

Minutes of the Meeting of Uley Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd July, commencing at 7.00pm at Uley Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Carrie Marshall - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Dewey
1 Member of the Public

APOLOGIES: None received

1/07/2019 To receive any apologies for absence
Apologies were received as noted above.

2/07/2019 To receive any declarations of Interest
None declared.

3/07/2019 To receive any representation from members of the public
Thoss Shearer requested that the minutes from the meeting held on 26 June were added to the Parish Council website.

4/07/2019 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings held on 26 June 2019
The minutes of the previous meetings was approved and duly signed.

5/07/2019 To receive any reports from District and County Councillors
District Councillor Dewey reported that he had been attending many workshops and seminars regarding Climate Change and going Carbon Neutral. Following this there was some discussion between the Council regarding the supposed Climate Change Emergency which will be discussed in depth at the September PC meeting. Councillor Dewey continued to inform the Council of some events surrounding the topic which are taking place in the local area.

6/07/2019 To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk confirmed that all the actions from the previous month have been completed. She informed the Council that she has received an email from the Village Shop regarding the window display. They are opening up the opportunity to use the window display area to Uley groups and charities to advertise their activities. Each group/charity will have the window for 4 weeks – this can be one display for the whole period, or it can be changed weekly or fortnightly. The changeover can only be done on a Saturday between 1pm – 4pm or on a Sunday morning;

The Clerk has emailed Owlpen Manor regarding their policy on fireworks and was pleased to hear they have a strict policy with only 2 firework displays taking place since 2018. After speaking with other premises who carry out fireworks the Clerk will now be notified of such events. The Clerk has also spoken to Stroud District Council (SDC) who have advised that if they continue frequently, we must record the dates and may be able to take out an abatement notice for the noise disturbance. If fireworks are heard after 11pm the Clerk has been advised that this becomes a police matter.

The Clerk addressed the ongoing issue the Village is having with off-road vehicle noise on Lye Farm. The Clerk has once again spoken with Stroud District Council and sent across a record of the dates that the noise has been recorded on. The Environmental Department at SDC will review the data and if necessary, install monitoring equipment. If the noise is deemed enough of a nuisance an abatement notice will be served.

The Clerk also reported on a walk around the village with our Neighbourhood Warden. He noted he was happy with the resolution we have found to fly-posting and has noticed a large decrease in this within the village. He also mentioned he aims to start doing assembly's in school regarding the environment, with hopes Uley will be interested. He mentioned he would like to improve the public's knowledge of careline and suggested this could be included in the Village News.

Finally the Clerk reported that the final cost including suggested alterations for the community notice board has been received and will now proceed with contacting our County Councillor regarding payment of it through the Community Fund.

7/07/2019

To receive any reports regarding footpaths and highways

The Council discussed the upper and lower bus shelters guttering which currently looks untidy. Two options were considered; to either rub down and repaint the existing cast iron guttering or to purchase new aluminum guttering. Councillor Martin suggested that before moving forward we should get a quote for repainting the guttering. This was agreed with all in favour.

A member of the public informed the Council that the bench on the green outside the Old Crown Pub is broken. The Council decided that they would instruct Matt Summers to mend the bench.

The Clerk reported that Highways have agreed to repaint the railings owned by Highways below and west of St Giles church provided that the Council fund the paint. County Councillor Patrick has agreed to pay for the labour through her Community Fund.

The Council also acknowledged that due to the change in Clerk some information had been lost regarding the responsibilities of different governing bodies in Uley. It was decided that the Clerk will put together a comprehensive map detailing information such as which verges are highways responsibilities, the areas which are owned by the Parish Council, the public footpaths, grit bins and so on.

8/07/2019

To discuss the issue of overgrown banks, verges and footpaths

The Clerk informed the Council that Highways are only grass cutting to maintain sight visibility, particularly at junctions and bends. This includes a single annual cut of their verges with visibility splays cut twice a year depending on growing conditions. The Parish Council

have complained about the state of the Village with particular reference to the footpaths opposite the lower bus shelter. The Local Highways Manager has informed the Council that this will be added to the current Lengthsmen Scheme for Uley.

The Council agreed that they cannot continue to wait for Highways to trim the verges. It was resolved that they would fund two days labour for Leyhill to attend and tidy up the length of the Village.

