

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 3rd April 2023 at Magelake

Chairman: P Blackman

Present: T Edwards R Keeling M Bodger
R Kingdom I Duncan P Cornish

*PJ Blackman
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23.04.01 Apologies for absence

T Pointing M Pollard A Willis

23.04.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 6th March 2023

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

Public Session

The meeting was not attended by any members of the public.

23.04.03 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford attended the meeting and provided a report (appended). No questions were raised and it was also advised that there was to be a Public Consultation to "Have your Say" regarding saving money for carers.

23.04.04 District Councillor's Reports

Councillor Chesterton did not attend the meeting, having given his apologies, and did not provide a report.

Councillor Evans advised as follows:

- There are two energy schemes in place locally with MDDC - £400 for catch up relief and £200 for non-gas residents (oil etc.). Of these, there have been 137 awards of the first and 104 of the second.
- MDDC are holding a Business Support Service at Tiverton on 19/04 where advise will be provided regarding business rates, advertising and recruitment etc. Councillor Warren advised that this is something that is hoped to be replicated within Crediton and Cullompton also.
- It will be known whether an election will be called on 04/04 at 4pm.
- Consultation planning opens on 04/04. There is an invite to follow

Councillor Warren provided a report ahead of time. There were no questions raised in regards to the points covered.

23.04.05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that in addition to the current vacancies, resignation had been received by Councillor Kidd, with Councillors Duncan and Pollard advising that they are not intending on submitting Candidate nomination forms for the coming term. All Councillors reminded of deadlines for submitting forms in order to be nominated going forward.

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23.04.06 Finance

23.04.06.01 To approve March Financial Statements

The March financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

23.04.06.02 Ashill – Lighting Request

Request received from Ashill Village Hall Committee for replacement lighting (report appended). There is £4000 included as part of the budget allocated for replacement lighting. £4000 to be provided, with any additional funds required to be topped up by the AVHC. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

23.04.06.03 Village Hall – Projector, Dishwasher and Washroom

Request received from Uffculme Village Hall for the Council to fund replacement projector, dishwasher and washroom refurbishment (appended). There is £6000 included as part of the budget allocated to washroom refurbishment and general (£5000 + £1000). Council agrees to allocate full budget to be spent across the 3 x items, % spend on each as the Village Hall Committee wishes. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

23.04.06.04 Coronation Funding Request

A request was received from the Christmas Lights Committee for £680 towards lighting for the Coronation celebrations (appended). Proposed by Councillor Duncan, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

A request was received from Ashill Village Hall Committee for a contribution towards their total costs of £1635 for free of charge Coronation celebrations within Ashill (appended). £1000 to be provided towards the event. Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Cornish, all in agreement.

23.04.06.05 Replacement Trees

As part of the tree removal at Denners Way and Highland Terrace, consent was conditional of replacement trees being put in place. The Clerk has found pricing for replacement trees. Council agrees to purchase of replacement trees, to the value of £600. Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement. It was also suggested that R&R could potentially source trees at a lower price (if they are being instructed to plant them). Clerk to consult with R&R to see whether savings can be made and proceed accordingly.

23.04.06.06 Play Area Repair Works

The Clerk advised of repair works that are required across the playparks within Uffculme, as a result of the recent inspections (quotation appended). All repairs which are required to take place. Proposed by Councillor Bodger, Seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in agreement. Request to email copy of the Ashill inspection to Councillor Blackman for circulation with Ashill Village Hall Committee – Clerk to arrange.

23.04.06.07 Play Area – New Equipment Quotations

The option of alternative play equipment, instead of the zip wire, was discussed. Clerk to continue to look at an option for locating originally planned equipment where possible. Alternatives, as necessary, will be discussed at the next meeting.

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23.04.07 Business Arising

23.04.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

Councillor Edwards advised that there were no updates and that a site visit was still to be arranged.

23.04.07.02 ABN Feed Mill

No further updates. Minutes to be circulated once available.

23.04.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club

Councillor Kingdom advised that quotations are being sought for repair works to the flat and also the windows. The option of a music licence is also being looked into. Meetings are being held on the second Sunday of each month and expenses are up – with a balance held currently of £12,000.

