

Minutes of the **Uley Parish Council** meeting held on Wednesday 7th July 2021, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Village Hall, Uley under current social distancing guidelines.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: John Kay (Parish Clerk), Gloucestershire County Cllr Wendy Thomas; Stroud District Cllr Martin Percy; David Sykes, Footpath Officer and nine members of the public.

1/06/2021 To receive any apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence.

2/06/2021 To receive any declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest for matters included on the agenda.

3/06/2021 To receive any representation from County or District Councillors

Cllr Thomas highlighted two funding opportunities; a £200k fund towards digital inclusion across the County and each County Councillor having a £40k "Build Back Better " fund to be shared amongst Town & Parish Councils, this would be confirmed on 21st July. Cllr Thomas also reported that GCC Highways have agreed to install HGV warning signs at Fiery Lane.

Cllr Browne joined the meeting.

Cllr Percy provided an update on the extension to the Local Plan consultation, youth survey on travel and an offer by SDC Chief Executive Kathy O'Leary to visit Uley as part of a Ward visit. The new Police Crime Commissioner is keen to engage with Parish Councils to discuss rural crimes.

The Clerk agreed to share his full report with Councillors.

4/06/2021 To receive any representation from Members of the Public

The members of the public were present due to concerns over the announcement of a consultation to close the pharmacy at the Uley Surgery. A number of parishioners spoke and stated their concerns including: lack of notification to all local residents, loss of several facilities at the surgery during the pandemic, is this the first step to the complete closure of the surgery, lack of alternative doctor's surgeries that Uley residents can join, public transport & travel concerns to alternative surgeries, access to services by the vulnerable members of the community, other local areas impacted e.g. Nympsfield.

The Chair responded that this was an unexpected consultation and the Parish Council had no prior knowledge despite writing to the Practice Manager twice recently about the return of services to the village post-Covid. It had

been reported that some of the staff at the surgery were unaware to the proposal before it went public.

An initial discussion with Mr Ian Cawthorne (Practice Manager) and Caroline Penley (Chair of the Patient Participation Group) has taken place but Mr Cawthorne was unable to answer many of our queries and concerns, he was unable to attend this Council meeting but has agreed to meet Cllr Paraskeva on the week commencing 22nd July.

The Chair provided some background on the recent history of the surgery, current structure and that the circumstance of the future of the surgery is further complicated by the end of the current lease in June 2022.

IT WAS AGREED to bring forward agenda Item 13 (minute 6/16/2021) to allow Councillors to further discuss this matter and to agree an action plan.

A request to install a kissing gate on the path behind Green Close had been received by Cllr Wood. **IT WAS AGREED** that the footpath officer would enquire to the landowner in the first instance for permission, but it was noted previously such a request had been denied.

5/06/2021 To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 12th May 2021
IT WAS RESOLVED to approve and for the Chair to duly sign the minutes from the meetings of Annual Meeting of Council on 12th May 2021.

6/06/2021 To consider the application for a relocation of premises after outline consent has taken effect by Cam & Uley Family Practice from 42 The Street, Uley, Dursley GL11 5SY to Glebelands, Cam, Dursley GL11 5NE

The Councillors considered the comments made during the public part of the meeting and it was unanimous that the proposed relocation should be robustly challenged as any removal of medical provision would be extremely detrimental to all parishioners.

IT WAS AGREED that Cllr Wood will oversee a Working Group to manage the Parish Council's response to the consultation, this will include:

- Collating questions to be passed to the Practice Manager.
- Establish the reasons for the proposal from the Practice Manager.
- Collate a list of reasons why the proposal should be objected.
- Circulate a letter to all addresses in the village, highlighting the consultation.
- Commence with a petition, noting some volunteers had already made themselves available to assist obtaining signatures.
- Template responses to be made available both electronically and at the village shop.
- Encourage local organisations to respond and engage at any potential future hearing.

- Liaise with the local MP, Siobhan Baillie who had already positively responded to an initial enquiry.
- Contact the local Gazette reporter.
- Maintain up-to-date information on Council website.

It was noted the deadline for responses to the consultation is 14th August and that responses should be encouraged to be sent no later than the 10th August to ensure they are received in time.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Practice Manager (or a representative) would be invited to the August meeting of Council and that the practice should be requested to notify all patients. The wording of the Village News item was confirmed. The Clerk was requested to contact the local Parish Clerks of Coaley, Eastington, Leonard Stanley and Nympsfield to highlight the consultation which would impact some parishioners within their communities.

7/06/2021 To receive an update on Playground matters

Cllr Griffiths confirmed that the “Platinum Jubilee” playground project consultation was underway. There had been responses received via Facebook but not much response by other methods. The information had been displayed on the window of the Village Shop for two weeks.

Grants are available if the Parish Council are members of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association. An application has been made to Renishaws community fund with applications planned for other local organisations. The target remains in the region of £50 k for the full project.

We are awaiting a quote for repairs to the “dragon” but this would be expected to be funded from revenue funds.

8/06/2021 To consider the following Planning Applications

S.21/1435/HHOLD - 23 South Street, Uley: Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with oak framed conservatory

Uley Parish Council supported this application.

9/06/2021 To receive any Planning Decisions/Updates

The planning permissions granted by Stroud District Council since the last parish council meeting were noted (see appendix 2).

Concern was raised that recent comments from the Parish Council on the tree applications had been ignored. Cllr Percy agreed to enquire on these decisions on behalf of the Parish Council.

