

Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, commencing at 7pm in the Uley Village Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors: Jonathan Dembrey (Chair)  
Melanie Paraskeva (Vice-Chair) – from minute 5/02/2020  
Janet Wood  
Juliet Browne  
Jo Dee  
Mike Griffiths  
Tim Martin

IN ATTENDANCE: John Kay (Temporary Parish Clerk); Cllr Jim Dewey and seven members of the public.

- 1/02/2020 To receive any apologies for absence  
There were no apologies for absence from Councillors, Cllr Paraskeva had indicated that she would be late.
- 2/02/2020 To receive any declarations of interest  
Cllrs Wood and Paraskeva declared non-pecuniary interests as Directors of Prema (Minute 13/02/2020).  
  
Cllr Griffiths declared a non-pecuniary interest as a landowner (Minute 7/02/2020).
- 3/02/2020 To receive any representation from members of the public  
There were no representations from the members of public present for matters not included on the agenda.  
  
At the request of a member of the public the Chair introduced the new Parish Clerk, Mr John Kay.
- 4/02/2020 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve and for the Chair to duly sign the minutes from the meetings of Council on 4th December 2019 and 2nd January 2020.
- 5/02/2020 To receive reports from Councillor and District Councillors  
  
Cllr Dewey provided an update on Elections timetable, Review of Polling District, Councillor allowances, Local Transport Plan consultation and committee reports.  
  
Cllr Dewey informed Council that SDC Cllr Pickering had offered to attend next months parish meeting. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Parish Councillors would prefer me Cllr Pickering to attend the Annual Assembly on 15th April 2020.  
  
Cllr Paraskeva joined the meeting.

- 6/02/2020 To receive the Clerk's report  
The Clerk provided a report on the upcoming Parish Council elections and the planned closure of Lloyds Bank in Dursley. **IT WAS AGREED** to send a letter to Lloyds Bank in objection at the closure.
- 7/02/2020 To receive any reports regarding footpaths/highways  
There was no report received from the footpath warden.  
The pavement had been damaged at Uley Lodge by a Laura Ashley delivery vehicle. **IT WAS AGREED** to send the photos to GCC Highways.  
Cllr Wood had met with a local resident regarding hedges at Whitecourt, Uley regarding hedges. Cllr Griffiths provide some detail on the hedges, green areas and parking issues at this location. The Parish Council considered no further action was required as some recent trimming had taken place following the site meeting.  
It was noted that there were two water leaks on The Street, near No. 43. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk would report these water leaks to Severn Trent.
- 8/02/2020 To receive any playground reports  
**IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk would arrange the annual inspection by ROSPA officials.
- 9/02/2020 To consider the following Planning Applications
- i) S.19/2400/HHOLD – 7 Fiery Lane, Uley – Replacement single storey rear extension and new side extension. New rear floor dormer.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Parish Council had no objection to the amended plans following site visits to the properties by four councillors. Cllr Browne abstained.
- ii) S.19/2694/TCA – 2 The Green, Uley – Trees in a conservation area. T5 40% crown reduction and to strip out as much ivy as practicable.  
It was noted that this application had been decided.
- iii) S.20/0082/TCA - 67 The Street, Uley, Dursley - Trees in a Conservation Area - A Eucalyptus tree reduce overall size by 30% and to thin where necessary.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to object to the proposed reduction and to comment: The Parish Council would support the removal of the lowest two small branches which would clear the roof and not be detrimental to the appearance of the tree. The Parish Council would also support the removal of the adjacent Juniper tree to improve access.

10/02/2020 To receive any Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions by Stroud District Council were noted:

- i) S.19/2694/TCA – 2 The Green, Uley – Trees in a conservation area. T5 40% crown reduction and to strip out as much ivy as practicable – Permitted.
- ii) S.19/2633/TCA – Sheppards Mill, South Street – Fell Large Sycamore – Permitted.
- iii) S.19/S.19/2593/HHOLD – 16A South Street, Uley – Side and rear extension, loft conversion with rear dormer and double garage to side - Permitted.

