

Minutes of the meeting of Uley Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th November 2019, commencing at 6.15pm at Uley Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Carrie Marshall - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: David Sykes (Footpath Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tim Martin
District Councillor Dewey

1/11/2019 To receive any apologies for absence.
Apologies were received as noted above.

2/11/2019 To consider the precept and grants for 2020/21
Members considered the budget and discussed the grants. The Council reviewed each item and the proposed precept for 2019/20 totaled £16,889.00. The precept will be confirmed at the December meeting.

3/11/2019 To receive any declarations of Interest
Councillor Dembrey declared an interest in the Uley Play Field Trust.
Councillors Paraskeva declared an interest in PREMA
Councillor Wood declared an interest in The Village Hall Committee and PREMA
Councillor Dee declared an interest in the Joint Woodlands Committee

4/11/2019 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)
None present.

5/11/2019 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 4th September 2019
The minutes of the September and October meeting were confirmed and duly signed.

6/11/2019 To receive any reports from District and County Councillors
None received.

7/11/2019 To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk reported that she had followed up with Councillor Patrick regarding the Incinerator Tour. Councillor Patrick informed the Clerk that once the incinerator is fully operational tours will be arranged.

The Church Warden recently highlighted that one of the steps leading up to the Church has

become unstable. The Clerk contacted Gloucestershire Highways who have now resolved the issue.

The Clerk informed the Council that due to personal circumstances District Councillor Dewey will be unable to attend the Parish Meetings until the new year. If there are any Stroud related concerns or issues we can contact Stroud District Council directly or otherwise contact Martin Whiteside Leader of Green Councillors Stroud.

One of the residents has picked up the Parish Councils recent article in the Village News regarding overhanging hedges. He has agreed to applying for permission for works to his hedges and trees which lie in the Conservation Area.

The January meeting has been rearranged for the 2nd January as opposed to New Years Day.

Finally, the Clerk reminded Councillors to please attend the Remembrance Sunday service at the Local Church if they are able to.

8/11/2019

To receive any reports regarding footpaths / highways

David Sykes informed the Council that Councillor Wood had reported problems with various stiles. Two of the stiles leading up to the bury only have a single step which is making it difficult for elderly Parishioners to get over them. David Sykes proposed that these are replaced with multiple step stiles and suggested that the Council could fund half of the cost of the stiles, with highways paying the other half. The two step stile kit costs £100 and the Cotswold Warden would provide the labour. The Council agreed to allocate a sum of £200. Councillor Paraskeva requested the stiles include an anti-slip strip.

The Clerk reported that the road works to The Street have been delayed until further notice.

Councillor Dee informed the Council that there is still an issue with noise from off-road vehicles in the Village, including Lye Farm. The Clerk was asked to send around the noise complaint form in order for the Councillors to send it onto the Environmental Department at Stroud District Council. David Sykes offered to contact Hardwicke Estate regarding the noise from motorbikes and quad bikes at this location.

Councillors also mentioned a variety of sites which are unfortunately flooding in the poor weather conditions. It included the section of road between Angeston Grange and Angeston layby and Lampern Hill. It was resolved that the Parish Council will write a letter to Owlpen Council regarding the overflow from the lake at Lampern House which is causing a hazard in icy weather.

Councillor Browne brought up concerns over Ash Die Back and what regulations are in place to deal with this, importantly near roads and public footpaths where it could cause serious injury. David Sykes mentioned he knew of a contact who might be able to help and agreed to forward the details to Councillor Browne.

Councillor Paraskeva highlighted that there is water flowing down Goldingham Close, possibly due to the culvert being blocked and requested that the Clerk contact BT to resolve this matter as has been previously done in the past.

Councillor Wood mentioned that there is a leak opposite the doctor's surgery. She suggested the Clerk initially contact our Highways Manager however also noted it could be an issue that needs taking up with Severn Trent.

9/11/2019 To receive any playground reports

Councillor Griffiths reported that Anna Summers has reestablished contact with him and that he will follow up with her. The Clerk informed the Council that she is meeting a Playground Surveyor from Sovereign to carry out a survey of the playground.

10/11/2019 To discuss including a 'happy to chat' bench within Uley

After a short discussion it was resolved that this isn't suitable for Uley and could potentially deter people from using the benches.

11/11/2019 To consider the following Planning Applications

- S.19/2258/TCA- Daunceys Mill Lampern Hill Uley: Crown raise the trees over the lake
No Comment
- S.19/1404/HHOLD- 16A South Street, Uley: Side extension and loft conversion with rear dormers and double garage to side
Councillor Wood and Councillor Browne requested the Clerk inform Stroud District Councils Planning Committee that they will be attending in order to book their slots to represent the Parish Council.
- S.19/0648/HHOLD-5, 6, 8 The Knoll, South Street, Uley. Resubmission of application S.18/1123/HHOLD
The Clerk included this item on the agenda as she had been informed they would receive feedback from a bank of questions sent to Stroud District Councils housing department however the feedback has not yet been received. Councillor Dee reported that the Hawthorn hedge has been removed and the garden is currently cluttered with mechanical junk. Councillor Dee requested the Clerk contact the Housing Officers at Stroud District Council to report this.

