

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting held on 7th March 2018 at 7pm in Uley Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Ashy McKay (AM) (Clerk), District Councillor Jim Dewey (RJD).

1. Apologies. Councillor Loraine Patrick (LP), David Sykes (DS) (Footpaths Officer).

2. Public Representation. 2.

3. Declaration of Interests. None.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman, the revised minutes of the meeting of 3rd January 2018 were signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising. None.

6. Brize Norton proposed new airspace. Julian Rees from the Cotswolds Gliding Club was invited to give a brief presentation on a recent application from the RAF to increase controlled airspace over Brize Norton by three times its current area at varying heights. Their reason is to accommodate larger aircraft and some commercial flights. It will have capacity for only 25 aircraft an hour which will require permission from the Brize Norton controller. The effect of this will be to push light aircraft into a narrower corridor over the Western Cotswolds, including the Uley Valley, this is likely to increase noise and safety concerns. It will also impact on the Gliding Club that can have up to 100 aircraft an hour a peak time and compromise their ability to hold competitions. Whilst acknowledging that the proposal will increase safety over Brize Norton, it was agreed to write to the RAF to raise concerns over safety and the increase in light aviation traffic in the Uley Valley, to be copied in to David Drew MP, RJD to raise with SDC.

7. District and County Councillor Reports RJD reported that SDC has formally agreed the budget for 2018/19 and set the precept. This will involve a CT increase of 2.99%. He reported that recycling levels are so high SDC will purchase new vehicles; prosecutions have been secured against fly tippers and for animal cruelty. Merrywalks Shopping Centre in Stroud is to be sold and the new owners are to invest £10m to upgrade. SDC will loan £2m towards the work. The new owners, Drakesfield are hoping to upgrade the current retail offer.

8. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. (i) Footpaths, AM reported that Robin Coates (RC) has started work on the muddy footpath at the top of the allotments; (ii) Playground. AM reported that the Playsafety ROSPA inspection has been booked; (iii) Bins, report from site visit with Lucy Clements (LC). MG reported on proposals to remove and replace. It was agreed that to remove the 2 bins from the playground and replace with one new large bin, 1 from the playground to be re-sited to the post at the end of South St. with the PREMA sign; the large bin by the pumps at the South St. junction to be moved to the Angeston layby; the second playground bin to be moved to replace the one on The Green which will be disposed of; move the dog waste bin from the hedge at 530 and place in a more accessible position.

9. Planning. (i) Decisions. S.18/0068/HHOLD 1, The Street. Permission. (ii) S.18/0398/TCA 8A, Whitecourt. The holly tree has been removed prior to a decision. No

objection but agreed to raise issue with tree officer about removal prior to consent; (iii) S.18/0385/TCA, New House, Fiery Lane. Fell silver birch. It was agreed that if the tree officer thinks it is rotting then no objection but would like a replacement; (iv) S.18/0333/TCA, 16, Green Close. Oak tree, it was agreed to suggest that the tree should be retained, and the canopy raised; (v) S.18/0098/TCA 25, The Street. AM reported that the comments from the last meeting had not been recorded on the system and consent had been given to the removal of 2 trees on the grounds they were diseased and too close to the Highway. JB had disputed this following several site visits. A letter from JD had been sent to Geraldine LeCointe, the SDC Planning Manager putting forward the objections and dissatisfaction with the current planning portal that is malfunctioning and not supporting the statutory consultation process. JB had been in contact with Cllr. Tom Williams from the Planning Committee who had been helpful. It was agreed to email all planning comments and objections in future rather than rely on the planning portal. JW reported that the planning application for the John Daniel installation need to be signed off by the Parish Council, Agreed.

10. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. (i) Lampern Hill Flooding. TJM, as Flood Warden, has carried out a site visit to Lampern Hill and found two leaks, one from the lake and one from the quarry. It was agreed that the upper leak has occurred following the digging out of the lake which may have destabilised the water system. TJM thought the spring that now runs across the road should be rerouted through a culvert under the road. It was agreed to write to Karen Randell of Owlpen again and ask her to follow this up with the landowners. Recently when the water had iced over there was an accident with two vehicles; (ii) Broken manhole cover in The Street, TJM reported that this had been replaced; (iii) Uley Brewery leak. TJM reported that that further action has been held up by the landowner's insurance company awaiting the results of a lab test of the water before they will commission repairs. RC has refilled the grit bins at the Brewery and Woodstock Terr. It was agreed to order more salt and invoice the Brewery landowner as they had agreed to pay and ask RC to refill bins again. It was agreed to ask GCC to sweep the road on both sides where cuttings have been left following the hedge work on Uley Road by Angeston Grange.

11. Finance Report. (i) March Report. AM reported that the VN have submitted an invoice for £248, 50% of the annual printing cost not covered by revenue. It was agreed to ask why there is a shortfall this year as costs have been covered by income for the past few years; Cheques authorised: Uley with Owlpen & Nympsfield PCC £248 Village News; HMRC Month 12 PAYE £119; A. McKay Salary £476.80 and Microsoft 365 annual sub. £59.99 - £536.79; Uley Valley Contractors strimming and snow clearance £483.00; A. McKay, annual travel expenses £116.10; costs of the John Daniel Planning Application which will be confirmed at the next meeting.

12. Reports from PC Representatives. Village Hall. JW reported that the committee is holding an EGM as there is a funding crisis with the Playgroup, which is struggling to cover its costs owing to low demand and insufficient available hours in the Village Hall; Allotments Association. MP reported there is a meeting on Sunday. AM to invoice for £500 annual rent; Uley Playing Field. JD reported a pipe had burst above the changing room during the cold weather. It had brought down the ceiling, so the Pavilion was not available for a few days; JB asked for a map of the village grit bin. AM agreed to send one.

13. Parish website and newsletter. Agreed to put in an item on snow clearance.

14. Correspondence.

Sean Davis – Tree cutting power lines.

Robert Davis – March Hare Classic.

GCC – road closure.

SDC – Leyhill Working Party.

15. Urgent Matters. AM reported that the PC has been notified that Stout's Hill is looking to sell as a leisure/hospitality complex. It was agreed to monitor the situation and report on developments. MG asked for Leyhill Working Party to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Agreed. Also reported that he had put on the website dates for the APM 16th May and ACM 6th June. Agreed. AM to book the VH.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.