's in Guide for the Arts centre

Uffington Specific

Details of the speed limit policy sent to the local community speed watch team and LCC have kindly agreed to formally review whether the 30mph limit can be extended to the stables

Residents have flagged the issue of flooding in Uffington. Work is already planned for June to add some additional kerbstones to alleviate some of the problem. However, Highways are now looking to see whether they can conduct a full drainage survey of Casewick Lane in view of recent floods.

9-9/26 - Planning

S25/0419 – Mr. & Mrs. Green

Proposal: Part demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 2-storey front, side and rear extensions, including rear balcony - The Manor Farm ,85 Main Road, Uffington, Lincolnshire, PE9 4SN

No Objections raised

10-10/26 – Correspondence

A request from a resident was put forward to the Council regarding help with funding for a defibrillator. The Council members decided that they are happy for the Council to make a donation but the amount would not be significant as the Council do not have this in their budget. Council members agreed that UPC has no available funding to the amount put forward.

11-11/26- Any Other business

Cllr Brown attended MP Alicia Kearns meeting regarding the new ownership of Mallard Pass. Works are due to start early 2026. There will be a second meeting to be held and Cllr Brown has confirmed he will attend on behalf of UPC. Cllr Church confirmed that he has logged his concerns over the Copthill bridge to LCC via fixmystreet

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next Council meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th May 2025 at 7pm (provisional)