

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Magelake**

**Chairman:** P Blackman

**Present:** T Pointing      R Keeling      A Willis      T Edwards  
(19:14)            (19:17)            (19:11)  
R Kingdom      S Kidd            M Pollard      I Duncan

*P Blackman*  
*3/4/23*

**23.03.01 Apologies for absence**

M Bodger      P Cornish  
(online attendance)

**23.03.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

The minutes were agreed as an official council record. ✓

**Public Session**

The meeting was attended by a member of the public, Brian Lane-Smith, who is due to stand as a candidate for the District Elections in May.

**23.03.03 County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Radford did not attend (report appended). No questions to raise with Councillor Radford.

**23.03.04 District Councillor's Reports**

Councillor Chesterton advised there had been a recent meeting with Councillor Radford and Uffculme Primary School in regards to traffic related discussions. There are achievable speed/traffic changes possible in order to make outside of the school safer for children.

Councillor Evans advised as follows:

- Two housing issues had been raised – one within Uffculme and the other within Willand. Referred to the officers at MDDC for resolution.
- A meeting is due to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> March in Saltash (as part of Cllr Evans' Police advocate role). The intention is to ask Devon to copy the Somerset approach to crime prevention as working well there.
- Councillor Pointing advised that the police statistics had not been updated recently. Councillor Evans to follow up on UPC behalf.
- Meetings are ongoing regarding Hillhead restoration with Valencia and Viridor.
- There is an Ash die-back issue within the Houndaller Plantation and along the A38 road corridor (communicated via email). Works to commence ASAP (HP) / mid/late May (A38) – taking approximately 4 weeks.
- A community tree planting day is being held on 18<sup>th</sup> March near Hillhead Quarry, organised by Aggregate Industries. Advertised on Facebook.

Councillor Warren advised as follows:

- There are changes at MDDC, with a cabinet meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March. A further meeting is being held on 8<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the budget – impacts on this include 3Rivers and changes to car parking charges increase being reversed.

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- The Council tax bills are being prepared and there are savings to be made
- There are 8 weeks until elections

**23.03.05 Parish Council Vacancies**

The Clerk advised that there are still two vacancies currently. Councillors encouraged to continue to spread the word and will continue to advertise in Spotlight and on Facebook. There are elections coming up in May. The Clerk will provide guidance, where possible.

**23.03.06 Finance**

**23.03.06.01 To approve January and February Financial Statements**

The January and February financial statements were approved as official council minutes.

**23.03.06.02 Magelake – Glass Washer Request**

Request for replacement glass washer has been received (attached). Martin (Magelake) advised that savings to be made from other budget items in order to allow for replacement equipment. Council discussed whether full cost to be covered from budget or whether a lease option might be more suitable. Both options to be presented to Martin with an estimated cost of £1400. Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Duncan, all in agreement.

The issues surrounding missing charity accounts were also once again discussed (ongoing chasing by Clerk). Councillor Pointing to now see if possible to gain raw figures from outgoing Clerk in order to progress.

An offer of assistance was made by Brian Lane-Smith (Public Member) to assist with charity related issues as experience in this area.

**23.03.06.03 Bridwell – Coronation Funding Request**

A request was received from Bridwell to provide £5,000 towards a Coronation event to benefit the local community. The event plans were discussed, and knowledge shared regarding other events due to take place within the Parish, and it was decided that the Council would look to contribute smaller amounts to multiple events, as opposed to the whole budget to just the one. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Kidd, all in agreement. Councillor Willis advised that if approached, South West Water will provide free toilets for community based events.

**23.03.07 Business Arising**

**23.03.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath**

Councillor Edwards advised that there were no updates.

**23.03.07.02 ABN Feed Mill**

Councillor Kidd advised that a liaison meeting is due to take place w/c 20<sup>th</sup> March. Best approach was discussed and agreed that neighbour impact feedback would be useful to bring to the meeting, as opposed to multiple attendees. Minutes to be circulated once available.

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**23.03.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club**

Councillor Kingdom advised that quotations are being sought for rendering works to the rear of the building. It was also advised that income is gradually dropping and that there is a current lack of Committee Members.

**23.03.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club**

No updates to report.