23.04.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

Councillor Keeling advised that they had attended the latest meeting. 15/04 will be an open day (in greys) and that the next meeting is to take place on 19/04.

23.04.07.05 Green Team

It was advised that the warm space is very well attended. Councillor Pointing's updates/report appended.

23.04.07.06 Allotments

No further updates.

23.04.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update

Clerk advised that quotation received for work to the Shambles. Higher than expected and further quotations awaited. Option of moving the planters over the perceived trip hazard to be investigated. Councillor Pollard's report appended.

23.04.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

No further updates.

23.04.07.09 Schools update

No further updates.

23.04.07.10 Water Fountain

No further updates.

23.04.07.11 Uffculme Village Hall

No further updates.

23.04.07.12 Magelake Committee / Repairs

No further updates.

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23.04.07.13 Youth Working Group

Councillor Cornish advised that talks with Cullompton Youth Group had taken place and that Devon Community Fund was worth exploring. Tiverton are happy to continue to help going forward. Replacement for Councillor Kidd required going forward – Councillor Bodger to be part of the Youth Working Group. Councillor Pointing's report appended.

23.04.07.14 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

Councillor Keeling advised that the next Warm Space is to take place 14/04.

23.04.07.15 Markers Pond

Councillors Pollard and Pointing reports appended.

23.04.07.16 Play Areas

No further updates.

23.04.07.17 King's Coronation

Events to take place in Ashill with lights being installed (and flags) by the Lights Committee in The Square.

23.04.07.18 Square Planters

Councillor Duncan advised that the Green Team and Gardening Club had offered to take over responsibility of upkeep of the square planters. Original level of £150/quarter to be provided for provisions. Proposed by Councillor Duncan, Seconded by Councillor Kingdom, all in agreement.

23.04.07.19 Square – Additional Uses

Request received from member of the public to use The Square for sale of goods/local produce (appended). Parish Council all in agreement of support – Clerk to investigate further whether this can be a possibility.

23.04.08 Police Report

There were no updates to report.

23.04.09 Clerk's Report

23.04.09.01 Standing Orders

Draft Standing Orders were discussed. Clerk and Chair to finalise draft for Council to review. Document to be circulated once prepared.

23.04.09.02 Highways – Village Length Restrictions

No further updates.

23.04.09.03 Additional Dog Bin

Clerk has requested this. Updates to follow in due course.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 15th May 2023, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

FW: March Report

1 message

Councillor Ray Radford <ray.radford@devon.gov.uk>
To: Verity Aldridge <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 1:53 PM

Subject: FW: March Report

Dear Gemma & Members

I may need to give my apologies for your meeting. It will depend if Carole my daughter is around.

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

I have included a report below.

Not aware of much happening in Uffculme area from County's point of view, other than what we all ready know about, 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

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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 16th 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.

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).

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.

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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

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Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division

Email: ray.radford@devon.gov.uk

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District Council Report

Barry G J Warren

We are now in Purdah and as I am offering myself for election again on May the 4th I have to be a little guarded in what I say as we are not allowed to use council business to further political aims.

Council business is continuing but there are few committees to be held between now and the election. There is a cabinet meeting on Tuesday 4th April [tomorrow] where various future policies and procedures are to be considered for adoption and implementation. The most potentially controversial item will be the setting of the charges for car parks and reserved parking places for businesses and residents. Much representation and consultation has taken place so hopefully a final decision can be made.

There is a Scrutiny Committee in the 17th and then a Full Council meeting on the 26th.

Like most Councils we are trying to contend with a potential overspend but Councils have won an argument with Government over VAT payments in respect of Leisure Centres and so MDDC have the potential to be refunded approximately £2 million pounds which will help.

Our housing team has won a National award for its work in regard to Anti Social Behaviour management etc. and we are hoping to be successful with another bid to allow us to provide more social housing around the district.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you over the past four years and may I wish the Parish Council continued success in representing the residents of Uffculme in the future.

Regards.

Barry

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Ashill Lights

1 message

Terry Edwards <terrye4445@gmail.com>
To: clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tue, Mar 7, 2023 at 10:36 AM

Gemma

On behalf of Ashill Village Hall Committee I would be grateful if the Parish Council would consider a financial award for upgrading the lighting within Ashill Village Hall.

