

## ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

### (Draft) Minutes of a meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in the Uley Village Hall at 7pm.

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

In attendance: A. McKay (AM) (Clerk). JD welcomed PCSO Josh Griffiths, and Luke Moffatt.

1. Apologies. Belinda Holley (BH), Charles Goldingham (CG).
2. Public Representation. 0
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
5. Matters Arising. Item 8 (iii) S.15/1587/FUL, Bencombe Barns. It was reported that documents of the case file indicate that the planning officer is minded to give permission. In the light of this and JW reporting that when the original retrospective permission was given the planning officer said that it would never get future permission for residential, it was agreed to write to the Head of Planning asking for the application to be referred to the Development Control Committee for a decision.
6. Report from the Dursley Neighbourhood Policing Team. Josh Griffiths introduced Luke Moffatt who has taken over from Mark Wilson as Beat Officer. Oli Clarke still covers Uley. JG reported that 7 crimes had been investigated in Uley in the last 6 months, including theft, burglary, vehicles and criminal damage. The team advertises in the village shop, the Village News, and Uley PC website. A parking exercise had taken place outside the school in South St., trying to educate parents about the actual and potential consequences of illegal parking when dropping off and picking up. This has been successful. The local priorities for the next 6 months, decided by the community panel are: young people, crime prevention, burglary, security and safety in central Dursley. RJD volunteered to attend the panel meetings. A black box has been set up on Uley Rd. to monitor vehicle speeds for 2 weeks. The purpose is to do an anonymous check to see how much of a problem it is, since speeding is still of high concern to the local community. The speed watch exercises in Dursley had proved to be successful and Oli Clarke will report back the results. Unfortunately, the group in Uley has foundered owing to lack of members but efforts will be made to build it up again. Luke said he thought that '20 is plenty' signs are quite effective in conjunction with speed watch, and GCC will provide the signs if required. It was agreed to advertise for new members of the speed watch group in the Village News. The police did report that they can put notices on cars if they are reported to be driving anti-socially.

7. District and County Councillor Reports. None
8. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. (i) Footpaths. No footpath report. MP reported that the new stile at the top of the permissive path has a bottom step that is too short on one side. Agreed to ask the contractor to fix it; (ii) Playground. Branches cut from trees in a garden in Raglan Way backing onto the stream have fallen into the playground. It was agreed to confirm who was responsible and write asking them to remove them.
9. Planning. (i) Decisions.; S.15/1706 / HHOLD Racks Barn. Permitted. (ii) S.15/1895/HHOLD Newlands. Refused. AM reported that a comment had been submitted via email between meetings to the effect that the PC could not see that the new application adequately addressed the reasons for refusal of the last application, particularly with regard to the view across the front of the property; (iii) S.15/2218/HHOLD and S.15/2219/LBC Daunceys Mill. Kitchen extension into boot room and new boot room. As it would not be visible from any angle there was no objection. (iv) S15/1765/HHOLD 12, Whitecourt. Proposal to replace conservatory with solid stone built extension. As the cottage is in the conservation area it was agreed to submit an objection on the grounds that the proposal was out of character with the original. (iv) new application S.15/2352/TCA and S.15/2349/TCA no objections.S.15/2073/HHOLD 17, Whitecourt, retrospective permission, no objection.
10. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. (i) Broken kerb stones in Raglan Way. AM had reported to Aqua who said it was the responsibility of the water authority, rather than try to chase them up AM has reported to GCC via the website and has a reference number for chasing up progress. It was agreed to put a note in the Village News advising how to report Highways issues direct onto the GCC website; (ii) Court Gdns. Turning space. Emails had been received from Jane Little and Marion Mills pressing the need for signs on the turning space that is being used for parking. AM has reported to GCC and the Highways Manager Andrew Middlecote has agreed to get the job done; (iii) GCC grass cutting contract. AM reported that in response to an enquiry, GCC have confirmed that there is one cut a year with additional ones at road junctions, but did not specify which areas were covered. It was agreed to ask for further specifications. As GCC seem to be cutting back the service it was agreed to put a notice in the Village News asking people to take responsibility for the areas in front of their properties e.g. weeding walls, and urging them to 'take pride in your patch'. (iv) Fop St. Bus Shelter. Charlie Kee proposed two options for the prickly hedge at the back of the bus shelter, pyro canthus or quick thorn. As the latter is half the price it was agreed to choose quick thorn; (v) JD reported a dead tree leaning out towards the road on Mr West's land at Lampern Hill. AM has reported it to GCC. RJD reported that a cracked manhole cover had been replaced by a plastic cover that was inadequate. This was probably a temporary measure and it was agreed to report to the

relevant authority if it is not fixed soon. MP reported a broken fence at the BT Exchange, AM to report.

11. Village Hall Notice Board. AM reported that the VH committee have agreed to share the cost of 2 notice boards.
12. Allotments Progress Report. AM reported that an additional payment of £689 to TM for labour and materials had been made under Chairman' discretion. Agreed. MP reported that plots have been marked out and plot dimensions slightly altered in the licence agreements. It was agreed that licence agreements could be signed at the open day. MP suggested starting in January 2016 subject to CG's agreement. Agreed.
13. Community Design Statement Progress Report. MG reported that it is falling behind schedule slightly owing to factors beyond the groups control. Conrad Moore has suggested that a Conservation Area Report is required but SDC are short staffed so it would need to be done by the group. Thoss Shearer to discuss further with SDC.
14. Finance Report. AM presented the Finance Report for the October. The second tranche of the precept and top up grant has been received from SDC. After payments due this month a total of £10,985 committed funds and £15,264 uncommitted funds are carried over to next month. Cheques to authorise: TP Mitchell – materials and labour for the allotments field £689; Village Hall - 3 months' rent £48; Uley Valley Contractors – grass cutting and footpaths £728.
15. Reports from PC Reps. Prema has now reopened; Uley Playing Fields. JD reported that the Dog Show had raised £600. Finances are in reasonably good shape although JD thinks there is scope to increase hire costs.
16. Correspondence.

Jane Little. The Street at Cross Banks.

Thoss & Mary Shearer. Bencombe Barns.

Marion Mills. Court Gdns. Turning space.

John Penley. Letter box.

Dursley Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter.

Cotswold Conservation Board Annual Review 2014/15.

17. Parish Website and Newsletter. It was agreed to place the following items in the newsletter: (i) Allotments; (ii) Speed watch; (iii) cutting grass verges; (iv) how to report Highways issues direct to the GCC website.
18. Urgent Matters. JW has a file on the proposed cycle route from Uley to Dursley and will give it to RJD who has agreed to take it forward.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.