

**ULEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**(Draft) Minutes of a meeting held at 7 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 in the Uley Village Hall.**

Present: Councillors Jonathan Dembrey (JD) (Chairman), Janet Wood (JW) (Vice-Chairman), Belinda Holley (BH), Melanie Paraskeva (MP), Jim Dewey (RJD), Mike Griffiths (MG).

In attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), Rachel Pratt and Carol Norvath, Neighbourhood Wardens, David Sykes (Footpaths Officer).

1. Apologies. Councillors Charles Goldingham, Steve Lydon.
2. Public Representation. Juliet Browne, Thoss Shearer, Stuart and Katy Gilby.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record with the following corrections: Item 15 Paul Lawrence has taken over from Peter Randall.
5. The Chairman agreed to bring forward Item 9 Bus Shelter owing to the presence at the meeting of the Neighbourhood Wardens who introduced themselves. Carol Norvath and Rachel Pratt have both worked from SDC for many years although Rachel is a new warden. Their patch covers Uley, North Nibley, Amberley, Hillesley, Tresham, Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley. Their brief is to signpost SDC services to the public on the ground and try to ensure a co-ordinated approach from different services. They also liaise with the Police and PCSOs. They deal mainly with the elderly and vulnerable, community safety, home security surveys, dog fouling and providing a general gateway to services. They can help with local events and clear up days, and can patrol the village where there are community safety issues. They also work with the Village Agents. Their public contact phone and text is 07834419332, [Rachel.pratt@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.pratt@stroud.gov.uk). RJD reported dog fouling at 35 Lampern View, the wardens agreed to monitor the situation and said that they had the power to issue fixed penalties on the spot and can put up fixed penalty notices on lampposts for short periods of time. JD asked what the position was on installing new dog waste bins as SDC had reported that they would not empty them CN said that if the wardens can provide evidence of a persistent problem and the bin can be accessed for emptying then there should not be a problem. DS said he thought provision on the Playing Fields was adequate. Bus Shelter. JP had earlier inspected the shelters and advised protective planting to deter thieves as had been done at Fop St. It was agreed to take no further action.
6. The Chairman agreed to bring forward Item 8. Planning as members of the public were present for various issues. (i) Decisions. S.15/1587/FUL Bencombe Barns. JW, TS and JB had presented the PC objection to the application at Development Control Committee which ruled against the application on the grounds that it did not conform to policy: ‘..not essential and therefore incompatible with CP15’. TS thought that Councillor presence was key to getting a positive outcome and JW commented that in future copies of the objection letter should be circulated to members of the committee in advance. S.15/1250/FUL Dove Cottage, Crawley Hill. This was given permission at DC Committee with some conditions attached. JB reported that S.15/2815/FUL Angeston Court has been withdrawn. AM reported that there were a number of applications that had come though after the agenda had been sent out. It was agreed to look at them and come to a decision if possible. (ii) S.16/0150/HHOLD Crawley Farm, Stuart Riley the applicant was present and explained that the proposed first floor extension will replace the single storey extension on the same footprint, with ground floor glazing and larch cladding on the upper storey. Because of the

rough cast extension they thought that stone cladding would look out of place and that weathered larch would be more in keeping. Also intending to demolish Bradstone porch and replace with a window and putting a stone porch on the front of the building. Also replacing aluminium window frames with wooden ones, putting in a disabled parking bay and ramps to improve access. No objection, on the grounds that the proposed cladding is at the rear of the building. (iii) S.16/0176/TCA. 3, Ash Gardens. Removing dead branches. No comment; (iv) S.16/0096&7/HHOLD&LBC 12, The Green. Rear extension replacing an existing conservatory. No comment; (v) S.16/0074/HHOLD Downham Hill House. Replacing an existing extension. No comment. (vi) S.16/0079/HHOLD 35, The Street. No comment.

