

Minutes of the meeting of Uley Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th September 2019, commencing at 7.00pm at Uley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Jonathan Dembrey (Chairman)
Janet Wood
Juliet Browne
Jo Dee
Mike Griffiths
Tim Martin

IN ATTENDANCE: Carrie Marshall - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Thoss Shearer
David Sykes (Footpath Officer)
2 Members of the Public

APOLOGIES: Councillor Melanie Paraskeva

1/09/2019 To receive any apologies for absence
Apologies were received as noted above.

2/09/2019 To receive any declarations of Interest
None received.

3/08/2019 To receive any representation from members of the public
Two members of the public had comments regarding Item 9.

The first Parishioner urged the Parish Council to consider including the Land at Fop Street Cross Roads as a Village Asset. He has concerns that the site may be used for housing in the future, especially due to the current housing demand. It is a large wildlife conservation site in the Village at the moment and he believes it could be brought into village life. The site would however have to be managed in order to be used in this way. He proposed that that trees could potentially planted within the hedges, that the site could be used for school trips and offer an opportunity for apprentice students to practice stone walling.

The second Parishioner echoed the comments above, reiterating the value of the site for wildlife. She then proceeded to inform the Council of the criteria needed for a piece of land to be considered as a Village Asset. It would also mean the community would have a right to bid should the site go up for sale. The Member of the Public also suggested that the Parish Council could apply for a grant off the Joint Woodlands Committee in order to maintain the land and that potentially trees could be gifted by the community.

Thoss Shearer stated he had some comments regarding item 14, planning application 31 Green Close.

4/09/2019 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meetings held on 4th June 2019
The minutes of the July meeting was approved and duly signed. Thoss Shearer asked for alterations to item 14 in the August minutes.

5/09/2019 To receive any reports from District and County Councillors
None present.

6/09/2019 To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk asked Councillors to remind the organisations that they represent that grant applications are currently open.

The Clerk visited Lloyds TSB but was unfortunately unable to close the bank account without signatories. In order to close the existing account the Council must write a cheque for the closing balance to the new bank. Councillor Dembrey and Councillor Wood will arrange to attend the TSB to close the account once the funds have been transferred.

Dave Hill has provided a quote to mend the broken bench on the green. The cost of this is £120.00 plus VAT. The Council instructed the Clerk to proceed.

The 'planning from the perspective of town and parish councils' course due to take place in September is cancelled. It has been rearranged for November.

The Clerk informed the Council of a case of car vandalism that took place at Uley Playing Field. It was decided that this would be included in the Village News.

The Clerk confirmed the cost of the ROSPA inspection, which is £68.50. The Council instructed the Clerk to proceed with the booking.

7/09/2019 To receive any reports regarding footpaths / highways
The Clerk reported that she had received a map from Stroud District Council showing the areas that the District Council own, including bins. Councillor Dembrey gave the Clerk an additional map with details to add to the existing map.

Additionally, the Clerk informed the Council that she had been in touch with the Highways Manager regarding renewing the white lines around Uley. The Council agreed a meeting with the Highways Manager will take place in early October. The Clerk will arrange this along with Councillor Wood.

Councillor Dembrey reported that the track from Hyde Gate Kennels leading to Bury is very overgrown. Some of the track is private however Councillor Martin will check which parts are owned by the Joint Woodland Committee.

Councillor Griffiths informed that Council he had reported a large pothole using the report it feature on the Gloucestershire Highways website. Within a week the pothole had been repaired along with 3 others.

Councillor Browne advised the Footpath Warden of a potentially hazardous concrete posthole (the post having long since been removed or rotted away) just within the gates leading onto the Bury adjacent to the descriptive plaque.

- 8/09/2019 To receive any playground reports
Councillor Griffiths reported he has tried to re-establish contact with Anna Summers regarding the playground refurbishment. No more vandalism has taken place in the playground since the last meeting.
- 9/09/2019 To discuss including the Land at Fop Street Cross Roads as a Village Asset
The Council discussed the option of including the land as a Village Asset. The Councillors voiced concerns surrounding the management of the site and the cost involved with improving it. The stone walling would need repairing and could be an expensive cost. They also believe more information is needed before making a fully informed decision. It was proposed that it will be added to the next agenda and that the Clerk will research similar cases to see how successful they have been.
- 10/09/2019 To discuss the frequent motocross noise disturbances in the Village
The Council discussed whether it would be more suitable to proceed with a Noise Abatement Notice from Stroud District Council or to write directly to the Owner at Lye Farm. It was requested that Councillors continue to keep a record of dates and times that the noise is taking place. The Council decided that initially they will write to the Owner however if they do not respond or the noise persists the Council will proceed with contacting Stroud District Council.
- 11/09/2019 To consider to following Planning Applications:
- S.19/1402/HHOLD– 31 Green Close, Uley. Rear and side extension and loft conversion resubmission of S.17/2802/HHOLD
- Thoss Shearer commented that he does not believe that the plans to glaze the apex look desirable. Although the site is not prominent, it is visible from the country side. This includes the viewpoints 6 and 7 which are mentioned in the Community Design Statement. If this application is given permission, it invites other properties along the same road to apply for similar work. Thoss Shearer also informed the Council it conflicts with two further points in the Uley Design Statement. These are U07 and U09. In regards to U09 the locally distinctive style is to have either larger windows on the lower levels with smaller ones on the top levels or windows of equal proportions on the both levels. This design unfortunately conflicts with the above.
- The Parish Council agreed with the comments above and decided to object to the application.
- S.19/1720/TCA- The Gables, 18 The Street, Uley. Various works to multiple trees. No comment.
 - S.19/1725/TCA- Daunceys Mill, Lampern Hill, Uley. (Tree 1) Scots Pine and Ash to the right of the drive. Fell to near ground level. (Tree 2) Beech hedge running alongside the footpath. Trim the top and both sides. No comment.
- 12/09/2019 To receive any Planning Decisions

- S.19/1366/TCA- 46 The Street, Uley: Plum- reduce height by maximum of three metres and remove overhang that is resting on the road property and blocking side access. APPROVED
- S.19/0496/VAR- Land at 9 The Knoll, Uley: Variation of condition 6. PERMITTED.

13/09/2019 To authorise payments

The following payments were authorised:

- Clerks Salary
- Clerks Expenses
- Playing Field Committee Grant
- Millenium Green Committee Grant
- PREMA Grant
- CAB Grant
- CVTN Grant
- Village Hall Grant
- Stroud District Road Safety Group Grant

14/09/2019 To receive any reports from PC Representatives

None received.

15/09/2019 To consider articles for the website and newsletter

The Council agreed to include an article regarding the following:

- Car Vandalism
- Parish Council currently receiving Grant Applications
- Visit from Leyhill

216/09/2019 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on October 2nd 2019 at 7:00pm

Actions:

4/09/2019	Amend minutes	Clerk
5/09/2019	Close bank account	Councillor Dembrey & Councillor Wood
5/09/2019	Instruct works to bench	Clerk
5/09/2019	Book ROSPA inspection	Clerk
7/09/2019	Arrange meeting with Highways Manager	Clerk
9/09/2019	Research Village Assets	Clerk
9/09/2019	Add Village Asset discussion to October agenda	Clerk
10/09/2019	Write to Lye Farm	Clerk
12/09/2019	Send in planning responses	Clerk
16/08/2019	Upload and authorise payments	Clerk + 2 Councillors
19/08/2019	Write article and send to Village news	Clerk/ Councillor Griffiths