9/07/2019 To receive any playground reports

Councillor Griffiths reported that he had replaced the cradle swing, repainted the bar and fitted anti-bird prongs. He will now proceed to order another cradle swing and continue with repainting the other equipment in need of a touch up.

Councillor Griffiths will also reestablish contact with Anna Summers regarding updating the playground. He reported that currently he has managed to put together a PDF map of the park. Councillor Paraskeva acknowledged that the Council cannot leave this solely down to Councillor Griffiths and suggested we form a new working party for the the playground. This was agreed by the whole Council. In order to move forward the Council resolved that it must put together a scheme of work with costs to allow them to apply for funding/grants and begin fundraising.

10/07/2019 To discuss moving the South Street entrance dog mess bin

Councillor Dee reported that the Millennium Green Committee are trying to resolve the issue of ownership with regards to the dog mess bins surrounding the Millennium Green therefore will not be proceeding with moving the bin.

11/07/2019 To discuss sources of payment for the defibrillator batteries

Councillor Dembrey suggested that as the defibrillator batteries are located at the Playing Field the Playing Field Committee might be able to pay towards it. Councillor Wood suggested the Council ask Uley Society how much money they have left in their budget for the defibrillators. It was resolved that we would pursue both of the above options.

12/07/2019 To receive any planning decisions

- S.18/1676/FUL- Bencombe Lodge, Uley: Replacement dwelling and associated landscaping. PERMISSION.
- S.18/2109/COU – Stouts Hill, Uley: Proposed Change of use of 14 timeshare units with associated leisure facilities to one residential property (Manor House) and 7 holiday accommodation units (Terraced Houses) with associated leisure facilities PERMISSION.

The Clerk informed the Council that 27 South Street, Uley withdrew their planning application for a loft conversion and extension.

13/07/2019 To authorise payments

The following payments were authorised:

- Clerks Salary
- Clerks Expenses

14/07/2019 To receive any reports from PC Representatives

Councillor Martin reported on the recent Stroud District Road Safety Group meeting. Fifteen Parish Councils have now committed to paying the £250 for Associate Membership. In addition to the Associate Member funding, Gloucestershire County Council Highways Department have agreed to match fund the project for £3500. The group now hope to have two mobile VAS systems ready for use in the coming weeks. The final list of proposed sites for the Rural Multi-Site Road Traffic Order is complete and will be reviewed to remove any that clearly will not meet the speed limit criteria. It is proposed to study data to be obtained from the mobile VAS system to establish whether to confirm Uley's inclusion in the Order application. In order to fund future campaigns, the group are considering corporate sponsorship and have agreed to approach Ecotricity, Downton's and Renishaw. They are looking for volunteers to be trained on the use of the VAS systems to implement them in the field and to collate acquired data. They are also looking for volunteers to review the data from the proposed sites and progress the project.

Councillor Martin also reported on the Joint Woodlands Committee. The current Chairperson for Cam is stepping down and will be replaced by Gordon McGlone. The Committee have finished the previous financial year in a healthy state. A gate was left open on the Bury allowing the cows into the west end, therefore notices have been fixed to the gates as it is important for the habitat that the cows aren't able to access this land until a later date.

Councillor Dee reported on the Millennium Green Committee. The Committee have not received their grant from the previous financial year, the Council agreed to make a resolution to pay this. Moving forward the Committee have also asked for parity with the Playing Field Committee's grant. The usual cutting of the Green has been carried out.

15/07/2019 To consider articles for the website and newsletter

The Council agreed to include an article regarding the following:

- Volunteers needed for the Stroud District Road Safety Group
- Careline information
- Reminder regarding the gate on the Bury

16/07/2019 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on August 7th 2019 at 7:00pm

Actions:

4/07/2019	Upload minutes to the website	Councillor Griffiths
6/07/2019	Apply for Community Fund	Clerk
7/07/2019	Get quote to repaint guttering	Clerk
7/07/2019	Instruct Matt Summers to fix bench	Clerk
7/07/2019	Create comprehensive map	Clerk
8/07/2019	Confirm Leyhill labour to tidy village	Clerk
9/07/2019	Reestablish contact with Anna Summers	Councillor Griffiths
11/07/2019	Contact Playing Field Committee and Uley Society regarding payment of defibrillator batteries	Clerk
15/07/2019	Write village news article	Clerk