

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**4 November 2016 at The Square Corner**

**Chairman:** E Hagelstein

**Present:** P Blackman                      P Disley                      G Evans                      J Gardner  
P Golding                      P Mackian                      M Pollard                      D Wells

**Apologies:** P Cornish – Holiday                      T Emms - Illness  
R Chesterton – Holiday

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016 Approved and signed as a correct record.

**Finance:**

**October Financial Statement**

APPROVED as official Council Minutes

**Lloyds Bank online access**

The Clerk advised that the online payments system was working well.

**Defibrillator**

There was no update from the Co-op at this stage. As soon as confirmation could be provided we would proceed to order the equipment.

**Ashill Defibrillator Contribution**

The Clerk would ask for confirmation of the amount to be paid for the Ashill defibrillator.

**Noticeboard**

As above with the defibrillator we are still waiting to hear back from the Co-Op Head Office.

**TAP Fund Monies**

The Clerk reported that the TAP fund application had been successful and we had been awarded £1,138.45 towards the cost of the defibrillator. The Clerk would make an application to receive these monies.

The Basketball team had also been awarded the £950 they had applied for.

**Picnic Tables for Play Area**

The Clerk will discuss this on Tuesday 29 November when a meeting is scheduled for the Pathfields play area.

**Other Finance Matters**

The Clerk advised that she had received a request for financial support towards the Ring and Ride based in Tiverton. It was not clear if this was an additional request in addition to the monies that have been awarded annually for the scheme at the Budget Meeting. It was agreed the Clerk would look to gain more information to be fed back at the December meeting.

**Business Arising**

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A meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 9 November with Reed Holland to discuss a plan to develop a scheme that sees development across both The Square and Ayshford Green at a lower cost.

**Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 – 2033 – Update**

The revised local plan will go to consultation on 3 January, the responses that MDDC receive will not be considered but will be forwarded to the Inspector as part of the Inquiry process. It was suggested that to have any weight it would be best to have in the region of 500+ objectors to the current plan which includes J27, although the comments must be based on sound points. It was suggested that we ask Jim Clancy if he would send around a memo about the consultation period.

Cllr G Evans told the meeting how she and the Clerk had attended a recent meeting with other Parish Councils to discuss the current local plan. The meeting was organised by Sampford Peverell who are disappointed to have been allocated 60 additional houses because of the land at J27 being allocated. It was most concerning how many of the Parishes that were attending didn't know what was going on in respect of J27 and the likely impact that this would have on those directly in the vicinity.

**Devon Minerals Plan – Update**

Cllr B Evans had previously circulated a short precis of the full inspector's report and it was pleasing to see that the widening of Clay lane featured. The plan will be adopted by DCC in the New Year,

**Landfill site at Broadpath**

A meeting would take place on 5 December and a report would be given following the meeting.

**ABN Feed Mill**

Unfortunately the ABN Feed Mill meeting would need to be re-arranged from 5 December as one of the representatives from ABN was unable to attend. It was hoped that the meeting would be scheduled before Christmas.

One of the Cyclones had been changed, it was hoped this would improve the smells.

The Environment Agency will attend the rescheduled meeting.

**Willand - Proposed Boundary Change**

A meeting had been arranged for Monday 7 November with Willand Parish Council to discuss the Boundary change.

It was agreed the Clerk would chase up the review of land at Harvesters.

**Commercial Road Footpath**

A meeting had been arranged for Thursday 10 November with Tom Vaughn of DCC to discuss what action could be taken to find a solution to the current issues of the lack of a footpath outside The George.

The meeting was also advised of a petition that was being circulated by residents to gain support for some action to be taken. The clerk advised the meeting that the support the petition had generated was very encouraging, although in future the finer details should be agreed before petitions were circulated to the public to ensure it would be accepted. Cllr Ray Radford thought that he could present the petition at the DCC full council meeting on 8 December.

**Mobile Phone mast within St Mary's Church Spire**

*Cllr Wells declared an interest as he is an employee of Vodafone*

**Verity Aldridge**  
**Clerk to Uffculme Parish Council**  
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Cllr Hagelstein advised the meeting of the information that had been provided at the recent open evening that the Church had organised to address concerns of residents. The Church Council was currently split 50:50 in terms of whether to support the proposal to install a Vodafone and O2 mast within the spire. The works would see the 4 oak louvres replaced with a fibreglass equivalent, that on appearance would be a true replica. The existing Oak louvres would be saved.

Some Councillors raised concerns over bats living in the spire and it was thought that this would be considered by the company looking to install the equipment and will be making the planning application.

There were also concerns over potential harm to persons being too close to a mast and it was thought that many of these concerns had been found to be untrue in recent years. There was likely to be an issue for those living within the beam of the signal, up to 17m, with their Freeview TV signals, although a free filter would be provided to those affected.