**23.03.07.05 Green Team**

It was advised that the warm space is very well attended. The Community Fridge is going well and that there had been recent food safety updates provided. The concerns surrounding the environmental conservation at the ABN Feed mill were discussed and that the green team are keen to be involved in the maintenance of the pond at Markers going forward.

The Spring Litter Pick takes place 11/03, Tree Planting 18/03 (Parish planting also to take place), Noticeboard due to be installed 13/03 and next Repair Café 01/04.

**23.03.07.06 Allotments**

Councillor Duncan advised that the allotments were at full membership and that there are positive works taking place on the plots. The contribution request for the coming year has been received by the Clerk for payment.

**23.03.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update**

The stitching of the flag has been mended free of charge, the bricks have been washed down in The Shambles. There will soon be maintenance requested to the damaged posts and slab on the plinth, which is loose (to the corner). Clerk to obtain quotations for repair.

**23.03.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch**

Councillor Pointing advised that the Multi-parish Traffic Group had no updates and that a date is yet to be set for the next meeting. Restrictions on parking within the village (HATOC) are still TBC. The 20MPH requirements from last year have been automatically resubmitted for review by DCC and there has been a meeting with the Primary School, where issues surrounding traffic have been highlighted. Signs are to be used, with the Parish Council approached for funding in due course (along with DCC from May onwards). The police have also recently been located at Bridwell performing speed checks through the village.

**23.03.07.09 Schools update**

Councillor Willis advised that there was no update from the Highschool and that contact with the Primary School had been proving tricky.

No further updates to report.

**23.03.07.10 Water Fountain**

There were no updates to report – Councillor Pointing and Clerk to liaise to finalise design.

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**23.03.07.11 Uffculme Village Hall**

The Clerk advised that quotations for a projector and a dish washer had been received and would be added to the April agenda for consideration.

**23.03.07.12 Magelake Committee / Repairs**

There are no updates in regards to the next Working Group meeting, as financial information relating to charity accounts are still to be received from outgoing Clerk. Clerk to continue to chase for this information.

There is a motorhome within the grounds that is now known as abandoned (following the sad passing of the owner). Councillor Kingdom to liaise with Martin in regards to steps going forward to resolve this.

**23.03.07.13 Youth Working Group**

Councillor Kidd advised the meeting made with Chris Jones and Katy Hales at the Tiverton Youth Club took place online on 20/02. Bradninch have a current successful Youth Group so might be a good group to approach for mentoring opportunities. There is a grant available to apply for from April and a consultation meeting to take place in May. The Initial costs of the Youth group will be low/nil with ongoing costs estimated around £9,000 (to allow for wages of 2 x officers). There were good ideas raised as part of the meeting, with years 6 and 7 being the starting age to target/approach. There is a questionnaire that has been previously used by the Club for circulation within the Scouts, football teams and the schools. Proposed by Councillor Pointing, Seconded by Councillor Keeling, all in agreement. The intention is to carry out a trial in June, with full rollout taking place from September onwards.

**23.03.07.14 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)**

Councillor Keeling to take the lead with this going forward. Advised that the Warm Spaces are to continue into the Summer months.

**23.03.07.15 Markers Pond**

Councillor Pollard advised that R&R have now completed their work. Bird boxes are due to be installed on site. There is more water movement needed on the pond – Councillor Willis to investigate options for aerating the water. The ongoing maintenance was raised – Councillor Pointing awaits update from the Green Team in order to see whether they are able to provide ongoing maintenance. Duck island options were enquired about – Clerk to look into what is available.

**23.03.07.16 Play Areas**

The Clerk advised that the installation date for the new zip wire is due to commence 07/03. The other new equipment within the village is now in place in Pathfields (toddler climb/slide) and Ashill (swings).

**23.03.07.17 Woodland Trust Trees – Queen's Green Canopy**

Councillor Pointing advised 15 trees were planted along Denners Way by members of the Green Team and Parishioners on 26/02.

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**23.03.07.18 King's Coronation**

It was advised that Ashill would be offering an event for villagers, to include a dog show and activities for the children. Funding request to be submitted to access the Coronation pot available in the 2023-2024 budget. Clerk to confirm with Bridwell whether their event is still to take place.

There will also be a Coronation Repair Café taking place, with the focus being on volunteers.

