

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Thursday 9 May 2019 at Magelake Parish Pavilion Uffculme**

**Chairman following agenda item 19.5.2 E Haglestein**

**Present:**      P Best              S Kidd              R Kingdom      J Nash              M Pollard  
                         I Duncan              J Gardner              P Mackian      D Wells

**19.5.1 Apologies**

                         P Cornish – Holiday                      P Blackman - Holiday

**19.5.2 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chair**

As this was the first meeting of the new Council the Council needed to elect a new chairman and vice chairman.

Councillor Pollard proposed Councillor Haglestein take the role of Chair of Uffculme Parish Council, this was seconded by Councillor Kidd. No further proposals were made and all of the meeting was in agreement.

Councillor Haglestein proposed Councillor Blackman take the role of vice chair, this was seconded by Councillor Mackian. There were no other proposals and the meeting was all in agreement.

**19.5.3 To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2019**

The minutes were approved as an official Council record.

**19.5.4 Vacancies of the Parish Council – Co-option**

Ian Duncan had not been re-elected as a member of Uffculme Parish Council during the elections, due to an issue with the returning paperwork to MDDC. Ian Duncan wished to continue as a Councillor. Councillor Gardner proposed that Ian Duncan be co-opted onto the Council, this was seconded by Councillor Pollard and the meeting was in agreement.

**19.5.5 County Councillors Report – Councillor Radford**

Councillor Radford did not attend the meeting.

**19.5.6 District Councillors Report – Councillors Chesterton, Evans & Warren**

Councillors offered their apologies to the meeting.

**19.5.7 Finance**

**19.5.7.1 To Approve the April Financial Statement**

The April financial statement was agreed as official Council minutes.

**19.5.7.2 Ashill Village Hall**

Councillor Blackman was not at the meeting, but it was thought that this item could be removed from the agenda until such time there was a specific item that the Village Hall requested assistance with.

**19.5.7.3 Bowling Club Gates**

The Clerk shared with the meeting an e mail she had received from the Bowling Club Committee which outlined the slight revision to their costings for the gates. The Bowling Club Committee were asking for the Council to revise the amount offered. The amount now being requested from Uffculme Bowling Club was £940.53. It was

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proposed by Councillor Gardner, with all the meeting in agreement that this amount should be remitted to Uffculme Bowling Club.

**19.5.7.4 Coldharbour Mill**

The request for funding of £5,000 towards the Pond renovation project was discussed further and it was agreed that a number of Councillors, Councillor Kidd, Duncan and Gardner would attend a meeting at Coldharbour Mill with Martin Halse to fully understand what was being requested and where monies were due to be spent. Following this meeting at the Mill the Council would then consider the request for funding at the next meeting and make a decision thereon.

There had also been a request to fund the Spring Lambs project and Council was concerned about the amount of cost indicated by Coldharbour Mill with the running of this project.

**19.5.7.5 S106 Monies for Culm Valley Way Bench**

Since the last meeting the Clerk had not been made aware of any further developments in respect of MDDC installing a bench at Culm Valley Way. It was agreed that Councillor Haglestein would attend a meeting with the resident who was trying to get the bench installed.

**19.5.7.6 2018/19 Audit**

The Clerk had previously circulated the audit papers and the Council agreed the principals with regards to the internal control objectives. The Council was able to tick Yes to all of the statements A to K and Not Applicable for M this was signed off.

**19.5.7.7 2018-19 Accounts**

The council reviewed the previously circulated 2018/19 Accounts which the Clerk had prepared and there was a brief run down of the items. Councillors had no queries in respect of the accounts and these were approved.

**19.5.7.8 Other Finance Matters**

Councillor Pollard suggested that the Cemetery path was in need of renovation. The path had broken up in a number of places and to arrange for these repairs to be carried out it was thought that this would be a cost of around £2,500. This would include the removal of the gravel path, off the main path, and it being replaced by concrete. It was thought that this proposal would be much better for users of the cemetery and final details would be approved at the next meeting.

**19.5.8 Business Arising**

**19.5.8.1 Uffculme Central**

There was no update with regards to Uffculme Central and it was hoped that a meeting would be arranged with the Conservation Officer although there were concerns over the funding options for any such project given that the landfill site will close imminently.

**19.5.8.2 Mid Devon Local Plan**

There had been no updated with regard to the Local Plan being adopted and or the Inspector returning to the Council with his final decision.

**19.5.8.3 Landfill Site at Broadpath**

The site continues in operation however there had been no meeting where an update could be provided so far.

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**19.5.8.4 ABN Feed Mill**

Councillor Hagelstein advised the meeting that she had attended a meeting of the feed mill Liaison Committee which there had been no minutes taken. Councillor Hagelstein seemed to think that was slightly odd and wondered if this was related back to the reallocation of staffing from Uffculme to Cullompton.

**19.5.8.5 Uffculme Men's Club**

Councillor Kingdom advised that she had attended a recent meeting and since the AGM there had been no problems. The Club seemed to be running with a much better structure and committee which they should be applauded for.