11/02/2020 To consider PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION FOR A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION INSTALLATION AT VF 95383 – VF 95383 – Land in Lampern Wood, Uley, Dursley, GLOS, GL11 5BT

The Chair invited comments on the proposal from the members of public and the Council. Comments was received on the chosen location, other possible locations, history of mast applications, style of mast, height of mast and personal viewpoints. All present agreed that it was difficult to fully understand the visual impact of the proposal and that photo images must be included with any future planning application.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** the Parish Council would respond to the Maxima with the following comment:

“The Chair invited comments on the proposal from the members of public and the Council. Comments was received on the chosen location, other possible locations, history of mast applications, style of mast, height of mast and personal viewpoints. All present agreed that it was difficult to fully understand the visual impact of the proposal and that photo images must be included with any future planning application.

Uley Parish Council reluctantly accept that this location is the preferred location for a mast which would benefit Uley and the surrounding area. However, the Parish Council are strongly opposed to the lattice style mast and maintain a flagpole style mast would be much less visually intrusive to this area of outstanding natural beauty and must be reconsidered. The Parish Council would further request that the pole is camouflaged to look like a tree to blend in with the surroundings as per previous discussions/proposals. The Parish Council do not accept that this can't be considered and believe this decision has been made on a financial basis rather than the logistical issues posed by the terrain.

The Parish Council insist the 25m pole is not necessary given the height and type of trees located in this woodland. Future planting of this woodland should be mindful of a shorter mast". Cllrs Paraskeva and Dee abstained.

**IT WAS AGREED** a copy of the response would be sent to the landowner where the mast is being proposed, to ensure he is aware of the local comments.

12/02/2020 To authorise payments

The payments presented to Council were approved.

13/02/2020 To consider the Grant requests for 2019/20.

The Clerk provided a summary of grant payments to date.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the grants awarded previously agreed by Council but not yet paid should be honoured. These included: Prema (£250), Citizens Advice (£150) and Cotswold Village Talking News (£100).

The Councillors considered other received grant applications. **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the following grants be awarded:

Cam, Dursley, Uley Joint Woodlands Committee - £350  
Uley Village Hall - £1,600  
Uley with Owlpen & Nympsfield PCC - £500.

**IT WAS AGREED** that due to the delay in approving the 2019/20 grants local organisations would be asked to apply from April 2020 for the 2020/21 grants.

14/02/2020 To consider a grant to CPRE for Tree Planting

Cllr Browne to discuss with Robin Coates about the aftercare of trees. **IT WAS AGREED** that the Parish Council should apply for the available grant.

15/02/2020 Notice Board Project

The grant of £1,060 had been confirmed and would be received within the month, the Clerk could now progress the order of the notice board.

16/02/2020 To receive reports from PC Representatives

Cllr Martin provided information on a request for paragliding/hang gliders to use Cam Longdown which is being considered by the Joint Woodlands Committee. Uley Parish Council did not support the removal of trees and had concerns of conflict with other users this proposal would entail.

Flooding remained an issue at the various problem area in the village. The Clerk was asked to request sweeping and clearing of flood debris on Fop Street, Lampern Hill and the Sheep house Dip.

**IT WAS AGREED** to ask residents via the newsletter if anyone had an old stone trough, they could donate to replace the broken one at Fop Street.

The Clerk was informed that he is required to book the village hall for future meetings.

17/02/2020 To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter

- Stone trough (as above)
- Information on Parish's response to the Mast application
- Summary of annual grant awards.
- A request for residents to clear and/or spray their boundary walls to reduce the weeds.

18/02/2020 To confirm the appointment of the new Parish Clerk

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to appoint Mr John Kay in the position of Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer from today's date. The Chair and The Clerk signed the contract of employment.

19/02/2020 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting.

It was confirmed the next meeting would take place in the Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

**Actions:**

6/02/2020	Draft Letter to Lloyds Bank	Clerk
7/02/2020	Send the photos to GCC Highways	Cllr Browne
7/02/2020	Inform Severn Trent of water leaks	Clerk
8/02/2020	Arrange Annual Inspection of playground	Clerk
9/02/2020	Submit Planning responses	Clerk
11/02/2020	Submit response to Maxima (mast)	Clerk/Chair/Vice Chair
13/02/2020	Arrange payments of 2019/20 grants	Clerk
14/02/2020	Apply for CPRE grant	Clerk
15/02/2020	Contact Notice Board contractor	Clerk
16/02/2020	Measure existing stone trough	Cllr Browne
17/02/2020	Submit Newsletter Articles	Clerk