

## ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of a meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk).

1. **Apologies.** Councillors Janet Wood (JW) and Charles Goldingham (CG), David Sykes (DS) (Footpaths Officer), Councillor Steve Lydon (SL).
2. **Public Representation.** 0
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Item 10. RJD and MP.
4. **Minutes of the previous council meeting** held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Matters Arising.** Item 5. JD has written to Kim Harvey and AM has written to Margaret Groom and Kim Harvey; Item 9(ii) The Cotswold Project have accepted the offer of £200 towards the cost of a new interpretation board at Sheep wash, AM to provide them with the original artwork; Item 13. AM has purchased a new desktop computer and software, and will replace the old printer when the ink has been used up. It was noted that the desktop has a 3 year guarantee and 1 year free cloud storage; Item 17. AM had not been able to contact the agent for The Gables.

#### **6. District and County Councillor Reports.**

AM reported that she had spoken to SL earlier on the phone when he gave his apologies, he was sending through his report by email but it did not arrive in time to bring to the meeting.

7. **Footpaths, Playground and bins.**
  - (i) Grit bin on The Green. AM had researched a number of options. It was agreed to order a 350 litre black (or dark green) plastic bin matching the existing ones is ordered. Action AM.
  - (ii) Permissive Path at the Playground. Further complaints have been received concerning the poor state of the path. It was agreed to discuss this further under Item 10 Uley Allotments.
  - (iii) David Sykes had sent a message reporting that faulty gates and stiles have been repaired except the stile to The Bury. This has been reported to the Woodlands Committee which has instructed a contractor to repair.
  - (iv) BH noted that the Cotswold Wardens have put up a large wooden handrail at the old stone stile on the pathway to The Bury opposite Angeston. BH objected and thought it should be removed as it spoiled the look of the historic stile. It was agreed to review in the spring when there will be more foliage cover.

**8. Planning.**

- (i) Decisions. None;
- (ii) S.15/0032/FUL. 9, The Knoll, South St., Variation to consent to erect a new dwelling which expires in June 2015. These involve a change from natural stone construction to wood cladding and render, and the erection of a dry stone wall at the front, and to upgrade to SIP panels. It was agreed to comment that natural or reconstituted stone construction is preferred to cladding and render;
- (iii) S.15/0076/DISCON. Rockstowes Hill. No comment.
- (iv) S.15/0004/HHOLD Green Close. Erection of front porch. RJD explained that SW facing houses in Green Close suffer from water penetration above the front doors owing to the prevailing winds. Many households opt for a porch to remedy this problem. No comment.

**9. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding.**

- (i) Fop St. Bus Shelter. AM reported that Dave Hill had submitted a revised quotation to include the side roof. When asked to proceed with the original quotation he had pointed out that the cost would be more as the would need to be replaced. It was agreed to proceed with this and submit the revised invoice to the insurance company for payment. AM is due to meet PCSO Josh Griffiths for advice on security. It was agreed to put a note in the Village News and in the Shop asking people to be vigilant;
- (ii) Court Gardens turning space. AM reported that Highways had proposed road markings . It was agreed to ask for sign posts. They had also responded negatively to the request to change the font of the Cam sign on the Hydegate fingerpost. It was agreed to write to them saying that this was not acceptable as the lettering is a poor match.

**10. Uley Allotments.**

- (i) Progress Report. The Head Lease has now been signed and a letter to the UAA appointing it as managing agent has been signed by UPC and UAA. MP pointed out that the start date needs changing from April to January (p.4), and the costs on page 15 should be removed. This was agreed. Action AM. It was noted that the housing allocations have now been made from 80 applicants;
- (ii) Project costs. The revised project costs (£5,000) for the preparation of the allotment field were agreed with the option of a 10x12 ft. shed. These costs include banking up and levelling off the surface of the permissive footpath and fall within the overall approved budget, including the estimated legal fees They do not include costs for ploughing and spraying which were estimated to be £175-£200.. It was agreed that the contractor be asked to begin the works as soon as possible.

### **11. Community Design Statement (CDS).**

MG reported that at the last meeting the analysis of the questionnaires was considered and that there were a number of issues that were not within the scope of the CDS but would be of interest to the Parish Council. Lots of respondents were concerned about the general appearance of the village and particularly about litter clearing, the state of grass verges and road maintenance. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for a more detailed discussion at the next meeting and to invite Councillor Lydon to attend to explore the possibility of the Parish Council taking responsibility for maintenance under the partnership agreement. A draft CDS is to be presented at the APM for consultation. It was agreed that the date of the APM should be the week following the ordinary meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> May. AM to check the bookings diary and make a booking for the APM in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015. MP reported that she has spoken to the Deputy Head at the school which is now undertaking a consultation exercise with the pupils and will feedback when complete. MG to contact them direct.

### **12. Finance Report.**

AM reported that there were only two transactions last month and they were the purchase of the new desk top, printer ink and stationary. It was agreed to reimburse the clerk and approve a cheque to A McKay for £426.36.

### **13. Reports from PC Representatives.**

*Prema.* MP reported that the restoration works are due to start in April. The café receipts are down but otherwise going well;

*Millenium Green Committee.* BH reported that there is a meeting at the end of the month. There is now to be a bench to commemorate Jim White.

*Woodlands Committee.* BH reported that the Interpretation Board at Cam Peak Car Park has been reinstated.

*Village Hall.* RJD reported on behalf of JW. The VH is planning to put up some signage in response to requests to improve the frontage. These will include contact details. Discussions are underway with the Pavilion to co-ordinate on bookings and share marketing.

*Uley Playing Fields.* JD reported that the committee have been discussing future events and are considering another picnic on May Bank Holiday. The sauna bookings are going well. MP reported that the 'sensory truck' (for children with special needs), will be at the Pavilion on 18<sup>th</sup> February, and the Dog Show on 12<sup>th</sup> July. The committee have asked if the PC can arrange for a dog litter bin to be put up at the bottom entrance, and also if possible a 'Please keep dogs on a lead' to try and keep dogs under control as they present a health and safety hazard. AM to research current legislation, consult the SDC dog wardens and obtain a waste bin. Action AM.

**14. Parish Website and Newsletter.**

JD noted that the PC does not have as much editorial control as it used to have. It was agreed to put in an item on the Bus Shelter, and MP agreed to do a piece on the Allotments. Also MP noted that her phone number is incorrect in the VN, AM to send correct number to the VN.

**15. Correspondence.**

SDC 'Your vote matters'

Chartered Parishes Group meeting minutes.

NHS Muscular skeletal Services in Gloucestershire.

GCC Gloucestershire Local Transport Review.

Dursley Police message.

Mobiloo leaflet.

E-mail Norman Downer 20 mph limit in Stroud.

Allsorts newsletter and DVD.

**16. Urgent Matters.**

AM reported that SL still has £5,000 of his Active Together grant budget available. Forms can be found on GCC website.

JD reported that Becky Sage had raised an issue about parked cars causing an obstruction at the school. AM had provided her with PCSO Josh Griffiths contact number so she can get some advice.

The meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.