The Clerk did not include planning application S.19/2084/HHOLD on the agenda therefore the Parish council will be holding a meeting on the 14th November at the Village Hall at 4pm to discuss it.

Councillor Dembrey informed the Council that Owlpen Manor are starting works for an extension and is unsure of the direction of the works traffic. It was also noted that there has been excessive noise over the summer from parties and weddings at the venue.

12/11/2019 To receive any Planning Decisions

- S.19/1402/HHOLD- 31 Green Close, Uley- Rear and side extension and loft conversion.
PERMISSION
- S.19/1619/LBC- Court House, 27 The Street, Uley- Internal alterations to the current utility room and cloakroom. Opening up of existing bricked up fireplace. PERMISSION
- S.19/1847/HHOLD- 26 Whitecourt, Uley- Single storey extension to side and dormer to side.
PERMISSION
- S.19/1932/TCA- The Old Manse, The Street, Uley- Various works to multiple trees.
PERMISSION
- S.19/2004/MINAM- 21 South Street, Uley- Minor amendment to S.18/2125/HHOLD - Additional Window. PERMISSION

13/11/2019 To discuss payment for the rent of the allotments

Councillor Paraskeva informed the Council that at the Allotments AGM it was raised that the cheque presented to the Parish Council for the Allotment rent had not been presented. Councillor Paraskeva presented the Clerk with a new cheque.

14/11/2019 To authorise payments

The following payments were authorised:

- Clerks Salary
- Clerks Expenses
- Website
- Laptop
- Allotment Rent

15/11/2019 To receive any reports from PC Representatives

Councillor Wood informed the Council that the Village Hall have still not had a meeting and need to confirm the costs for repair work to the wall.

Councillor Paraskeva reported on the recent PREMA meeting. The accounts for last year were good however the accounts for this financial year are suffering. They have secured a very good resident artist; he will be doing talks on film making animation for young people and will have his studio there. Councillor Paraskeva also reported that they are still receiving an Arts Council grant. The café is doing well. PREMA are also linking up with The Pulse in Dursley who have outgrown their studio space; PREMA will be hosting some pilates courses and there is potential that more courses will also be taught at PREMA.

District Council- Mainly County Council Officers- 2.46 billion 80% of it is micro businesses. Priority is procurement and preventing slavery. In the next 25 years the work force will go up 2% and the retired force will go up 25%. Improving the services to London from Cheltenham. A lot of money in to old Barclay lab centre- for further education. Barclay rail bridges. 30 million on merry walk centre in Stroud. Old fashioned tradesman will be needed.

Councillor Dee reported on the Millenium Green Committee. They are doing ok financially. They have also sorted out the dog bin issue including the confusion over the ownership of the dog bins. They have recently been updating their land registration details to remove old members and include the news one. The Committee have also been carrying out maintenance on the hedges. Finally, Councillor Dee reported that the feedback on the firework display was very positive.

Councillor Dee also reported on the Joint Woodlands Committee meeting. They have a new member who was previously the Chairman of Gloucestershire Wild Life Trust therefore they believe he will bring much value to the Committee. The Clerk to Woodlands Committee is standing down and they will be looking for a replacement in the short-term future.

Finally, Councillor Paraskeva reported on the Allotment Society. The Clerk is hoping to contact the Housing Association in order to trim back the hedges which are bordering the allotments. The finances for the Society are healthy. They will be hosting a spring bring and share picnic. They are also planning their Open Gardens for next year which will take place on June 13th and 15th from 1-5pm. Some of the profit made from the Open Gardens will be put towards supporting a Village Organisation.

- 16/11/2019 To discuss the Village News
Councillor Paraskeva informed the Council that the Village News Editor is currently using the free software, Scribeless to put together this month's Village news. If it is not suitable it was agreed the Parish Council will provide Indesign which will cost £19.00 per month.
- 17/11/2019 To consider articles for the website and Newsletter
Remind people of Snow Warden and Grit Bins
Noise Nuisance
Police Reminders
- 18/11/2019 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting
The next meeting will take place of the 4th December 2019.

Actions:

8/11/2019	Send around noise complaint form	Clerk
8/11/2019	Write to Owlpen Parish regarding flooding	Clerk
8/11/2019	Contact BT regarding blocked cuvert	Clerk
8/11/2019	Contact Highways Manager/Severn Trent regarding leak	Clerk
9/11/2019	Meet Playground Surveyor	Clerk
11/11/2019	Send in planning responses	Clerk
14/11/2019	Upload and authorise payments	Clerk + 2 Councillors
14/11/2019	Purchase Laptop	Clerk
14/11/2019	Pay in cheque	Clerk
14/11/19	Check that Charles Goldingham has been paid	Clerk
17/11/2019	Write article and send to Village news	Clerk/ Councillor Griffiths
17/11/2019	Contact Housing offices regarding the state of the garden at No. 5 The Knoll, who is running a repair business.	Clerk