10/06/2021 To consider the response to the consultation on Pre-Submission Draft Stroud District Local Plan

Cllr Lungley was thanked for his in-depth review of the latest draft, there was no further comments from Councillors.

11/06/2021 To consider the referencing of future planning responses.

IT WAS AGREED that where it was deemed required referring to local planning documents would be included within parish council responses but it was not a requirement for each application.

12/06/2021 To authorise monthly payments

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the payments (see appendix 1).

13/06/2021 To note the public inspection period for 2020/21 accounts.

It was noted that the public inspection period for the accounts will be between Monday 15th June and Friday 23rd July.

14/06/2021 To consider funding the replacement pads etc for the community defibrillator at the village hall.

IT WAS RESOLVED to fund replacement pads from this point forward.

15/06/2021 To consider appointing a Uley PC representative for Dursley United Charity.

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Lungley.

16/06/2021 To receive any reports from PC Representatives.

It was reported that the Sports Committee was in a healthy financial position, despite the lack of events. Dog fouling remained a problem on the sports field.

The Millennium Green AGM is scheduled for the 21st July and new notice board was erected. A village event has been considered but it was deemed not possible to host this year due to Covid restrictions.

Cllr Browne expressed her concerns relating to ash trees in the Lampern Hill, Crawley Hill and Stouts Hill areas of the parish due to the ash dieback disease.

IT WAS AGREED that the Parish Council would send letters highlighting the issue and requesting an update on planned action for the areas of concern. Cllrs Brown and Lungley agreed to investigate ownership and to pass details to the Parish Clerk.

The Joint Woodlands Committee met recently, with the erosion of Cam Peak being the main reference point. Cam Peak will have sections fenced off to aid the recovery of the land.

There has been no allotment meeting held due to Covid-19 restrictions but Cllr Paraskeva has reported to BT about the presence of Horsetail within their land, Horsetail is an invasive species with very deep roots which would have devastating effect should it spread to the allotment site.

17/06/2021 To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter

The ongoing consultation of Uley Pharmacy (As discussed earlier in the meeting)

The annual grant reminder to local organisations.

18/06/2021 To confirm the time and date of the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the next scheduled meeting would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 4th August 2021

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council

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Date

Actions:

3/06/2021	Share Councillor report	Clerk
4/06/2021	Enquire with landowner re Kissing Gate request	Footpath Officer
6/06/2021	As detailed, aims of Working Group	All Councillors & Clerk
6/06/2021	Contact Practice Manager and local parish councils.	Clerk
8/06/2021	Submit Planning response	Clerk
12/06/2021	Process Payments	Clerk
14/06/2021	Fund new pads	Cllr Paraskeva
16/06/2021	Find land ownership detail	Cllrs Browne and Lungley
17/06/2021	Submit articles for website/village news	Clerk/Cllr Wood

Appendix 1 – List of Payments

Date	Payee	Payment No.	Description	Invoice No.	Gross
July	7 HMRC	DD	PAYE	n/a	£ 126.88
	Mr John Kay	BACS 15	Salary	n/a	£ 507.52
	Gloucestershire Playing Fields Assoc.	BACS 16	Subscription	n/a	£ 50.00

Appendix 2 – Planning Decisions (By Stroud District Council)**4 Fiery Lane Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5DA**

T1 Silverbirch – Fell

Ref. No: S.21/1000/TCA | Received: Tue 20 Apr 2021 | Validated: Thu 22 Apr 2021 | Status: Application Approved

21A The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5TE

T1 Yew - Prune the overhang back to the boundary line.

Ref. No: S.21/0946/TCA | Received: Wed 14 Apr 2021 | Validated: Wed 14 Apr 2021 | Status: Application Approved

12 South Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SS

Re-roof and installation of roof windows and sun tunnel.

Ref. No: S.21/0892/HHOLD | Received: Thu 08 Apr 2021 | Validated: Thu 29 Apr 2021 | Status: Permitted

15 South Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SS

Construction of two storey rear extension.

Ref. No: S.21/0877/HHOLD | Received: Wed 07 Apr 2021 | Validated: Wed 14 Apr 2021 | Status: Application Withdrawn

27 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5TB

Large Hazel - Fell to near ground level and grind out the stump.

Ref. No: S.21/0880/TCA | Received: Wed 07 Apr 2021 | Validated: Wed 07 Apr 2021 | Status: Application Approved

52 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SY

Demolition of rear lean-to and construction of rear porch and cloakroom. Resubmission of S.17/0544/HHOLD

Ref. No: S.21/0693/HHOLD | Received: Wed 17 Mar 2021 | Validated: Fri 26 Mar 2021 | Status: Permitted

52 The Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5SY

Demolition of rear lean-to and construction of new rear porch and cloakroom

Ref. No: S.21/0694/LBC | Received: Wed 17 Mar 2021 | Validated: Fri 26 Mar 2021 | Status: Application Approved

3 Fop Street Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5AJ

Replace windows like for like.

Ref. No: S.21/0672/LBC | Received: Mon 15 Mar 2021 | Validated: Wed 21 Apr 2021 | Status: Application Approved

1 The Orchard Uley Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5ST

T1 Field maple (acer campestre) - Remove limb and 3 small branches

Ref. No: S.21/0612/TCA | Received: Mon 08 Mar 2021 | Validated: Thu 22 Apr 2021 | Status: Application Approved