

Minutes of the **Uley Parish Council** meeting held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held online due to the current Covid-19 pandemic social distancing restrictions.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: John Kay (Parish Clerk), SDC Cllr Jim Dewey, GCC Cllr Loraine Patrick, Angela Jacobs, David Sykes (Footpath Warden), Paul Laurence and two members of the public.

1/12/2020 To receive any apologies for absence  
There were no apologies for absence.

2/12/2020 To receive any declarations of interest  
There were no declarations of interest.

3/12/2020 To receive any representation from members of the public and Councillors

Cllr Patrick reported that after some joint working between GCC Highways and the landowner a temporary measure had prevented further water running on the carriageway at the new cut. A permanent redirection of the water is planned.

A member of the public requested The Crown public house be considered as an Asset of Community Value due to the importance to the village and the current tenancy ending in 2021.

Mr Paul Lawrence, representing the Village Shop Committee provided a detailed background of the shop's financial position, tenancy, future options, and difficulties faced both in the longer term and because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The committee would support a future application to register the shop as an Asset of Community Value but feel it is not the appropriate time to submit an application.

A member of the public commented that a change of use planning application would be difficult to obtain for the building where the shop is located due to the criteria which needs to be met.

Cllr Jim Dewey expects to be able to update the Council on No. 7 The Knoll, due to the approval of the cladding at Nos, 5,6, & 8 by Stroud District Council next week. Cllr Dewey also commented that he had assisted Coaley Parish Council register The Fox public house as an Asset of Community Value.

Angela Jacobs was introduced to the Parish Councillors; Angela is to take over as Editor of the Village News in January 2021.

4/12/2020 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve and for the Chair to duly sign the minutes from the meetings of Council on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

- 5/12/2020 To receive the Clerk's report  
The Clerk had nothing to report that was not include on tonight's agenda.
- 6/12/2020 To receive an update of highway & footpath matters  
The footpath warden reported that routine maintenance was continuing but paths were generally quite muddy due to weather conditions. The gate post for the gate leading to Uley Bury from Crawley Hill was to be repaired by the landowner.  
Access for wheelchairs and prams etc was discussed on paths and to the Millennium Green.  
The contractor being asked to confirm the repairs to the gate leading to Uley Bury from Whitecourt as it remains broken.
- 7/12/2020 To receive an update on Playground matters  
**IT WAS AGREED** to maintain the closure of the playground due to the Covid-19 restrictions.  
**IT WAS AGREED** to carry out the additional repairs required on the swing at the Play Ground.  
Cllr Griffiths presented the draft improvement proposals which will be displayed to the public in the Spring of 2021.
- 8/12/2020 To consider the following Planning Applications  
S.20/2251/HHOLD - 2 Whitecourt, Uley - New porch addition at entrance and new window.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to support the application but to comment that glazing bars should be included in the new windows to match the existing and be in-keeping with the locality and would accord with the Village Design Statement.  
S.20/2399/TCA - Daunceys Mill, Lampern Hill - Row of mature Apple trees beside the 'Italian Garden'- Prune all over to near previous and remove all growths from along the main branches, but retraining those necessary to reform the top of the crown.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to support the application.  
S.20/2472/TCA - 5 The Orchard, Uley - Top Hawthorn and Twisted Corkscrew Willow Trees reduce height by approx 3 metres.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to support the application.

- 9/12/2020 To receive an update on the following Planning Applications  
S.20/0388/FUL - Lampern Wood, Lampern Hill, Uley - 25m lattice mast with antennas and dishes along with ground-based cabinets and ancillary works.  
 There was no update available, therefore there was nothing further to comment on.
- 10/12/2020 To consider the Stroud District Local Plan Review: Additional housing options consultation (deadline: 16/12/20)  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the draft prepared by Cllr Browne with support from local resident Thoss Shearer. The Chair thanked both for their hard work.  
 Cllr Browne expressed her disappointment that Stroud District Council were hosting an information event so close to the end of the consultation period.
- 11/12/2020 To receive any Planning Decisions/Updates  
 The planning permissions granted since the last parish council meeting were noted.
- 12/12/2020 To authorise payments  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the payments (see appendix 1).  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award the village news editor a one-off payment of £100.  
 Cllr Paraskeva has received a cheque for allotment rent and will forward to the Parish Clerk.
- 13/12/2020 To consider the Clerks request re in lieu payment and annual pay award  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to accept the in-lieu payment request from the Parish Clerk for annual leave not taken due to the impact of Covid -19. This is a one-off agreement and not a precedent for any future requests.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** to award the Parish Clerk an increment in effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.
- 14/12/2020 To consider budget and precept for 2021/22  
 An earmarked reserve of £3k to be created for Playground Maintenance/Improvements.
- 15/12/2020 To consider listing The Crown and Uley Community Store as Assets of Community Values.  
**IT WAS RESOLVED** not to apply at the current time to list Uley Community Store as an asset of community value.

**IT WAS AGREED** to attempt to contact the owner of The Crown public house to establish whether they would support an application.

16/12/2020 Reports from Parish Representatives

Cllr Wood reported that the Prema committee were due to meet next week. The art centre and café remain closed. Cllr Dewey confirmed discussions regarding potential grant applications.

Cllr Griffiths attended the recent cycling forum meeting hosted by Siobhan Baillie MP. GCC/SDC liaising with local and national authorities to encourage cycling, walking projects. Local projects include the Cam and Dursley Greenway project with feasibility funding secured.

Cllr Browne attended the Carbon Neutral meeting; all pollution being targeted. SDC encouraging Parish Councils to share the message about carbon and other pollutants. This had been planned at the 2020 Annual assembly but was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Cllr Browne commented on her continued efforts to get positive action on ash trees across the parish in the vicinity of highways. Many have ash die back and are hazardous, but the majority are the responsibility of the landowners. Both Cllr Browne and Cllr Wood have repeatedly reported to GCC Highways about the tree hanging across Crawley Hill be recorded. Cllr Patrick agreed to investigate any locations of concern and requested the Council to email her direct with details.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not been contacted about lengths-men by GCC Highways.

17/12/2020 To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter

Ash Tree Die Back – landowner/boundary responsibilities. (Cllr Browne)  
 New Village News editor (Cllr Paraskeva)  
 Census Information.  
 New Noticeboard

18/12/2020 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting.

It was confirmed the next meeting would take place at 7pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The details of how the meeting will be facilitated will depend on Covid-19 pandemic social distancing restrictions at the time. Details will be confirmed on the meeting agenda.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council

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Date

**Actions:**

7/12/2020	Arrange playground repairs	Clerk/Cllr Griffiths
8/12/2020	Submit planning response	Clerk
10/12/2020	Submit comments on Local Plan to SDC	Clerk
15/12/2020	Contact Owner of The Crown	Clerk

**Appendix 1 – List of Payments**

Accounts for Payment:	Dec-20	Payment	Total
HMRC	PAYE	DD	£ 124.80
Mr John Kay	Salary	BACS 39	£ 499.20
Mr John Kay	Expenses*	BACS 39	£ 72.00
Atlanta Paraskeva	Village News	BACS 40	£ 19.97
Uley Valley Contractors	Strimming etc	BACS 41	£ 906.60
Owlpen PC	CIL	BACS 42	£ 15.00
Atlanta Paraskeva	Village News	BACS 43	£ 100.00