

Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2020, commencing at 7pm in the Uley Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: John Kay (Parish Clerk) and ten members of the public.

- 1/03/2020 To receive any apologies for absence
Cllr Melanie Paraskeva (Vice-Chair) provided her apologies.
- 2/03/2020 To receive any declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3/03/2020 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.
- 4/03/2020 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5th February 2020
IT WAS RESOLVED to approve and for the Chair to duly sign the minutes from the meetings of Council on 5th February 2020.
- 5/03/2020 To receive reports from Councillor and District Councillors
Cllr Dewey had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting but had provided a report. The Clerk provided a summary of the report to Council about Coronavirus and the newly agreed Stroud District Council budget for 2020/21.
- 6/03/2020 To receive the Clerk's report
The Clerk confirmed that the annual playground inspection had been scheduled for April/May 2020 and the new noticeboard would be installed in May/June 2020. There had not been enough detailed information to complete a CPRE grant application for tree planting.

Following the elections on 7th May 2020 the Annual Meeting of Council would be held at 7pm on 20th May 2020.

All Councillors reminded to submit nomination forms direct to SDC.
- 7/03/2020 To receive any reports regarding footpaths/highways
The potholes on the Uley Road appeared to be repaired tonight. The Chair had reported a fallen bank near Roden House to GCC. Several trees, branches had fallen at various locations during the recent stormy weather.

Concern was raised about the trees near the road on Crawley Hill. **IT WAS AGREED** to highlight the concerns to the landowner, this had previously been passed to Highways.

Several potholes were reported including South Street (near No. 17), 4 The Shears and Lampern Hill. The Council was disappointed repairs had not been carried out during the recent closure of Lampern Hill for Seven Trent repairs. It was unclear to what extent the Severn Trent works had solved the water issue at this location, the BT duct still submerged in water. It was reported that on Shadwell Lane between Lampern Hill & Windsor Lane the surface was collapsing, due to drainage issue. **IT WAS AGREED** to report these matters to GCC Highways.

IT WAS RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders and go back to agenda item 3 “to receive representations from the public”.

8/03/2020 To receive any representation from members of the public

The owner of the Walled Garden, Lampern Hill, Uley, GL11 5BT expressed his concern relating to the erosion of the verge which had reduced by half over the previous two years and the impact on his boundary wall. Previous correspondence with GCC Highways had resulted in no action being taken.

IT WAS RESOLVED to highlight the owners concerns to GCC Highways; one suggestion was for a kerb to be installed along the edge to prevent further erosion.

Standing orders were resumed and the meeting continued.

9/03/2020 To receive any playground reports

There was no matters to report.

10/03/2020 To consider the following Planning Applications

i) S.20/0150/TCA – 12 Whitecourt, Uley - Trees in a Conservation Area

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no observations to make on this application. The applicant had been advised to check the accreditation of the consultant.

ii) S.20/0012/HHOLD - 61C The Street, Uley - Construction of a detached garage.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no observations to make on this application.

iii) S.20/0388/FUL - Lampern Wood, Lampern Hill, Uley - 25m lattice mast with antennas and dishes along with ground-based cabinets and ancillary works.

The Councillors discussed the planning application and invited comments from the members of the public present. There was dissatisfaction that

comments made by the Parish Council and the Uley Valley Mast Group had not been considered and there were no significant changes or concessions in the proposal.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Parish Council would:

- a) Write to the landowner and request that he withdraws permission for any style of lattice mast at this location.
- b) Write to Vodafone, expressing our dissatisfaction with their consultant's disregard for our previously supplied comments, that no photo montages were submitted with the planning application and to reaffirm that a pole style mast would be acceptable to the Parish Council as an alternative. The offer to meet and discuss the concerns would be included.
- c) Write to Siobhan Baillie, MP requesting her support in objecting to a lattice mast at this location.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council would object to the planning application due to the style and height of the mast proposed.

11/03/2020 To receive any Planning Decisions

There had been no official notification from Stroud District Council, but the application for a replacement single storey rear extension, new side extension and new rear first floor dormer at 7 Fiery Lane Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5DA had been refused.

12/03/2020 To authorise payments

IT WAS AGREED to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

13/03/2020 To consider the upcoming Fibre Broadband installation

The Council had become aware of planned works to install fibre broadband apparatus in the village by Gigaclear. Many private landowners had received letters, but the Parish Council had received no official notification or information.

IT WAS RESOLVED to request a plan and schedule of the planned works from Gigaclear.

14/03/2020 To consider the village hall and community store leases

Cllr Wood provided a summary of recent meetings in relation to the Community Stores who have approximately two years remaining on the lease, but the owner has expressed a desire to sell the property. She also summarised the plans to improve the village hall. One potential option would be to combine resources and to create a new build community store and hall. SDC Planning have been contacted for preliminary advice. Another option

would be for the purchase of the freehold for the shop/residential property and retain the shop in its current location.

A meeting open to the public is to be held 2nd April 2020.

The Parish Council believe the Community Stores is a vital asset for the village and must be retained. The current location is deemed the best location within the village due to it being central.

15/03/2020 VE Day Celebrations

Cllr Wood provided a summary of the planned celebrations: 8th May at 7.30pm a 40's themed evening with musical entertainment and quiz. Funds to be raised for Village Hall. A sub-committee of experienced people have offered to plan and are meeting on 19th March at 10am.

16/03/2020 To receive reports from PC Representatives

The Millennium Green committee met recently, a new dog bin has been purchased, SDC to empty. Grant applied to Uley Community Spirit to replace other bins.

Stroud Road Safety group meeting soon – update on speed cameras expected.

The Clerk to contact the Neighbourhood Warden about cleaning and repairing street signs.

17/03/2020 To authorise payments

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments.

18/03/2020 To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter

To gauge interest in hosting a first aid course in the village. This would include CPR, how to use a defibrillator and basic first aid.

Information/thank you of owners of Ash trees.

19/03/2020 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 1st April 2020.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council

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Date

Actions:

6/3/20	Submit nomination forms to SDC (24/3 to 8/4)	All Councillors
7/03/2020	Crawley Hill – trees. Write to landowner	Clerk
7/03/2020	Various potholes etc – Inform GCC Highways	Clerk
7/03/2020	To discuss ongoing issues on Lampern Hill with Paul Helbrow	Cllr Browne
8/03/2020	Highlight concerns of verge erosion to GCC Highways	Clerk
10/03/2020	Submit Planning responses	Clerk
10/03/2020	Re Mast – Submit response to SDC Planning and draft letters as per minutes.	Clerk
13/03/2020	Request schedule and plan of works from Gigaclear	Clerk
19/03/2020	Submit articles for website/newsletter	Clerk/Cllr Browne