

Minutes of the meeting of Uley Parish Council held on Wednesday 5 September 2018, commencing at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Uley.

PRESENT: Councillors Jonathan Dembrey (Chairman)  
 Janet Wood (Vice-Chair)  
 Melanie Paraskeva  
 Mike Griffiths  
 Juliet Browne  
 Tim Martin

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeni Marshall (Temporary Clerk)  
 Six members of the public  
 Hugo Mander of Owlpen Manor

APOLOGIES David Sykes (Footpath Officer)  
 Jim Dewey (Stroud District Councillor)

- 1/9/18 To receive apologies for absence  
 Apologies were received as above
- 2/9/18 To receive any representations from members of the public  
 Six members of the public requested to speak regarding the Owlpen Manor Planning application. It was agreed they would speak when the agenda item came up.
- 3/9/18 To receive any declarations of interest  
 None received
- 4/9/18 To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Council  
 The minutes of the previous meeting was approved subject to an amendment proposed by Councillor Martin.
- 5/9/18 To consider any issues arising from the previous meeting  
 This item was covered by minute number 4/9/18
- 6/9/18 To receive any reports from County and District Councillors  
 The Chairman read a report from Councillor Dewey covering proposed car park charges which have now been scrapped, information regarding the new Chief Executive at Stroud District Council, Kathy O'Leary, the withdrawal of the Negative Revenue Support Grant, Brexit and Gloucestershire Vision 2050.
- 7/9/18 To receive a report from the Footpaths Officer  
 The Footpaths Officer sent his apologies. Councillor Martin once again reported a broken stile which had been reported at the previous meeting but is still not fixed.
- 8/9/18 To receive a playground report  
 Councillor Griffiths reported that he has put the large new bin in to the playground. Lucy Clements at Stroud District Council has been informed and she has been asked

to put a bag in this bin rather than the two smaller ones. Councillor Griffiths also advised that the grass has been cut and despite looking for ragwort he had been unable to see any in the play area.

9/9/18

To receive the following planning decisions:

- S.18/1551/MINAM – Elcombe Farm, Elcombe – Alterations to internal accommodation layout and minor amendments to windows –APPROVAL
- S.18/1419/TCA – The Green, Uley – Works to various trees – APPROVAL

10/9/18

To consider the following applications:

- S.18/1763/HHOLD – Cats Castle, Uley Road – Single storey oak orangery  
Members considered the application and debated over the location and addition of another extension to the property. Members resolved to note the application.
- S.18/1398/TCA – 7 Fop Street – Removal of conifer. Members resolved to support the application and also support the replacement of the conifer with a hedge
- S.18/1730/HHOLD – 29 Elcombe – Erection of an extension and renovation of the existing house – Members resolved to note this application but agreed that they did not support retrospective applications.

*Hugo Mander joined the meeting*

- S.18/1609/FUL & S.18/1610/LBC – Owlpen Manor – Erection of a covered events space in the gardens adjacent to Tithe Barn Wedding Venue – six members of the public addressed the Council and raised issues regarding the access lane (Fiery Lane) which they believed to be too narrow to accommodate any further traffic in particular additional coaches. Other issues were raised including sound proofing the new venue as neighbours have suffered from noise pollution caused by the venue and the future potential expansion and capacity of the venue. Hugo Mander replied to some of the comments and assured parishioners and Councillors that the intention is not to increase the usage of the venue rather to make it more sustainable with a permanent structure rather than marquees. He also felt this would address the noise issue as less noise would emanate from a solid structure. Hugo further felt that traffic would be reduced rather than increased as deliveries such as temporary toilets and other requirements created by the temporary structure would no longer be required. Members considered the representations made by Hugo and members of the public and resolved to raise issues with District Council regarding the need for air conditioning, noise control and issues of the access road and lack of involvement by County Council Highways.

*Hugo Mander and five other members of the public left the meeting*

11/9/18

To consider and note comments from a Parishioner and The Campaign to Protect Rural England regarding the Owlpen Manor planning application

The Parishioner was in attendance and made comments under minute number 10/9/18. A comment of support from CPRE was noted.

- 12/9/18 To receive an update regarding the Vodafone mast  
The Chairman read out an email from Andy Lewis of Maxima stating that the mast would not be allowed on Whitecourt Reservoir. There are no further updates at present.
- 13/9/18 To consider the implications of 'Gloucestershire 2050'  
Although members had not had enough time to read the document in depth, Councillor Browne felt that the policy centred on urban areas rather than rural areas such as Uley. It was resolved to support the alternative vision created by CPRE. The clerk was asked to respond to this.
- 14/9/18 To note road improvements to The Street carried out on 4 September  
Members have received an email from a member of the public who was unhappy with the quality of the work and perturbed that her car tyres were covered in tar. Councillor Griffiths felt that the surface finish was very poor. Members resolved to write to the local highways Manager expressing concerns that good surfaces were being re-tarmacked and areas that are in a poor state are not being addressed. The Chairman commented that the work had been brought forward to the 31st of August which most likely exasperated the issue as only a day's notice was given. More liaison with the Parish Council would be beneficial.  
Members questioned whether the Lengthsmen had actually been to the village as the holes opposite 'The Manse' has not been repaired, vegetation on the wall opposite the hall is a mess, ash trees are springing up in The Street and the bank opposite Fop Street by the cherry trees is full of brambles. It was resolved to recreate the list of areas for the Lengthsmen to concentrate on and send this to Loraine Patrick at Gloucestershire County Council.  
Councillors mentioned a rundown property in The Knoll and requested that due to its unkempt exterior, the Clerk write to Councillor Jim Dewey to find out what is being done about this situation.
- 15/9/18 To receive the Finance Report  
Due to the Clerks resignation there is not report available. This item has been deferred until the October meeting.
- 16/9/18 To authorise cheques  
Cheques were authorised and signed for the HMRC and the Clerks salary.
- 17/9/18 To confirm the additional £200 grant to the Village Hall as originally agreed  
Members agreed that the cheque written out for £800 to the Village Hall should have been for the sum of a £1000. An additional £200 cheque was approved and signed by The Chairman and Vice-Chair
- 18/9/18 To receive reports from Parish Council Representatives  
None received

- 19/9/2018      To consider articles for the Village News and Council Website  
It was resolved to add to both the website and the Village News an advert for the Casual Vacancy prepared by Councillor Griffiths. The Clerk position was discussed however more work needs to be completed on the advert before it goes in to the Village News.
- 20/9/18        To note the resignation of the Clerk including a final salary settlement and recruitment of a new Clerk  
The resignation of the Clerk was noted, and final salary arrangements agreed. Members further resolved to remove the former Clerks name from the bank mandate.

*The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.40pm*

Signed -----

Dated-----

#### Actions

7/9/18	Re-report broken style	Clerk
10/9/18	Send off Planning Observations	Clerk
13/9/18	Respond to Gloucestershire 2050	Clerk
14/9/18	Recreate Lengthsmans List and send to GCC	Councillors
14/9/18	Write to Councillor Dewey regarding house in The Knoll	Clerk
19/9/18	Add Casual Vacancy to the Village News	Councillor Griffiths
19/9/18	Work on advert for Clerk Position	Chair/ Vice-Chair