

Minutes of the meeting of Uley Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd January, commencing at 7.00pm at Uley Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeni Marshall (Temporary Clerk)
Carrie Marshall - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: David Sykes (Footpath Officer)
1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Juliet Browne

1/01/2019 To receive any apologies for absence
Apologies were received as noted above.

2/01/2019 To receive any declarations of Interest
Councillor Wood declared an interest in agenda item 3 (minute number 3/01/19)
Woodlands Committee.

3/01/2019 To set the precept for 2019/20
Members considered the budget and discussed the grants. Since the last meeting further investigation was undertaken with regards to spending within the past year. The Council reviewed each item and the proposed precept for 2019/20 totalled £18,906. This is a percentage increase of 15.1% from the previous year which the Councillors felt was too high. In order to bring this percentage down the Councillors resolved to move £709.00 from the Highways Contingency to the budget for General Maintenance of Footpaths. Councillors also decided to move £400 from the Allotment Contingency to the Bus Shelter budget. This brought the precept down to £17,796 and the percentage increase down to 8.3%. Councillor Dembrey explained the increase is mainly due to staff training and additional grants, he proposed we move forward with this figure. This was seconded by Councillor Wood and carried with all in favour.

Councillors previously agreed that in future organisations wishing to receive a grant from Uley Parish Council will have to submit an application form. Councillors decided this must be completed by early September to allow for consideration at the October meeting.

4/01/2019 To receive any representation from members of the public
None received.

5/01/2019 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 5 December 2018
The minutes of the previous meeting was approved.

6/01/2019 To receive any reports from District and County Councillors
None present.

7/01/2019 To receive the Clerk's report

The Clerk apologised about the delay in the release of the December meeting minutes. This was due to internet issues and an internal problem with the email, however it was confirmed that the 5 working day deadline will still apply.

The Clerk informed the Council of a course being held by GAPTC. The course is called The Essentials for Clerks and costs £40.00 and the Council agreed that the Clerk could attend. The Clerk also reported that she had contacted GAPTC to request a change of the Clerk's details on Gloucester County Council's website. She had also spoken to Stroud District Council who have now updated the details on their website.

The Clerk highlighted that there had been a water leak at Fop Street. Councillor Dembrey had noticed it and asked Robin Coates to investigate however when he arrived on site, Severn Trent were already attending to it.

The Clerk asked the Councillors whether they would like to receive all emails from District and County Councillors. It was agreed that the Clerk will only send the emails that she deems relevant.

Jeni Marshall (Temporary Clerk) added that in future the minutes on the website should be the signed copy. It was agreed that these will be scanned to Councillor Griffiths.

8/01/2019 To receive any reports regarding footpaths / highways

David Sykes didn't have any updates regarding highways or footpaths. Councillor Griffiths and Councillor Paraskeva informed David Sykes that a stile past the playground and allotments near the entrance to the woods has a loose top step and is potentially dangerous. Councillor Wood raised the issue that one of the steps leading up to the Church is also loose. She also highlighted that the raised footpath on The Street leading up to the Church has a large amount of pot holes and requested Highways are contacted to deal with this issue.

Councillor Griffiths reported that his online survey regarding speeding through Uley has now finished and overall consensus was that there is a problem with cars speeding. The survey highlighted that the issue isn't so bad throughout the village where parked cars act as a traffic control measure however at both ends of the village the issue is more persistent. Councillor Paraskeva said she thought the Council should keep pushing for a 20mph speed limit. Councillor Martin informed the Council that he will be attending another meeting of the Stroud District Road Safety Group before the February meeting and will update the Council on any developments.

Councillor Wood mentioned that an area at the top of Fop Street needs to be tidied up and it was decided that Robin Coates will be contacted to arrange this. Councillor Wood also highlighted that at the top of Fop Street there is a significant amount of mud on the curb and road and that Highways should be contacted to resolve this.