**23.03.07.19 Square Planters**

Councillor Duncan advised that there were a couple of interested parties to maintain the planters, however, that the paperwork/arrangements did not work for the volunteers. It has been suggested that the gardening club could possibly provide a solution – Councillor Duncan to maintain communications regarding this option and provide updates where necessary.

**23.03.07.20 Additional Dog Bin**

Request received from a member of the public for support in applying for an additional bin within the village, along Ashley Road. Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Willis, all in agreement.

**23.03.08 Police Report**

There were no updates to report.

**23.03.09 Clerk's Report**

**23.03.09.01 Standing Orders**

The requirements for having Standing Orders in place, which were circulated prior the meeting, were discussed. Councillors required to review ahead of next month's meeting and provide comment via email regarding the points highlighted in yellow.

**23.03.09.02 Highways – Village Length Restrictions**

The Clerk advised that the police are still to review, as part of their Road Casualty Reduction team, and would update once discussions had taken place. Councillor Radford has confirmed that he will support the restriction, if also supported by the Police.

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**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.**

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

**RE: FW: March Report**

1 message

**Councillor Ray Radford** <ray.radford@devon.gov.uk>  
To: Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 12:27 PM

Dear Gemma.

No, that is not to say everything is OK. Of course there is the usual condition of roads. The road from Uffculme to Penslade and the Kitwell Street roads are on the priority, to do job, when funds are available. We will be into the new budget, so hoping something will be done this next year.

Also the Governors of the Primary School will be making an approach to ask the Parish Council to support better traffic management around the School area.

Regards,

Ray

**From:** Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 06 March 2023 12:13  
**To:** Councillor Ray Radford <ray.radford@devon.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: March Report

Thank you Ray. Do you have anything Uffculme related that is on your radar currently?

**Gemma Cole**

**Uffculme Parish Council Clerk**

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On Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 4:09 PM Councillor Ray Radford <ray.radford@devon.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Gemma

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I may have to give my apologies for your meeting as I have a Canal Advisory meeting at the same time.

RJB  
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If anything arises before or after your meeting, please let me know.

I have included a report below.

Dear Gemma & Members.

I will endeavour to attending your meeting as it is the annual meeting, it will depend on me getting support home, I will not be able to stay to the end, my daughter is in France at the moment

Not aware of much happening in Hemyock from County's point of view, if there is, please let me know.

Our Cabinet has proposed a [10.5 per cent increase in our budget to fund vital services for the most vulnerable children and adults, as well as more cash to tackle potholes.](#)

There will be increases of 18.4 per cent in spending on children's services and 8.8 per cent on adult services to keep up with a rocketing rise in demand.

And since the target budget was set last month, we have allocated an extra £2 million to tackle the increase in potholes caused by this winter's icy spells and torrential rainfall.

"We fully recognise the strain that household budgets are under with soaring inflation and big rises in the cost of living," said Councillor Hart. "But we must look after the young, the old and the vulnerable and they account for some 79 per cent of this budget."

"It has been a very difficult budget to deliver but we've asked how can we make council taxpayers' money work better for them and cut wastage in the system, and the savings strategies are tough but realistic."

The budget has been finalised by the full council on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, we will all be getting our Council Tax bills in the next couple of weeks from MDDC.. [Read for the full story on our website.](#)

Sorry I have given you a lot of figures, but County do deal with large amounts of money, and needs to be taken in context.

The Adult Social Services Budget is £336m per year and the Children and Young People Budget is £233m per year, these are all mandatory, we have to supply the service.

The underlying forecast position for Integrated Adult Social Care services at month 10 is an overspend of £7.8 million, a deterioration of £765,000 from the month 8 position. The forecast overspend continues to be driven by risk around delivery of planned savings which form part of this year's budget and a worsening position in Older People service budgets, particularly within residential and nursing care and personal care.

The reported position assumes that of the £18.2 million budgeted savings and additional income, £12.3 million will be achieved by year end, including £8 million one off additional income agreed with health partners. As at month 10, £12 million has been delivered with a further £350,000 due to be delivered before the end of March.

Additional in year savings of £4.3 million have been identified as part of the FSP.

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Children and Young People's Futures is forecasting an overspend of £19.5 million and an overspend of £41.1 million on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

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The underlying forecast position for Children and Young People's Futures services at month 10 is an overspend of £23 million.

