

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting held on 6th December 2017 at 7pm in Uley Village Hall

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

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

1. Apologies. Juliet Browne (JB). David Sykes (DS), (Footpaths Officer),

2. Public Representation. 4. Thoss and Mary Shearer, Mark and Emma Sharland.

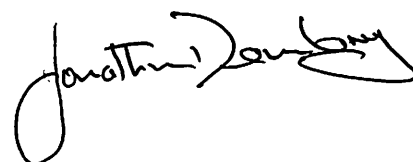
3. Declaration of Interests. Item 14, JW member of the Uley Society.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting subject to the following correction: Present TJM instead of TIM; Item 3 DoI TJM item 9, 1, The Street; Item 12, TJM had not been able to meet with PCSO Diane Howells.

5. Matters Arising. Item 12. PCSO Diane Howells to be invited to the January meeting. Item 7. JW had thought the proposed extension of the Greenway was in the Parish Plan but has been unable to confirm.

6. District and County Councillor Reports. LP reported that GCC now have a countywide policy of using LED lights in place of the more expensive sodium ones. She has reported the lights that need replacing to SKANSKA and the cracked drain cover on The Street which has been inspected and is awaiting repair. Under new legislation, historic footways that are not registered cannot be used as evidence against developments or village green applications. New ones will need to be registered in the first 18 months. LP to find out more and report back. Highways – 149 resurfacings completed on target, all other targets being exceeded for the year. The Children's Activity Fund has now finished. Each Councillor will have a £30,000 fund but not sure for what period or how it should be used. GCC have agreed to replace their fleet with electric or hybrid vehicles. The contract with Amey expires next year. Andrew Middlecote is to be replaced. JW reported an overgrown hedge in front of Court House and asked for it to be cut back. LP agreed to look at it next week during a site visit with the new manager. TJM will send LP a summary of outstanding concerns and will arrange a meeting with the new manager. RJD reported from a site visit with Dave Lesser SDC flood manager, they looked at the flooding opposite the surgery, DL will report to Severn Trent; water coming through the Brewery onto The Street, it is coming from a cracked pipe on private land, TJM to approach landowners to find out what they intend to do, JW to provide contact details; Met Jane Overton at Spring Mill. TJM reported the gullies need clearing and spring water at Shadwell is leaking onto the road.

7. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. (i) Footpaths. CUL50 temporary, slippery stile removed; CUL21 Angeston – Cats Castle DS reported this muddy but passable; (ii) Playground. MG reported a letter from Carol Rogers who was disappointed at the standard of equipment in the playground, and reported some small defects. MG will consider procuring some spare parts that are required for the swings from a cheaper supplier. It was agreed to set up a working group with parents to paint the equipment and generally spruce up the playground in the spring. It was agreed to ask RC to carry out an additional grass cut this year and some more next year.