**19.5.8.6 Uffculme Bowling Club**

Councillor Haglestein advised she had attended the recent Bowling Club meeting where they were delighted with the new gates.

They were also discussing the floor repair at the meeting however they were unsure of the actual cost and the funding options available to them, the next meeting is on the 14 June 2019.

Councillor Kingdom raised that she felt she was the representative for Uffculme Bowling Club and would have given a report on matters at the club. Councillor Kingdom advised the meeting she did not feel comfortable to continue representing the Parish Council on the Bowling Club committee.

**19.5.8.7 Green Team/Green Day – plastic free community**

Councillor Kingdom advised that the Green Team were very happy with the show that they have organised although there was no plans for one this year they were happy with the message to stop the use of single use plastic in the village and area in line with the Surfers Against Sewerage scheme.

The Green Team was also keen to proceed with the Tap/Bottle refills station outside of the Ostler and the Clerk confirmed that she would contact former Councillor Simon Stimson to discuss progressing this option.

**19.5.8.8 Allotments**

Councillor Best advised that there is a half plot remaining which is expected to be rented out during June to a resident who is moving to the village.

They are also planning their 10 year celebration and will be running a photo competition.

The Village Hall fete will be on 1 June and the Allotment Association will be running a Scarecrow competition as last year.

**19.5.8.9 Kingwood parking at Magelake**

Following the Magelake meeting it was agreed that a meeting with Martin was required to ascertain what options there were available however again the idea of installing a barrier across the centre of the car park seemed the only practical solution. The Magelake Committee had requested documents from Viridor in respect of the original grant funding application.

**19.5.8.10 BMX Track/Skatepark**

The Clerk advised that there had been a delay with a couple of the tender documents due to the Easter holidays and that an update would be provided at the following meeting with some tender documents.

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**19.5.8.11 Parish Maintenance Update**

Councillor Best advised that he had been in contact with Stuart Noyce of MDDC to ascertain more detail about the proposal Councillor Evans advised last month with regards to MDDC having a trouble shooting team. Councillor Best advised he had had some initial issues in arranging a meeting however progress was now being made.

Councillor Best advised that if he had Phil Morgan DCC Highways Neighbourhood Officer he would also contact him and arrange to fully understand where DCC maintain areas.

**19.5.8.12 Coldharbour Mill**

There was no update other than the items discussed in Finance above.

**19.5.9 Police Report**

Councillor Best was able to report back to the meeting that during February there had been 4 crimes recorded within Uffculme, 1 theft, 2 violence related and 1 public order offence it was thought that these were concentrated around the Highland Terrace area of the village. During March there had been 8 crimes, 7 of which were categorised as being violent and 1 was a public order.

Devon & Cornwall Police continue to deal with the issue of child exploitation, especially in respect of the County Lines drugs issue that they are facing.

**19.5.10 Highway Matters/Road and Traffic**

**19.5.10.1 Ashill 30mph Limit**

The Clerk shared e mails from the residents and the meeting discussed that there was little that the Parish Council could do and that they were very much still of the opinion that to get a 30mph within Ashill was a definite positive after many years of lobbying DCC to do this.

**19.5.10.2 Harvesters Development Issues**

The Clerk advised that she had received a number of complaints from residents in respect of the traffic lights, both the length of time that they have been there and seemingly the long period of time between lights changing. This had been communicated back to Liv West and also the Clerk has contact details of the site manager who had also responded. It had been raised that the signage on the site was not reflective of the accurate date and this had now been updated.

**19.5.11 Clerks Report**

**19.5.11.1 Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site**

The contact at Devon Air Ambulance was now happy with all of the documents that have been returned and the agreement had been given in terms of the installation of matters. The Council would need to make payment of the funds to Dave Tumulty and MAT Electrics and then the Devon Air Ambulance grant would come back to the Council in due course.

**19.5.11.2 Markers Pond**

Since the meeting there had been some contact with Westward Housing in respect of arranging a lease over the site by the village hall although progress was slow it should be noted that things are now moving. They have requested a map of the site which the Clerk had used google to obtain.

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**19.5.11.3 Boundary Review**

Again there were no further updates of the boundary review which is expected in the summer however the Clerk would keep Council abreast of any information.

**19.5.11.4 Committees for 19/20**

As this was the first meeting of the new Council the committees and the Parish Council representatives needed to be agreed for the new year.

The Clerk advised Councillors that she wanted them to be more active in terms of the committees that they sit on and where its an external committee to provide a report to be shared with the Council. The Clerk advised Councillors that going forward the agenda would set out where there is a representative for each committee that councillor would be expected to provide the report at the meeting, not the Clerk. The meeting agreed that whereby that representative was not able to provide an update on matters they should find an alternative representative or provide a report to the Clerk to share.

The committees and working groups that were agreed for the meeting will be appended to the minutes to be signed off.

**19.5.11.5 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Clerk advised that the Annual Parish meeting would be the following week, Thursday 16 May 2019 at 7pm and would deal with the queries raised by the public.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4 July 2019 at Ashill Village Hall.**