

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of a meeting held on 1st November 2017 at 6.15 pm in the Village Hall.

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

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

1. Apologies. Belinda Holley (BH), Melanie Paraskeva (MP), Loraine Patrick (LP).
2. Public Representation. 0.
3. Declarations of Interest. Item 4. JW Prema. Item 9. (1 The Street) JW & TJM
4. Setting the Precept for 2018/19. The Chairman brought forward item 6. It was agreed to increase the precept claim by 2% to £16,426 reflecting the 2% increase in the tax base. The following budget revisions were agreed: Staff salaries increase by 1% to £7,221.50; Training increased to £100; 123 reg. £0; General grass cutting increased to £1,700; Village Hall S.137 raised to £1,000; Conservation Area Statement Renewal £1,000 from general contingencies.
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
6. Matters Arising. The drop-in consultation sessions on the SDC Local Plan Review will be held at 9.30-12.30 pm on 11/11/2017 in Dursley, and 3.30-6.30pm at Cam Parish Council on 16/11/17. It was agreed to send a letter of support to the Cotswold Conservation Board for renewing the interpretation board at the Sheep wash.
7. District and County Councillor Reports. District Councillor Jim Dewey introduced Dr. Simon Opher, Chairman of the local NHS Commissioning Group who are working with Dursley TC to develop a cycle route from Cam and Dursley Station through Littlecombe to Dursley and thence through to Uley. SDC have prioritised several projects for the allocation of the £300,000 a year walking and cycling budget. The most feasible route would be along the Uley Road although this will have a lot of engineering challenges, particularly where the path crosses the road at Rockstowes. The cycle path would need to be 2 meters wide, so the existing path would need to be widened. RJD advised that if the Parish Council are in support, the route can be incorporated into the revised Local Plan. JW thought that it already was and that it is in the Parish Plan. JB did not agree to support as she thought the proposed route very dangerous, particularly for children. Stroud Subscription Rooms, RJD reported that SDCs preferred option is to sell to Ecotricity who have made a bid. However, Stroud Town Council are keen to keep it in public ownership and want to transfer it to the Stroud Trust under a 30-year lease with maintenance liability. The report making recommendations will go to the Strategy and Resources Committee on 17th November. RJD reported that some councillors are pressing for the decision to be taken by Full Council as they do not think the consultation and assessment process has been transparent; Angeston layby bin. RJD reported that officers have told him that they do not intend to replace bin 531 owing to perceived lack of use. This is untrue as the rubbish is currently being collected and disposed of by a local resident. It was agreed that RJD and AM both contact SDC to give them this information and insist on a replacement. JD thanked RJD for his help in obtaining a positive outcome on 25, The Street.



8. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. (i) Footpaths. DS reported that the track behind Angeston Grange is currently OK, however no directional signs to Newbrook Equestrian have been put up. He confirmed that there is a sign on a wall at the Fop St. entrance prohibiting vehicles, but it was very small and not very visible. Agreed that AM contact Newbrook again about the signs. The footpath between the Coal Yard and Bencombe House has pallets laid down at one point and these are slippery and dangerous. DS to speak to RC. DS is compiling a list of damaged or missing footpath signs to send to GCC; (ii) Playground. MG reported that the works are complete, but the protective fencing is still there to protect the growing grass. It was agreed that MG ask RC to permit access to the multiplay area. AM confirmed the ROSPA inspection is not due until next year. MG has put a link on the website to a google map showing the location of the Playground, in response to a request from a local resident.
9. Planning. (i) Decisions. None. (ii) Proposed new base station installation at VF 95383, Whitecourt covered reservoir. Notes of the stakeholder meeting with Maxema, CTIL and Vodafone were circulated prior to the meeting. A pre-application consultation notification has been issued for the installation of a lattice tower at the top of the Whitecourt site. Apparently, a climbable structure is required as it is not possible to get a cherry picker to that part of the site. This proposal was thought to be a worse option than the original telegraph pole proposal that has now been withdrawn although any installation on this site was thought to be undesirable. Maxema insist that this is the only site out of their search sites that is available and meets all their requirements. It was noted that additional information requested at the meeting had not been supplied. Regarding the use of small cells, Vodafone had explained that although they have used small cells, the CTIL partnership between Vodafone and Telefonica have not agreed to use small cells so this is not an available option for them. It was agreed to chase up answers to the questions outstanding and to propose that they look at some additional sites that were not in their original search that may meet their requirements and have less of a visual impact. A couple of potential search sites were identified off Lampem Hill. MG will provide a google map which could be forwarded to Maxema for their consideration. It was agreed that AM would post some A5 notices in the shop and the notice boards and circulate to councillors, advertising the drop-in session that Maxema and Vodafone agreed to hold in the Village Hall on Monday, 13th November (4.30-7.30pm); (iii) S.17/2349/TCA, 51, The Street. JB had circulated a note and recommended asking that a registered tree surgeon be used. Agreed. It was noted that more trees have been removed at the side of the track leading from South St. to the Millennium Green. It is not known who owns the land. JB suggested planning some new trees in their place; (iv) S.17/2438/LBC Dauncey's Mill. Extension applied for as not received 3 days prior to the meeting; (v) S.17/ 2279/HHOLD 1, The Street. Application for a garage and replacement wall. It was agreed to feedback comments by the extended deadline of 7th November.
10. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. (i) Hedge on Uley Road. Thanks to Fred Hill who has agreed to pay a contractor to take the line of the hedge back by a foot, although the land is believed to be owned by GCC Highways; (ii) Uley Sheepwash Interpretation Board. This has now been renewed. It was agreed that AM send a note of thanks to the Cotswold Conservation Board.

11. Finance Report. (i) AM reported that the audit process is now complete with no issues raised for attention: (ii) the following cheques were authorised for payment: 2017/18 S.137 grants – Uley Playing Field £350; Millennium Green Committee £300; Prema Ltd. £250; Stroud CAB £150; Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper £50; Dursley Good Neighbours £100; Parish Council Websites £90 annual website hosting; A. McKay £505.75, Salary £476, Stationary £29.75; HMRC PAYE £119.00.
12. PC Reports. Prema. JW reported that it is doing well and in profit by £14,000, the Café is doing particularly well and has recently voluntarily increased its rental payments SDC grant this year reduced from £10,000 to £5,000. It celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2018; Woodland Committee. JW reported that SDC want to divest it's landholding to the three respective parishes. This has been strongly resisted by the committee and Councillor Paul Denny of Cam who was annoyed that councillors were not informed first. It was agreed that this would be undesirable and to retain the status quo; Police and Crime Panel. TJM reported that he had not been able to meet with the replacement for Josh Griffiths, PCSO Diane Howells. It was agreed to invite her to the meeting in January. Tree Warden. JB proposed carrying out a review of significant trees outside the conservation area to get them protection with a TPO. JB will contact Maurice Bullen for his data and MG agreed to provide a map of the conservation area.
13. Website and Newsletter. It was agreed to start using the new councillor email addresses within the internal network, JB and MP still to be set up.
14. Correspondence.

GCC – Learn as you play with Gloucestershire Music.

GCC – What are the purple ribbons?

GCC – Bristol Road upgrade phase 2.

SDC – Support for older and vulnerable residents within your parish.

15. Urgent Matters. None.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.