

Minutes of the meeting of Uley Parish Council held on Wednesday 1st May 2019, commencing at 7.00pm at Uley Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Carrie Marshall - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Jim Dewey (District Councillor)
Lorraine Patrick (County Councillor)
David Sykes (Footpath Officer)

1/05/2019 To receive any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received as noted above.

2/04/2019 To receive any declarations of Interest
None received.

3/04/2019 To receive any representation from members of the public (*Members of the public wishing to speak on agenda items should indicate this to the Chairman and confirm whether or not their names can be recorded in the minutes of the meeting*)

A Member of the Public requested that an item regarding frequent fireworks is added to the agenda for the Parish Council's June meeting

4/04/2019 To receive any reports from District and County Councillors
None received.

5/05/2019 To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk reported that all the actions from the April's meeting have been completed.

There has been an issue with the email server which prevented all the Parish Council email addresses from receiving or sending any emails. Town & Parish Websites was contacted regarding the matter and they were able to deal with the problem. It should not cause any ongoing issues.

The Clerk is also liaising with Stroud District Council regarding the frequency of fireworks at Owlpen Manor, the issue was raised by a concerned Member of the Public.

6/05/2019 To receive any reports regarding footpaths / highways

The Clerk informed the Council that Paul Helbrow from Gloucestershire County Council Highways has introduced the Community Maintenance Scheme which will replace the current Lengthsmen scheme. The Parish Council has the opportunity to put forward any Lengthsmen type work that they believe needs to be included in the 2019/20 works programme. The Highways Department will endeavour to complete the works within three months of receiving the initial request. The Council discussed the current state of white lines around Uley and came to the conclusion that they need refreshing as they are faded. Other areas which need repainting include the driveway adjacent to the Village Shop and the 'no parking' writing outside the Millennium Green. Another suggestion included the railing outside of The Kings Head on The Street which needs repainting.

Councillor Browne commented that The Street would benefit from being strimmed or weeded.

Councillor Wood reported that the area opposite The Pumps hasn't been strimmed to the normal standard due to the abundance of dog foul in the area. The Council asked the Clerk to contact the Neighbourhood Warden regarding stencils for the pavements along The Street and Raglan Way, reminding Parishioners to clean up dog mess.

7/05/2019 To receive any playground reports

Councillor Griffiths reported that the cradle swings in the playground has elements that are cracked and unsightly. They are not yet dangerous but will need replacing soon. Councillor Griffiths enquired about the cost of replacing the parts from the manufacturer who informed him that for each required part it would cost £44, a total of £88 per swing. If the Council wished to purchase a whole new cradle seat it would cost £125 per swing. Councillor Griffiths found an alternative swing which meets safety regulations for the total cost of £84 per swing. The Council asked Councillor Griffiths to purchase the swings and he will be reimbursed in due course.

Councillor Griffiths also mentioned that the anti-bird prongs above the swings need replacing and was given permission by the Council to move forward with this. A Member of the Public informed the Council they have some spare anti-bird prongs that the Council can use.

Councillor Griffiths has met with Anna Summers regarding replacing some of the dated play equipment and is investigating different options in order to put together a sensible budget estimate. Once a budget has been decided the Council will make enquiries regarding various sources of income such as grants.

8/05/2019 To receive and consider quotes for the Community Notice Boards

The Council has received a quote from Matt Summers to replace the notice boards adjacent to the Lower Bus Shelter and under the windows of the Village Hall. The total cost for all of the new notice boards totalled £1550.00 which the Council believes to be reasonable. The Clerk supplied another quote which totalled £1227.52 for one notice board. The Council discussed the requirements of the board and decided it needed to be lockable, with only Village Organisations having keys to it. It was also decided that The Council will initially replace the bottom notice board and replace the Village Hall notice boards at a later date. The Council resolved that the Clerk will continue liaising with Matt Summers to provide a drawing including dimensions with the discussed amendments made. Councillor Patrick emphasized her willingness towards the notice boards out of her Councillor Fund,

if we sent in a request.

9/05/2019 To consider contributing financially towards Stroud District Road Safety Group's Rural Multi-Site Traffic Regulation Order and to discuss areas to be considered

The Council discussed contributing towards Stroud District Road Safety Group's (SDRSG) Rural Multi-Site Traffic Regulation Order and concluded that it would be beneficial as it would allow us to build evidence in relation to speeding in The Street and also work out to be more cost effective. Councillor Griffiths proposed the Council contribute £250 to the scheme as requested by SDRSG which was seconded by Councillor Wood and carried with all in favour.

The Council also considered putting forward Hydegate Lane as a Quiet Lane however decided it was not suitable.

10/05/2019 To consider the following Planning Applications

- S.19/0711/HHOLD- 10 Shadwell, Uley. Revision of roofline to approved application
S.18/2331/HHOLD
No observations.
- S.19/0754/LBC- Wresden Cottage, Uley Road, Dursley, Gloucestershire. Replacement fenestrations, external re-pointing and the insertion of a new internal partition
The Council support this application.

11/05/2019 To receive any Planning Decisions

- S.19/0141/FUL- St Giles Church, Uley. Replace lead flat roof with terne-coated stainless steel.
PERMISSION

12/05/2019 To authorise payments

Cheques were authorised and signed as follows:

- Clerks Salary
- Clerks Expenses
- Zurich Insurance
- Uley Valley Contractors

13/05/2019 To agree and sign the Clerks Contract

In the April meeting, Councillor Martin queried the pro rata and asked what the full time hours equate to. The Clerk is employed on a part time basis of 14 hours a week out of a full time equivalent of 37 hours per week. This was amended in the Contract and it was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

14/05/2019 To receive any reports from PC Representatives

Councillor Paraskeva reported on a recent meeting at PREMA. Bookings are quieter than usual however this is common in Spring/Summer months. The accounts are looking healthy and they have recently recruited a new Book Keeper. PREMA have started running some shorter workshops as opposed to longer courses.

Councillor Martin reported that the Joint Woodlands Committee has held their Annual Meeting. Councillor Wood retired as Chairman after 30 years working on the Committee and Councillor Martin thanked her for all the hard work she has invested into the group. Councillor Martin has been

elected as the Chairman and Councillor Dee has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the Committee. They are starting the year in a healthy financial position.

15/05/2019 To consider articles for the website and newsletter and discuss the upcoming vacancies at the Village News

The Council agreed to include an article regarding the following:

- Thank you to the Village News Editors
- Announce the new Editor
- Contributors required

16/05/2019 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting

The next meeting of Uley Parish Council will take place on May 1st 2019 at 7:00pm

Actions:

3/05/2019	Add fireworks to the June agenda	Clerk
5/05/2019	Contact some local companies to obtain quotes for Community Notice Board.	Clerk
6/05/2019	Send in highways requests	Clerk
6/05/2019	Contact Neighbourhood Warden regarding dog mess	Clerk
7/05/2019	Order new swing seat and install anti-bird prongs	Councillor Griffiths
14/05/2019	Send in planning responses	Clerk
18/05/2019	Send out cheques	Clerk
21/05/2019	Write Village News article	Clerk

Uley Parish Council is opposed to discrimination in any form and at all levels and is committed to take all steps within its power to counteract it. We wish to create an environment where all forms of discriminatory or oppressive behaviour are unacceptable and to provide community leadership in promoting tolerance, understanding and respect. Please note that this meeting may be recorded.