

Minutes of the **Uley Parish Council** meeting held on Wednesday 1st September 2021, commencing at 7:05pm. The meeting was held in the Uley Sports Pavilion, Shadwell, Uley.

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

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

1/09/2021 To receive any apologies for absence
There were no apologies for absence.

2/09/2021 To receive any declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest.

3/09/2021 To receive any representation from County or District Councillors

Cllr Thomas submitted a brief written report earlier to Councillors but highlighted: The Build Back Better - Market Towns fund, a fund to fund to support local communities as we emerge from the coronavirus pandemic by supporting the delivery of community events. The grass obstructing the path between Dursley & Uley was cut shortly after the last meeting, Cllr Thomas noted that further edging works was required which continued to restrict the full width of the path.

Cllr Thomas reported that bus times had changed on 29th August and there was an ongoing online consultation by Stagecoach on local bus travel. Some of the new services had been cancelled due to a driver shortage.

Cllr Percy reported that there had been no recent committee meetings but a ward walk with SDC Chief Executive Kathy O'Leary was scheduled for Friday 4th September.

A complaint had been received about the Cam, Dursley & Uley Joint Woodland Committee's position on cyclists. The Chair of the committee has responded but the matter would be further discussed at the upcoming committee meeting.

4/09/2021 To receive any representation from Members of the Public

A member of the public requested the Parish Council to consider the BT Exchange near Raglan Way as an alternative location for a doctor's surgery. The building approx. 200m² is central to village, has utilities connected and accessible to bus stop.

A member of the public requested the second Parish Council response to the relocation of dispensary be made public.

An email was received by the Clerk relating to a number of overgrown hedges and footway encroachment. The Parish Council do write to specific properties

and request support from highways. Cllr Browne agreed to speak to the owners of Raglan House.

5/09/2021 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2021
IT WAS RESOLVED to approve and for the Chair to duly sign the minutes from the meetings of Meeting of Council on 4th August 2021 with one amendment that Cam Peak be changed to Coaley Peak (3/07/2021)

6/09/2021 To receive an update on highway and footpath matters.

On the footpath between the allotments and the bury, the top step of the middle stile was loose (near the path that leads to Whitecourt). The top bar on the stile near Angeston from Fop Street was loose. Both matters to be reported to the Footpath Warden.

There was a lot of vegetation on the retaining wall (before the church) on the B4066 The Street. **IT WAS AGREED** to report to GCC Highways.

Flooding was reported on Fop Street and Lampern Hill due to a water leak on Fop Street, the water was using the highway drainage so was not affecting the Uley Road at the crossroads. **IT WAS AGREED** to report the matter to both Severn Trent and GCC Highways.

The Clerk agreed to enquire with Uley Valley Contractors about the outstanding works to remove saplings near Fop Street crossroads (nos 3/5 The Street).

7/09/2021 To receive an update on Playground matters

It was noted the repair to the mosaic dragon had been completed and Cllr Griffiths had approved the works. Cllr Griffiths liaising with a volunteer to revamp the rocket.

Cllr Griffiths provided an update of funding for the Jubilee improvement project including the first £500 received from Dursley Lions and approximately £10k of grant applications. Cllr Paraskeva would forward contact details of a local resident who was familiar with this type of fund raising.

8/09/2021 To consider the following Planning Applications

S.21/1856/TCA - 7 South Street, Uley: Cherry tree adjacent to the road - Reduce the height to approximately 11.0m and the radial crown spread to approximately 7.0m (approximately 2.0m off all over). Remove the worst of the deadwood. Reduce the ivy spread along the branches by approximately 1.5m to stop it reaching the extremities.

Uley PC had supported this application prior to the meeting.

S.21/1889/TCA - 19 South Street, Uley: Cherry (T1) - Fell. Horse Chestnut (T2) - Crown raise to 6m

IT WAS RESOLVED to support the application.

S.21/1969/TCA - Daunceys Mill, Lampern Hill, Uley: T1 Ash, Ash Dieback - Fell. T2 Ash and Larch (T2324) – Fell

IT WAS RESOLVED to support the application.

S.21/1968/TCA - Stream Cottage, 16A The Street, Uley: T1 Ash and T8 Ash - Ash Dieback, Fell. T2 Lilac- remove stem.9/07/2021 To receive any Planning Decisions/Updates

IT WAS RESOLVED to support the application.

S.21/1949/HHOLD - 4 Woodstock Terrace, Uley: Replacement of conservatory roof and change of materials.

IT WAS RESOLVED to support the application.

It was noted that a decision had not been made on S.21/1525/HHOLD - 16A South Street, Uley.

9/09/2021 To receive any Planning Decisions/Updates

There were no decisions published since the last meeting of Council.

10/09/2021 To authorise monthly payments

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the payments (see appendix 1). The Clerk agree to provide a full financial statement next month.

11/09/2021 To consider future cloud storage for email accounts.

IT WAS AGREED to open a google account for future e-storage requirements.

12/09/2021 To confirm a panel to review grant applications and make recommendations to Council.

IT WAS AGREED that Cllrs Browne and Martin would review the four applications received and make recommendations at the next meeting.