The month 10 position assumes that of the £11.7 million of planned budget savings £3.8 million is deliverable (the £7.9 million of savings considered undeliverable contributes to the forecast overspend).

The rest of the overspend forecast continues to be driven by volume and cost pressures relating to placements for children in care and cost pressures within School Transport. 2.10. Additional in year savings and alternative funding sources of £3.5 million have now been identified as part of the FSP and are expected to be delivered.

Children's Social Care is now forecasting to overspend by £12.3 million by year end, an increase of £805,000 versus month 8.

Latest figures show that the recycling rate for the district has risen to 56.56%, compared to 52.02% during the same period in 2021/22.

The major contributor to the change has been food waste. More food waste has been stored correctly in food caddies instead of with non-recyclable waste meaning the amount of food waste collected has increased by 6.81%. On top of this, the amount of household non-recyclable waste has decreased by 14.46% meaning the total waste the Council collects has decreased.

Highways for maintenance of Devon roads had gradually fallen from around £35 million in 2012/13 to approximately £25 million in 2022/23. Coupled with inflationary change, in particular the rapid increase in inflation seen in 2022/23, this meant that the maintenance budget had halved in real terms compared to a decade ago. This also has the knock-on impact of forcing change in priorities with safety taking higher consideration and proactive works being stopped, leading to rapid deterioration of roads.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division

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## Sponsorship for the Coronation Event

1 message

Ivar Mountbatten <ivar@bridwell.co.uk>  
To: revans@middevon.gov.uk  
Cc: clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Fri, Feb 24, 2023 at 1:03 PM

Dear Bob,

As promised here is a quick breakdown of what we are looking for and below is the body of the email I have sent out to a number of local businesses that I have spoken to.

*As I mentioned on the telephone I had an idea for a Coronation Event here at Bridwell, that being to hire in some big TV screens so that we could re-transmit the Coronation to the GP in a street party/picnic type atmosphere and then do the same for the Windsor Castle Concert on the Sunday night. I have been in contact with the cabinet office in London and they are keen for these sort of events to take place. Unfortunately it seems that Light & sound chap that would be responsible for TV's and sound system was very pessimistic about this and said that no other venue had committed to anything due to the general economic situation and the possible inclement weather due to the early spring date.*

*I thought this rather defeatist but quite understand the sentiment; I guess if it did come down to pure financial risk then yes I would probably bag it too. However I thought that if I managed to engage some local companies and spread the risk then we could provide something fun for the local community at no cost to them.*

*Therefore in a nutshell I am looking for three companies to each sponsor a large TV screen, each screen is approximately £5k. I will then try and get the parish council to cough up some cash to pay for a large marquee and some portaloos. The marquee would be to provide some cover if the weather was inclement.*

*If we could pull this off then we could provide free entrance for up to 2,500 on the Saturday to come with food and have a picnic in the park. We would then provide fun rides for the kids, bouncy castles etc. which families would have to pay for to ride on and food concessions.*

So ideally if the parish council could come up with a flat £5k we could get the a pretty large tent and all the porta loos covered. If we manage to get the big ticket items covered by sponsorship then I am prepared to open the park up FOC to everyone for the whole day for this event. Any ancillary costs like stewarding, rubbish collection, paramedic cover and all the other incidental costs we would cover ourselves as the idea would be to utilise the screens again on the Sunday night to show the Coronation concert from Windsor Castle, for which we would make an entrance charge.

So in short I am looking for for £20k of sponsorship, 3 x £5k for the three very large television screens from local companies and £5k from the parish/county council (or other local companies) to cover the cost of the loos and a very large marquee. Having now spoken to Gemma Cole to check what other coronation events were happening in the village, I appreciate there is not much in the budget for these sort of items, so just to say that n December last year we secured a large tent from Devon marquees for £2850 ex vat for our winter markets. This was a good price as it was winter so I suspect in summer the prices will be somewhat more as demand is greater.

Do you think that Viridor might be up for sponsoring one of the giant TV screens.

As the coronation is only 9 weeks away we do need a relatively speedy response if this is going to come off as we need to reserve all the equipment etc.

Kind regards,

Ivar Mountbatten

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

**Re: Magelake**

1 message

**Martin @Magelake** <manager@magelake.org.uk>  
To: Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Fri, Feb 3, 2023 at 1:28 PM

Hi Gemma,

Nothing is ever simple, the electricians we have spoken to all will have to hire and charge us for a lift to access the lights, which along with their time is a very expensive option.