- 9/01/2019 To discuss the new LED street lighting
Councillor Dee informed the Council that members of the public have approached her regarding the new LED street lights. The previous street lights used to turn off between 12am and 5am however the new lights stay on all night. Local residents are finding the new lights intrusive. Jeni Marshall mentioned that this issue has been raised whilst she was acting as Clerk and that the response from Gloucester County Council was that they should dim down over time but it was not thought that this would address the issue. The current Clerk has contacted County Council again to see if there are any further options and will report back at the next meeting.
- 10/01/2019 To receive any playground reports
Councillor Griffiths confirmed that he had put up the signs in the playground to warn of the uneven ground caused by the moles.
- 11/01/2019 To discuss the potential development on the land next to Ganzell Lane (PS29)
The Council discussed this item in detail. They had previously objected to a planning application on this same section of land which was turned down by Stroud District Council and were disappointed to see the District Council trying to incorporate it into the Emerging Strategy Paper. The Council feel it will add to the traffic through the village which is already an issue. Councillor Wood acknowledged that there is a stress over the housing demand in all areas however this site is not suitable. The Council resolved to object to PS29 on the Emerging Strategy Paper.
- 12/01/2019 To consider the following Planning Application
- S.18/2653/TCA– 15 Whitecourt, Uley. Remove Leylandii conifer hedge as too close to electric wires, replace with manageable beach tree hedge. Reduce by 2m Silver Birch Tree, too big for garden. Remove Ash Tree, due to ash dieback. Remove Horse Chestnut tree, pushing wall over. Remove small unknown tree next to horse chestnut, looks dead.
- COMMENT:** Councillor Martin proposed the application for trees A, C, D and E is acceptable however he felt that the Silver Birch will likely die once pruned and would object on this premise. This was carried with all in favour.
- 13/01/2019 To receive any Planning Decisions
No planning decisions were received.
- 14/01/2019 To authorise payments
Cheques were authorised and signed as follows:
- Clerks Salary
 - Temporary Clerk Invoice
 - Playing Field Grant
 - Millennium Green Grant
 - PREMA Grant
 - CAB Grant
 - CVTN Grant
 - Dursley Good Neighbours Grant
- 15/01/2019 To nominate members to attend the Stroud District Local Plan Review- Parish Council Conference
Councillor Browne emailed prior to the meeting to inform the Council she will be happy to attend the conference. Councillor Wood also agreed to attend.

- 16/01/2019 To consider nominating a member to attend the Queens Garden Party
Councillor Wood nominated Councillor Dembrey and Councillor Paraskeva to attend the Garden Party. Both members have served the Parish Council for some time and have individually helped the Council through their actions. Councillor Griffiths seconded the proposal and this was carried with all in favour.
- 17/01/2019 To receive any reports from PC Representatives
Due to Christmas break no meetings had been attended. Councillor Paraskeva informed members that the annual allotment social is taking place this month.
- 18/01/2019 To consider articles for the website and Newsletter
The Council agreed to include an article regarding the following:
 - Dursley Good Neighbour Scheme.
 - Members attendance of the Local Plan Conference.
 - The Councillors objections to the development at Ganzells Lane
 - Issues with street lights.
- 19/01/2019 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting
The next meeting will take place on February 6th 2019 at 7:00pm

Actions:

3/01/2019	Send precept request to Stroud District Council	Clerk
3/01/2019	Inform organisations associated with the grants of the deadline for future applications.	Clerk
5/01/2019	Upload signed minutes to the website	Councillor Griffiths
8/01/2019	Ask Robin Coates to attend to the area at the top of Fop Street that needs tidying	Clerk
8/01/2019	Report to Highways the mud and potholes	Clerk
9/01/2019	Maintain liaison with Highways regarding Street Lights	Clerk
11/01/2019	Object to development of land at Ganzell's Lane	Clerk
12/01/2019	Comment on planning application S.18/2653/TCA	Clerk
14/01/2019	Send out cheques	Clerk
15/01/2019	Attend the Stroud District Local Plan Review- Parish Council Conference	Councillors Brown and Wood
16/01/2019	Send nomination requests for the Queen's Garden Party	Clerk
18/01/2019	Write article and send to Village news	Clerk