

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL**Draft minutes of a meeting held on 2nd May 2018 at
7pm in Uley Village Hall**

Present: Councillors Jonathan Dembrey (JD), (Chairman), Melanie Paraskeva (MP), Mike Griffiths (MG), Juliet Browne (JB), Tim Martin (TJM),

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

1. Apologies. Councillors Janet Wood (JW) (Vice-Chairman), Belinda Holley (BH), County Councillor Loraine Patrick.

2. Public Representation. Thoss Shearer, item 10.

3. Declaration of Interests. None.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th May 2018 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman, subject to the following correction '14th May' instead of 19th May item 8.

5. Matters Arising. None.

6. District and County Councillor Reports. RJD reported from Stroud District Council. SDC has expressed concerns to the government about the abolition of the Rate Support Grant as it is hitting local government funding is being hit hard and future prospects for the maintenance of service is poor. 5, The Knowle, the Housing Officer has visited and agreed that the tenant will clear the garden within a month. The HO will visit weekly until it is done. The hedge has been partially cut back but now it is nesting season the rest will have to wait. MG asked about the status of the Javelin Park incinerator currently under construction, it will be finished even though the costs of rubbish disposal will allegedly be twice as much as landfill. It is expected to generate some electricity for the Hunt's Park and forthcoming Stonehouse developments.

7. Footpaths, Playground and Bins. (i) Footpaths. DS reported that the Cotswold Wardens have fixed the broken stile at Lye Farm. Paths are generally in good condition with the exception of the Cotswold Way path that has been disturbed by a badger set. This has been reported to GCC PROW, but nothing can be done to disturb the badgers. JB mentioned the sign opposite

Angeston layby has come down, AM to report to GCC;

(ii) Playground Report. MG confirmed that the annual ROSPA inspection has taken place. Nothing requires urgent action mainly low risk items such as removal of rust and repainting. Some items do not quite come up to the required standard but do not pose a risk. The repairs and modifications to the multiplay have been approved. MG will draw up an action plan highlighting what needs to be done to address the issues raised;

(iii) Bins. MG is leading on the bin review and has costings for a new 90 litre bin for the playground which AM will order. It was agreed to go ahead based on £180 plus installation costs. It was agreed that AM ask Robin Coates to quote for installing and moving and fixing the 25 litre playground bins. MG will speak to the Chair of the Millennium Green Committee about repositioning the dog bin in the hedge.

8. Data Protection. AM reported that new data protection regulations come into force at the end of May and there are a number of things that the PC will need to comply with. One is to appoint a Data Protection Officer. It was agreed that AM act as the DPO. Local Government bodies are currently negotiating with government to exempt small councils such as PCs from the regulations. A more detailed briefing and a policy to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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9. Annual Parish Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 16th May. The agenda will be standard with so special topics although there will be an open forum at which parishioners can raise any issues for discussion. AM to post notices of the APM.

10. Planning. (i) Decisions. None notified. AM noted that SDC no longer circulate a decisions list, each application must be reviewed for a decisions sheet. It was agreed to write to Planning about this issue;

(ii) S.18/0801/HHOLD 13, The Green. Replace concrete structure with timber framed car port, variation of original permission for a solid structure. Agreed it was an improvement and neighbours are supportive;

(iii) S.18/0838/HHOLD Rockstowes. Proposal to vary permission from games room and sauna to a single room. No objection.;

(iv) S.18/0805/TCA 1A Whitecourt. Fell rotting plum tree. No comments.

(v) S.18/ /HHOLD 3, Weaver's Drive. Late application received after dispatching agendas. Agreed to ask officer to defer until

after the next meeting; (vi) Planning Policy. SDC have replied to Bisley and Lipiatt PC addressing some of the policy and specific case issues raised by them. AM reported that she had written to SDC raising a number of policy issues, also, that no reply has yet been received to the letter sent in February about 25, The Street. RJD agreed to raise with Geraldine LeCointe when he sees her; AM to send him copies of letters sent to her; (vii) Maxema Mast drop in session 14th May. TS suggested the PC have an exit questionnaire and had circulated a draft. It was decided that as there is no information from Maxema on the options they are presenting it would be difficult to design a questionnaire that would harvest any useful information therefore it was agreed not to have one. TS said that the Mast Group is likely to do one themselves but would have preferred that the PC did one. It was agreed that JD, TJM and JB will attend the session on behalf of the PC. It was agreed that AM will ask Maxema what they have done to advertise the meeting. The PC have done so but with very little information available there was not much to advertise.

11. Highway Matters, Transport and Flooding. (i) Brewery leak. TJM reported that Severn Trent have completed their work but there is still a small leak; (ii) BT Exchange. AM reported that she had spoken to the new property manager who confirmed that an officer had inspected the site but could not find the fence. They had not looked at the back of the building so agreed to do so as well as dig out the silt from the pond. RJD reported this had not been done when he last checked; (iii) Parking in Court Gardens. Marion Mills has raised an issue about cars parking on the pavement in Court Gardens and if anything can be done. She thought that legislation relating to pavement parking may have recently changed. It was agreed that AM will check on the current situation.

12. Finance Report. (i) May Finance Report. It was agreed to authorise the following cheques: A. McKay £475.79 clerk's salary £467.80 and HP ink £7.99; HMRC PAYE £119.20; Playsafety Ltd. £96.60 Annual ROSPA report; Zurich Municipal Insurance £1,018.00 annual premium; Uley Village Hall £60 00 hall hire February, March and April. AM to check if there is a minuted agreement to vire surplus election funds to playground contingency. AM to write to Canon Michael about the

Youth of Uley Funds.

11. Reports from PC Representatives

12. Parish website and newsletter. No items for the newsletter. Agreed to post a report of the Maxema drop in on the website.

13. Correspondence.

SDC – Stroud Local Plan Review: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report April 2018.

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GCC – National Democracy Week.

Marion Mills – e-mail re. Parking in Court Gdns.

SDC – Community Infrastructure Levy – April 2018.

14. Urgent Matters.

Casual vacancy and procedure for filling it will be on the agenda of the Annual Council Meeting in June. JB asked for a map showing the PCs land holdings. JD raised an email from Amanda Voss asking permission to put a banner on the rails outside the Village Hall. TJM and AM confirmed that permission for advertising is required from the Planning Authority. It was agreed that JD write back to ask if they have advertising permission and permission to put up CCTV cameras.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.