13/09/2021 To receive an update on the Council response to the proposals by Cam & Uley Family Practice

The Chair provided a recap of recent actions since the last Council meeting, which continued to be fast moving, this included four meetings of the working group. The Chair recorded her thanks to Belinda Holley, Becky Sage, Caroline Penley and Sally Lamerton in recognition of their contributions.

The petition and a second response letter from the Parish Council to the relocation of the dispensary had been submitted. The second petition would be submitted prior to the deadline of the 17th September and it would be

available at the Uley Show. The online petition had currently over 600 signatures.

The Chair acknowledged the support from local councillors including Wendy Thomas, Martin Percy, Doina Cornell, and neighbouring Parish Councils in Nympsfield, Kingscote, and Cam Parish Council who had concerns about additional parking in the area of the Cam surgery. Siobhan Baillie MP had been instrumental in obtaining an extension to the deadline.

The Chair had visited remaining residents of Fairmeads, most of whom were unaware of the proposals, and had met with representatives of the GL11 community organisation, based in Cam who expressed support.

No progress had been made about gaining interest from other local doctors' surgeries. The Chair and Cllr Browne would liaise on this.

A meeting is to be held on 16th September (date changed after Parish Meeting) to discuss the building and ideas for improvement with the Practice, Parish Council, Chair of Patient Participation Group and the Clinical Commissioning Group. Positively the Parish Council had received a statement from the Practice, which is now on the Practice website, about retaining some services at Uley. The Parish Council has posted the statement with a response on the PC website.

The Councillors agreed about the BT Exchange being an alternative location for a surgery or other community use, but previously access requests had been refused by BT when enquiring about a potential location of the village shop and allotments in previous years. The Chair and Cllr Martin would attempt to contact BT via Openreach.

IT WAS AGREED the current actions required include:

Cllrs Browne & Paraskeva to draft response to consultation.

Parish Councillors to attend meeting regarding building on 9th September.

A silent protest was proposed by local Green Party representatives, the date/time to be agreed.

The Chair also thanked local resident Thoss Shearer for his research.

14/09/2021 To note the update from the owner of the Old Crown public house.

The Clerk reported that a very positive email had been received from the owners of the Old Crown which confirmed the pub was closed for refurbishment and would very much be open for business soon, an exact opening date was not available due to the works required including restocking and fixtures/fittings. The owners noted the importance of the public house to the village and look forward to opening as soon as practical.

15/09/2021 To consider planting two oak trees for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

IT WAS RESOLVED to request two saplings for Uley Parish and that Owlpen Parish Council has agreed that their two saplings could also be planted in Uley.

IT WAS AGREED to request permission to plant up to three of the saplings on the Millennium Green, noting that that the Millennium Green is the most appropriate location in the parish to commemorate the jubilee and hope that committee will agree and grant permission. Other locations including the Fop Street crossroads, would be considered next month should the request be refused.

16/09/2021 To receive any reports from PC Representatives.

It was reported that the ragwort had now been removed from Uley Bury.

It was noted that the Coaley Uley Climate Action Network had made a funding request for environmental projects in Uley and have asked Uley Parish Council to declare “Declaration of a Climate Emergency (or if preferred) a Recognition of a Climate Emergency”.

IT WAS AGREED to put these matters on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting and for Cllrs Lungley and Griffiths to provide background information prior to the meeting for Councillors to consider.

17/09/2021 To consider articles for the Website and Newsletter

The second Parish Council response to the relocation of dispensary be made public via the website.

A reminder to house owners to maintain frontages from encroachment and overhanging hedges.

Spare a kind thought for our refuse collectors and recycling team

18/09/2021 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 13th October 2021 at the Uley Sports Pavilion, Shadwell, Uley, GL11 5BW.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council

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Date

Actions:

4/09/2021	Publish 2 nd letter – dispensary consultation	Clerk/Cllr Griffiths
4/09/2021	Contact owner of Raglan House	Cllr Browne
6/09/2021	Contact GCC Highways, Severn Trent, Footpath Warden & Uley Valley Contractors – various matters	Clerk
8/09/2021	Submit planning application responses	Clerk
11/09/2021	Open a google account for Uley PC	Cllr Griffiths
12/09/2021	Review Grant Applications	Cllrs Browne & Martin
13/09/2021	Cam & Uley Family Practice Response to Consultation	As listed within the minutes
15/09/2021	Confirm order of saplings and request permission from Millennium Green committee	Clerk
16/09/2021	Submit background re Climate Change Emergency	Cllrs Lungley and Griffiths
17/09/2021	Submit articles to village news	Clerk

Appendix 1 – List of Payments

Date	Payee	Payment No.	Description	Invoice No.	Gross	Net
September 1	HMRC	DD	PAYE	n/a	£ 126.88	£ 126.88
	Mr John Kay	BACS 19	Salary	n/a	£ 507.52	£ 507.52
	Mr John Kay	BACS 19	Expenses	n/a	£ 72.00	£ 72.00
	HCI Data Ltd	BACS 20	Data Storage	WEB13802	£ 73.50	£ 61.25
	Uley Playing Field	BACS 21	Room Hire	133	£ 28.80	£ 28.80
	Tomatojack Arts	BACS 22	Playground Repairs	123	£ 562.60	£ 562.60