

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting held on 5th July 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: County Councillor Loraine Patrick (LP), District Councillor Jim Dewey (RJD), Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), David Sykes (DS) (Footpaths Officer).

1. Apologies. None. JB delayed.
2. Public Representation. 7.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following revisions: Item 8 p.638, replace sentence beginning "To this end...", with "A letter was drafted and agreed by all Councillors (Except MP) and sent to Maxema by the response date".
5. Matters Arising. Item 5. AM reported that the lengthsman team have been asked to do the kerb at the Fop St./Whitecourt triangle, clear the base of the bus stop, fix the post and rail on the footpath above the bus stop on The Street, and clear the vegetation from Cross banks and the bank at the Cross roads. JW raised a query from a tenant in Goldingham Close, who is responsible for maintenance of the common areas when the 12 months snagging period is over. It was agreed that it would be the Housing Association and should be specified in the tenancy Agreement.
6. District and County Councillor Reports. County Councillor Loraine Patrick reported that the Conservatives still have a majority on the County Council. Steve Lydon is still the Leader of Stroud District Council. GCC Children and Families Services have had a very bad OFSTED report. This was mainly due to an over emphasis on procedure and not dealing with cases efficiently. GCC are putting improvement measures in place. Several officers have left. LP is a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Police and Crime Panel that meets on 14th July. She reported that Andrew Middlecote, Highways Manager is being helpful, her highways budget is getting committed, but she does have £5,000 for youth activities with only one bid against it. District Councillor Jim Dewey presented his report. Three initial projects are being assessed for the walking and cycling budget of which the proposed Greenway between Uley and Dursley is one. The Ebley Mill hydro scheme has been suspended pending negotiations to acquire land. There is a new Market Towns initiative. The Canals Project is looking to extend from Stonehouse to Saul Junction. SDC has become the first council to have a nil Rate Support Grant from the government. The Fox and Hounds in Coaley has closed. It has been registered as a community asset giving the community a 6-week window to explore purchase. The Strategic Land Assessment is underway. RJD could not say when the planning portal will become available after a couple of weeks closure.
7. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. (i) Footpaths. DS asked about the outcome of the site meeting to look at the Angeston/Cats Castle footpath. JB and AM gave a brief report. It was agreed to put this item on the agenda next month; TM reported that the Japanese knotweed at Shadwell is spreading. It was agreed to report to Amey. AM reported she had asked the lengthsman to spray it; (ii) Playground. MG reported

that the matting has been delivered and he has tested out the reinforcements for the multiplay. All is ready for Robin Coates to put down the matting and turf.

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8. Planning. (i) Decisions. The Nest, Elcombe has been permitted; (ii) Proposed new base station installation at VF 95383 Whitecourt Covered Reservoir. Pre-application consultation with deadline for response of 13/07/17, Maxema acting for Vodafone/Telefonica. The Parish Council had asked Maxema some questions prior to the meeting that were answered as follows: the pole will be grey timber; the Bowcott mast is thought by Vodafone not to provide good enough reception, 4G requires something located closer to the village. Thoss Shearer spoke on behalf of the Uley Valley Mast Group that has about 40 members. He emphasised that the group is not necessarily against a mast, recognising the need for improved service in the village, and are solely concerned with the visual impact. It was agreed to arrange a public consultation meeting to ensure that people in the village are aware of the proposals. Maxema will be invited to attend and MP wanted to invite someone to come and speak about the possible health risks. The meeting will take place at 6pm on 2nd August, before the Parish Council meeting at 8pm in the village Hall (this is subject to JW) booking the Village Hall if it is available. MG agreed to draft a letter inviting Maxema to the meeting and copied into County and District Councillors and the local MP; (iii) S.17/1259/FUL, Gardiner's Cottage. No documents available. Defer to next meeting.
9. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. BH reported that the historic kerb stones beneath the wall opposite the Whitecourt triangle have become covered in debris and need cleaning up. JW also reported the need to tarmac the footpath between Court Gardens and The Street. AM agreed to report to Amey, also the overgrown hedge at Angeston on the Uley Rd. This has previously been reported and assessed by Amey who do not think it needs cutting back. It was agreed that AM send copies of email to Amey and the lengthsmen to JW and LP in future.
10. Finance Report. (i) July Report. The following cheques were authorised for signature: A. McKay £648.29, Salary, travel expenses 16/17, Internet security and stamps; HMRC £119.00 PAYE; Uley Village Hall £800 annual grant; Uley and Owlpen PCC Burial Grounds £400, annual grant; M. Griffiths £723.78; reimbursement for Post Buddies and Express matting for playground; (ii) Chairman's Expenses. BH proposed to raise Chairman's Expenses to £150 a year. TM seconded. Agreed.
11. Review of Asset Register. JB to ask Margaret Groom if she recalls the basis for the valuations.
12. PC Reports. Millennium Green. BH reported that a meeting had taken place to discuss the fireworks display. AM will ask Highways for more traffic cones to place along The Street. It was agreed to put a note in the Village News asking residents to offer off road parking spaces on the night. BH agreed to arrange for some traffic diversion signs. It was noted that at last year's event a peddler took trade from people trying to raise money for charity. RJD agreed to find out about the scope of peddler's licences; Allotments. MP reported that all is going well;
13. Website and Newsletter. Agreed to advertise the public consultation meeting. MG has recently updated the website. It was agreed to defer the advertising policy until the next meeting.
14. Correspondence.

Cotswold Boatmobility grant application.

Letter from former member of Stouts Hill Holiday Resort.

Stroud Nature Festival 2017

GCC – Community Wellbeing.

GCC – Portfolio Update.

Gloucestershire Charter Parish Group.

Stroud Youth Grant Fund Programme.

GCC – Don't fall for fakes.

The Fruit Exchange – Fruit Wardens needed to help save unwanted fruit.

Invitation to Deborah Roberts Grasslands Exhibition Evening Open 7/07/17.

GCC – Pre-school immunisation

SDC - Stratford Park Outdoor Pool

Margaret Groom – email

GCC – Glos. Hate Crime Plan 216-2021

GCC – A419 Stonehouse improvements.

SDC – Review of Dog Control Orders. Agenda item for next meeting.

15. Urgent Matters.

It was agreed to write to Neil Carmichael expressing regret for the loss at the election and a letter of congratulation to David Drew.

The meeting was closed at 9.55pm.