**Highway Matters/Road and Traffic**

**Ashill 30 MPH**

The national speed limit signs remain and a further request to Cllr Ray Radford was made to make enquires of how these could be removed.

It was felt that unless any further information came to light there was little we could do.

**Street Lighting**

Cllr Ray Radford confirmed he had again asked for some action to be taken regards the overgrown trees. The concerned resident had taken pictures as he had felt that as soon as the leaves had fallen little action would be taken.

**Coldharbour Parking Issues**

Cllr Gardner raised issues with parking at Coldharbour and that an Ambulance had been unable to get to a patient recently due to parked cars being in the way. The Clerk agreed she would contact the local PCSO and see what action could be taken, if any.

**Correspondence**

**Other Correspondence**

The Clerk advised that she had hard copies of the Health Watch Voices publication.

**Clerk's Report**

**Pathfields Play Area**

A meeting had been arranged for 29 November and a report would be made following at the December meeting.

**Snow Wardens**

The Clerk will let Cllr Pollard have details of the people that have come forward with the offer of storing salt for the bad weather.

**New Councillors**

The Chairman welcomed Dave Lupton to the Council and the meeting agreed he had plenty to offer the Council.

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We still have one further vacancy on the Parish Council and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange another advert be placed in the Spotlight to try and gain interest in joining the Parish Council.

**Grass Cutting**

The Planning Committee had considered the grass cutting maps and it was largely agreed that we should continue with the 2016 basis of leaving it the responsibility of DCC and MDDC to cut grass verges, on the whole it had not been too much of an issue.

Cllr Radford advised the meeting that he has requested that DCC provides him with information as to who owns the land that is currently cut by DCC and whether it was an option for a collective of parishes to arrange grass cutting without the involvement of DCC. Concerns were raised over the legality of the cutting of visibility splays.

**Parish Council Committees**

The Clerk asked Councillors to agree the committees that they would sit on and or represent the Parish Council.

The only committee thought to have been left for the time being was Magelake as it was a following agenda item.

**Magelake Committee**

Following the introduction of the contract for MRH Management to be responsible for the day to day management of Magelake it was considered whether a separate committee was necessary any longer, the recent resignation of the Chairman prompted this to be considered.

It was agreed that as the Parish Council was ultimately responsible for Magelake and therefore the Magelake Committee within the Parish Council should be able to deal with most other matters, reverting to the Full Council when needed. Before this decision could be made it was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would meet with the Magelake Committee.

**Allotment Association**

*Cllr Wells declared an interest as his wife, Sarah, has a plot.*

The Clerk reported, that in the absence of a Council representative, she attended the recent meeting of the Allotment Association. The 2017/18 membership fees would fall due in March and it was anticipated that the Council would be asked to fund 55 of the 60 half plots, being the amount that were used by Uffculme Parish Residents. The Parish Council may be asked to help towards the cost of vacant plots to keep the allotment association afloat.

**Devon Highways Conference**

The Clerk asked the meeting if any Councillors wanted to attend the Conference and after no Councillors offered their attendance it was agreed that Cllr Radford would report back to the Council.

**County Councillor's Report (Cllr Radford)**

Cllr Radford endorsed the meeting that had been arranged for the following week to discuss options with The George footpath.

The meeting was advised that there was still a large proportion of the locality budget that remained available for distribution. The total available was £15,000, although this was across the whole area, rather than just for Uffculme.

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County Hall had instructed a review of Highway repair standards to identify when contractors did not return the road in a suitable state of repaired following ground works. This would now be more stringently monitored and penalties issued where appropriate.

The broadband issues suffered by many people across Devon was being investigated and actions taken to address.

**District Councillors' Report (Cllr Evans)**

Apologies were sent for Cllrs Chesterton and Doe.

Cllr Evans advised the meeting that he had reported a potential fraud by Safe Style UK who are purporting to have the endorsement of MDDC in providing double gazing to properties in the area. He had received a visit from the Company and had managed to gain a leaflet from them.

An update was given about the recent walk about around MDDC areas in the village and it was hoped that notices would be placed in the very near future to stop people driving down across Ayshford Green and to remind people of dog fouling. Overall the walk around was very positive.

A meeting had been scheduled with Cllr Ray Radford the following week at County Hall with Aggregate Industries to discuss the recent ROMP application, and the delay by AI in letting people know of this. The consultation period would end on 18 November and following this meeting would contact the Clerk to provide a rundown of the meeting. One positive note was that the ROMP allowed the review of traffic and therefore it was hoped that the widening of Clay Lane would be actioned soon.

**The next meeting will be Thursday 1 December 2016, 7.00pm at The Square Corner**