So I think we need to hire a 4x4 lift to get across the ground to the MUGA and get Dave Tunmely to do the works, I have asked him to order new LED units to fit.

I will come back to you when we have found a suitable lift.

Also, as previously mention, the glass washer has finally packed up, bring smell and not emptying, last time it was fixed 4 years ago, it was already 15 years old at that point and they told us it would need replacing next time.

This one is on offer at the moment:



Classeq G400P Glasswasher  
niscats.co.uk

We are without a glass washer delivery needed asap please.

We managed to buy a second hand carbonator and guns for the post mix.

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From: Treasurer Uffculme Allotment Association 5 The Square, Uffculme EX15 3AA cjd41@hotmail.co.uk	To: Uffculme Parish Council	Invoice No 23/001
		Dated: 15 02 23

Item No	Description	No	Unit Price	Amount
1	Rent subsidy for Uffculme residents holding plots in Uffculme Allotment Association.  Rent is £60 per plot and agreed subsidy from UPC is 50%.  Total no of plots = 60  No of Uffculme residents = 49	49	£30	£1,470
Please make payment to:			Sub total	£1,470
Nat West bank Name: Uffculme Allotment Association Sort: 51-61-23 A/C No: 72656077			VAT	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,470</b>

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Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

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Present: Phil Cornish Sue Kidd.

Apologies: Tim Pointing Amber Willis

**To discuss a projected way forward, in establishing Youth Provision in Uffculme.**

Our zoom meeting with Chris Jones on 9<sup>th</sup> February at which Tim Pointing, Philip Cornish and Sue Kidd were present, advised us to look at **V.O.Y.C. Devon** [voycdevon.org.uk](http://voycdevon.org.uk) for organisational structure and policy procedures and training.

It should be noted that the recommended way to start a youth group would be to begin with Years 6 and 7 of the existing school year groups and add to them in future years

**Plans need to be put in motion straight away, if anything is to be a possibility in September**

- A questionnaire (see page 2) needs to be put about now and gathered in before the School Easter Holidays. (This can be done by contacting the Uffculme Primary and Secondary Schools and being prepared to follow this up if they don't respond quickly). The questionnaire should go to all the pupils in the Secondary School and Year 6 in the Primary
- The Tiverton Youth Team have volunteered to walk the streets with questionnaires, as well once we have 'set the ball rolling'
- Other groups that could be approached with questionnaires: the people playing football at Magelake; Scouts.
- Having established our aims and objectives a small grant can be applied for, from April onwards. This can be facilitated by Chris Jones through 'Night Hub' and is provided by D.C.C.
- A public consultation will take place in May. We will need volunteers to take this forward. (D.B.S. checks will rule out any problematic volunteers)
- A trial session I Magelake to take place in June.
- Equipment can be accessed through C.J. in Tiverton
- Chris Jones also mentioned putting us in touch with Claudia in Bradnich. He also gave a rough guide for wage costs for running a small youth club, which came to £9,000.

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### Uffculme Young People's Questionnaire

We are conducting research into the needs of young people in your community. We would really appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes completing this form to let us know what you would like.

1. Would you like a local youth club? Yes..... No .....Maybe.....

2. What days/times would work for you?

Monday .....Tuesday..... Wednesday..... Thursday..... Friday.....

Saturday..... Sunday 3:30pm to 5:30pm..... 6:30pm to 8:30pm.....

7pm to 9pm.....

3. What age are you?

10 years old..... 11 years old .....12 years old..... 13 years old..... 14 years  
old..... 15 years old..... 16 years old..... 17 years old ..... 18 years old.....

4. Do you attend School?

Yes..... No..... Not in full-time Education .....

5. If you go- which School? .....

6. Where do you Hang out/socialise?

Mate's house..... My house..... Street Field/open space Skate park.....

Away from Uffculme ..... Other (please let us know) .....

7. How do you get around the Uffculme/Cullompton area?

Walk..... Bus..... Lift from family/friends..... Taxi..... Bike.....

8. What would you like to do at a youth club?

Arts and Craft..... Cooking..... Pool .....Quizzes..... Film Nights.....

Drama (Performing arts) ..... Gaming.....

Other (please let us know) .....

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