

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting on 4th January 2017 at 7pm in Uley Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Jonathan Dembrey (JD) (Chairman), Janet Wood (JD) (Vice-Chairman), Tim Martin (TM), Mike Griffiths (MG), Juliet Browne (JB), Melanie Paraskeva (MP), Belinda Holley (BH).

In attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), Councillors Steve Lydon (SL) (GCC), Jim Dewey (RJD) (SDC).

1. Apologies. David Sykes (DS).
2. Public Representation. 0.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th December 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chairman with the following correction to Item 17 JW for JB.
5. Matters Arising. None.
6. District and County Councillor Reports. Councillor Steve Lydon reported that GCC have applied the 2% care levy to the 2017/18 budget. The government have given permission to raise the care levy of 6% over a 3-year period. GCC are working on the budget at present and are concerned about lack of funds for Children's Services, and Highways. The combined authority submission has been submitted to government although they seem to be cooling their interest in elected mayors except for the West of England which is going ahead. After a recent meeting, it has been confirmed that the Stroud Hospital Maternity Unit will not close and there are no plans to cut services. He reported that the Lengthsman are due in the village next week. The proposal for traffic lights at the junction of Sandpits Rd. has been withdrawn. Councillor Dewey reported the Aldi planning application in Bath Rd. has been refused.
7. Precept. It was formally agreed to submit a precept claim for £16,353 which is the maximum without triggering a referendum.
8. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. Bins. Angeston damaged bin has been removed and waiting to be replaced; the bin at Fop St. has been temporarily replaced by a black bag. AM to check when the bins will be replaced; Playground. MG reported that the multiplay is still cordoned off and that RC will dismantle and remove to his workshop to undertake repairs before replacement. MG will procure some fittings and porous paving to place under the structure, this will permit the grass to grow through the gaps. MG will draw up a specification for the works required and get 2 tenders. As top soil will be required it was agreed to place an advert in the Village News at the appropriate time. It was agreed to ask RC to remove the ivy growing on the 2 bus shelters.
9. Planning. (i) Decision. S.16/2548/TCA Horts House. Consent to fell leylandii; (ii) S.16/2755/HHOLD. Daunceys Mill. Garden Wall, no objections. (iii) S.16/2861/TCA 2B South St. Application received after the agenda was circulated. There was some confusion as the application is to coppice 2 field maples whilst a covering letter from Robin Allen, Secretary to Millennium Green Trust is requesting removal. It was agreed to support coppicing. BH to contact Robin Allen to discuss his letter. JB drew attention to what appears to be unauthorised removal of some trees in the hedge line opposite Woodstock. It was agreed to write to Mark Hemming the SDC tree officer to raise these concerns. It was agreed to advertise for a tree warden to monitor trees in the village as there seems to be a lot of applications for felling and possibly some unauthorised activity.



10. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. (i) Highways. JW reported continued flooding from broken pipe under the pavement between 41 and 43a The Street, AM to chase up; the side of the road in the Street opposite Barbara Wright's house on the bend is crumbling away, agreed that AM report to Highways; also, the hedge on the other side needs cutting back, agreed to ask the Lengthsmen to do it (ii) RJD reported from a recent seminar on rural sustainable drainage at SDC. The lead officer is Chris Uttley who has asked for proposals for flooding solutions such as balancing ponds. It was agreed that RJD would contact Chris in relation to a possible balancing pond below the Stouts Hill fishing pond. AM to notify Guy Blanch referred to the email from Phyllida Hart-Davis about the trees removed below the lake at Lampern Hill House that overflows onto Lampern Hill and freezes. It was agreed to write to Karen Randall, Clerk to Owlpen bringing the risk to their attention. It was noted that bins were left outside the wall of The Gables again. It was agreed that AM raise this with the housekeeper.
11. Finance Report. It was agreed to claim back 123 Re. subscription in February when the uley.eu domain name lapses. It was agreed to authorise the following cheques: A McKay salary and reimbursements for stationary £599; HMRC £19.40;
12. Reports from PC Representatives. Police Panel. TM reported that he is looking for volunteers for Neighbourhood Watch in Whitecourt, Court Gdns. And Fop St. It was agreed to advertise in the VN; Parish Website; JD reported that Pam Adams bench will go to the Playing Fields.
13. Parish Website and Newsletter. MG reported that he can now find out the number of hits on the website; JW will ask AS to do a piece on Affordable Housing. AM noted that there will be spot checks on parish websites to ensure compliance with the Transparency Code. Becky Sage and Kate Wilson have volunteered to take on editing the Village News. It was agreed that JD contact them with a view to setting up a meeting together with Prue Vernon and Janet Wood.
14. Correspondence.

The Playing Field – GPFA

Adoption of BT Kiosks – SDC Planning.

Closure TTRO 2501 Whitecourt, Uley – GCC.

Traffic Speed on Crawley Hill – Chris Auger.

Dursley Dozen.

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