8. Planning. (i) Decisions. 1, The Street, consent granted for the wall and garage. Comments from the PC were submitted via email prior to the decision; (ii) Proposed new base station VF 95383. Mark and Emma Sharland wished to comment on the additional search sites that Maxema are assessing. They live at Black nest below Whitely Wood where one of the sites had been identified, and they had attended the Owlpen Parish Meeting where this issue was raised. He was under the impression that the decision to suggest these additional sites to Maxema had been made by individual parish councillors. MG corrected him and emphasised that the decision was taken collectively by the Parish Council as recorded in the PC minutes of 1st November 2017. The additional sites had been suggested reluctantly by the PC as the previous sites considered by Maxema had not been feasible or in the case of the lattice tower on Whitecourt covered reservoir was the worst of the three options put forward and was likely to have the greatest visual impact. It was made clear that these additional sites were not the preferred option of the PC, but possible alternatives identified on topographical grounds that would potentially meet the coverage requirements of the operators. The PC still favour the proposed installation at the Arqiva Tower. Emma Sharland was concerned about the health implications of the proximity of the mast. MP responded that the health issues had been discussed in depth at a previous meeting in August and the outcome is inconclusive, and in any case the impact would be same for anybody near wherever the mast is sited. TJM reported that from a recent survey he had found more electro magnetic flux inside the house from various appliances than from a large electricity sub station within 50 yards outside the house, this suggests that balance of risks not necessarily as big a concern as people may think. TS spoke on behalf of the Uley Valley Mast Group who were concerned that the PC had changed its position of not actively proposing potential sites to Maxema and asked for a copy of all PC correspondence with Maxema under the Freedom of Information legislation. He queried that PCs commitment to asking Maxema to reconsider the Arqiva mast, and pointed out that Maxema have still not provided evidence supporting their claim that dense urban coverage was required for a 4 G signal and that this could not be delivered from Arqiva. They had agreed to do this at the meeting of 12th October 2017. It was agreed that the PC write to Maxema reinforcing their commitment to the use of the Arqiva tower as the preferred option of sites, and to copy to the Uley Valley Mast Group, Owlpen Parish and the Sharlands. MP abstained; (iii) S.17/2567/HHOLD Dauncey's Mill, proposed balcony. No comment; (iv) S.17/2466/HHOLD The New House, Fiery Lane. Proposed extension, some members could not access the papers on the website; (vi) S.17/2502/TCA Daunceys Mill. Mainly trees affected by ivy. No comment; (vii) S.17/2659 / The Knoll, proposal to re-clad with concrete. Agreed to write to SDC asking for the application to be rejected on the grounds of very poor-quality information. The Council does not believe it should have to accept this standard of application. It was agreed that should the application be resubmitted the Council would object on the grounds that the houses are of historical and architectural importance, and the proposals are unnecessary and inappropriate and would damage the character of the buildings.

Call
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9. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. Issues addressed under District/County Councillor Reports.

10. Finance Report. (i) November Finance report. No significant issues to report. JD asked if the PC has paid the invoice for two meetings at the Pavilion. AM reported that invoices will be presented for payment next month. It was agreed to authorise the following cheques: Grant Thornton £120.00 2017 Annual return audit; C R Signs £150.00, speed watch signs; A McKay £603.36, salary ££476.20, Stationary, £19.45, Kaspersky £44.99, PC security, hospitality £32.97 and £29.75; B. Holley £40.16, reimbursement for Christmas honoraria; HMRC £119.00 HMRC PAYE, British Legion £15.00 wreath.

11. Reports from PC Representatives. CD&UJW Committee. JW reported that Natural England are looking at a replacement scheme for the Stewardship one that expires next year. A meeting with NE will take place on 18th December 2017 for a briefing. *Shop.* JW reported that it has been awarded a 'Rural Oscar' by the Countryside Alliance, and may be invited to the House of Commons if it wins the rural division. JD reported that he had met with representatives of DEFRA and the GRCC who wanted to know about the Housing Association development at Goldingham Close. JW reported some changes to the Village Agent service. It is to be renamed Community Wellbeing Agent. The phone numbers have changed but ~~new ones not yet advised~~. It was agreed to put a note in the Village News. *Millennium Green.* BH reported that the firework display had gone well and raised £3,500, the sheep racing had raised £5,000. Green Close had been very congested on the night of the fireworks. It was agreed that a note should go in the Village News asking people to be sure to leave 3 ~~meters~~ ^{METERS} across the highway to allow access to emergency vehicles. Uley Playing Field. JD reported from the AGM. JD was elected as Deputy Chairman; Tom Williams has been replaced as Secretary by Ashy McKay.

12. Parish website and newsletter. It was agreed to start using the new email addresses in January. Newsletter – include item on Community Wellbeing Agent; GCC Highways, report it facility.

13. Correspondence.

Dursley Town Council – Consultation on Neighbourhood Plan.

SDR Local Plan Review – Agreed to feedback that Uley should be Tier 4.

14. Urgent Matters. JW reported that the Uley Society have clear plans for the John Daniel sculpture on the Village Green, and circulated photos. MG pointed out that there is a collapsed manhole cover (Severn Trent) that will need to be fixed as it is close to the installation site. It was agreed to give permission to the Uley Society. TM agreed to draft a brief licence agreement and send to Rod White; Village Hall, JD agreed to write to the Diocese asking for a contribution towards repairs. Conservation Area Statement. MG asked for this item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. It was agreed to get advice from Della Gould the Conservation Officer from SDC.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.