7. Item 5 Matters Arising. None.
8. Item 7. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. DS reported that there were no issues with footpaths. He reported that the Cotswold Wardens were being held up as Amey have run out of materials for repairing footpaths so outstanding work has not been completed. CK was planning to fix the stile at the top of the permissive path by the allotments. The Playground bins have not been emptied again. AM to report. It was agreed to write to SDC to complaining that this is happening on a regular basis.
9. Item 10 . Highway matters, Transport and Flooding. AM reported that 20 is plenty signs are not yet available and will be delivered to RJD when they are. RJD reported that residents on Crawley Lane have asked for some.
10. Item 11. Allotments Progress Report. AM reported that following a meeting with JD and MP a letter had been written to TM to terminate his contract as there was no confidence that he would finish the job. MP has spoken to CG to explain the position. Robin Coates has offered to build the shed using what can be salvaged from the frame that JD has collected from TM. He has estimated £500. It was agreed to proceed with Robin. AM reported that there is still £600 left in the Allotments budget. It was agreed to make a one off payment to Severn Trent Water for £59.03.
11. Item 12. Community Design Statement. MG reported that the draft for consultation is now ready. It was sent to Conrad Moore at SDC for comments which he has supplied, mostly positive but a few more tweaks required. MG circulated a printed copy. 20 copies will be printed and circulated for consultation. Following consultation feedback will be incorporated into the final copy which will then be presented to UPC for adoption and thence to SDC. There is £250 in the budget, MG has a best price of £175 for 20 copies (cheapest of 3). JW commented that it should be Owlpen Parish meeting as they are not technically a Parish. Warm thanks were given to MG for all his hard work.
12. Item 13. Finance Report. (i) February Report. AM reported a balance of uncommitted funds carried over of £13348. Note that £51 spend against Village News should be against Village Hall, representing 3 months room hire. Also cheques to authorise £72 to Uley Valley Contractors for cutting on footpaths, £366 general grass cutting and £426 for draining and resurfacing the permissive path by the allotments. It was agreed the latter would come out of contingency costs. £59.03 agreed for Severn Trent, a one off payment of water costs for the allotments. JD asked for clarification the amount of the precept payment for the Village Hall, AM confirmed that this is £800, and the grant to Uley Playing Fields is £350. MG reported that in his capacity as Audit Officer he had met with AM to go through the books and that they would meet every 6 months.

13. Item 14. Reports from PC Representative. Village Hall Committee. JW reported that the AGM was on Monday. Derek and Sue Parker will retire next year. The current running costs are about £6,000 a year. A number of repairs are required including roof insulation to reduce heating costs, the committee room floor is to be re-laid. User groups are applying to the shop projects grant fund for different items, e.g. Wi-Fi, new radiators, a sound system and a projector. Applications can be collected in the Shop.; *Prema*. MP and JW reported, the new café opens on 05/03/16. They are thinking of putting in glazed doors opening to the garden from the café. Everything going well. The new website is being installed and will be a great improvement. *Uley Playing Fields*. Intending to apply to the Shop Projects Fund for a grant to landscape the muddy area outside the front door. They also want curtains for the windows. There will only be one event this year, the Dog Show and picnic combined will be on 10th or 17th June, tbc.

14. Item 15. Correspondence.

AM reported that she did not have the envelope but there were only 3 items, the first two of which have already been circulated.

GCC – Garden Waste Collection Service

Steve Lydon – Housing Numbers

GRCC – Affordable Housing in the Stroud District.

15. Website and Newsletter.

JD reported that he had seen an article about celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year involving beacons. AM reported that nothing had come from either SDC or GCC about this, although there were calls from SDC to hold street parties and clean up days. AM to check if there is a co-ordinated approach to beacons. Uley could have one anyway. AM to include on the agenda for the next meeting. MG to put an item in the newsletter about consultation on the CDS.

16. Item 17. Urgent Matters. MG reported that superfast broadband is now available in Uley. MGs activation is on Tuesday. Those wanting to have it should register on the BT website for an activation date and make arrangements with their broadband provider if they want 'BT Infinity'.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.