I believe that three contactors have submitted estimates to you based on a lightning specification.

The current strip lights are dated and energy inefficient and the the committee have suggested that we replace these with circular recessed lights (similarl to the lighting in Magelake meeting room)

Upon completion of the lighting installation it is the intention to fully decorate the hall to improve the visual aspect of the hall.

I would be grateful if you could present this request along with the quotations to the April meeting of the Parish Council.

Kind Regards

Terry Edwards
Secretary of Ashill Village Hall Committee.

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Ashill Village Lighting

A request has been made for quotation for the replacement of lighting at Ashill Village Hall. Three quotations have been received for comparison:

<u>Option 1</u> M Fowler Main hall Bar Kitchen Passage WC x 3 Store Boiler Room £4,102 (plus VAT)	<u>Option 2</u> AMP Electrical Contractors Listed requirements plus wall mounted emergency lights £5,825 (no VAT)
<u>Option 3</u> Paul Brister Electrical Services Listed requirements Price subject to change re. materials Building work/making good would be extra £5,329 (no VAT)	

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Coronation Events in Ashill

1 message

Terry Edwards <terrye4445@gmail.com>
To: clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Mon, Mar 27, 2023 at 11:06 PM

Dear Gemma

Further to the post in the spotlight magazine I would like to take the opportunity in advising the parish council on the community events that are taking place on the Coronation Weekend in Ashill.

Saturday 6th May/Sunday 7th May

Cream Teas in the Village Hall with live broadcast of the coronation on the big screen.

Ashill Crufts
Village Rounders
Magician
Face painting
Hog Roast
Music in the Marquee

There will be a bouncy castle within the park on Saturday and Sunday.

We are also organising a Soap Box Derby at some point over the weekend.

All events will be free, although there may be a small charge for the hog roast.

On behalf of the Village Hall I would be grateful if the Parish Council could consider funding for part of these events.

The costs to date are
Band £180.00
Bouncy Castle £360.00
Face Painter £200.00
Magician £495.00
Hog roast approx £400.00, awaiting confirmation of exact cost.

The Village Hall have paid upfront for the bouncy castle, face painter and magician.

Yours sincerely

Terry Edwards
Secretary Ashill Village Hall

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Re: The Festive Lighting Company Invoice - Uffculme Christmas Lights

1 message

COLIN WARD <colinward26@aol.com>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 10:38 PM

To: Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Hi Gemma, thanks for all your help, the Uffculme Festival Committee would like to request the sum of £680.00 as a contribution towards the purchase of lights to help decorate the Square for the coronation celebrations.

Best wishes

Colin

Uffculme Festival Committee

Sent from my iPhone

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Quoted works for:

Customer: Uffculme Parish Council
 Inspection date: 17 January 2023
 Site: Uffculme War Memorial Recreation Ground, Highland Terrace, Commercial Road, Uffculme, Devon, EX153EW
 Inspector: Chris Newell

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Wicksteed Leisure Ltd
 Digby Street, Kettering
 Northants NN16 8YJ
 Tel: 01536 517028
Customerservices@wicksteed.co.uk



Item ID	Item	Manufacturer	Finding ID	Finding Details	Remedial Action	Risk Factor	Finding Photo	Item Photo	Qty	Code	Description	Unit Price	Total Price
1160163	Cantilever Swing - Type 3	Wicksteed Playgrounds	48515530	Manufacturer recommends bearing housing assembly is replaced every five years	Replace bearing housing assembly (4 lug housing)	8	Yes	Yes	1	4201-199	Universal Joint Assembly (4 Chain Version)	£995.00	£995.00
1160127	Multi Play (Toddler)	Wicksteed Playgrounds	48515528	The Sands of Time panel has been damaged (vandalism)	Monitor for any further deterioration and replace as required	6	Yes	Yes	1	6400-081	Mystical World Sands Of Time Rotating Play Panel c/w fixings	£985.00	£985.00
1160138	Overhead Rotator	Wicksteed Playgrounds	48515533	The bearing is not operating correctly	Replace the bearings as required	12	Yes	Yes	1	2546-003	Bottom bearing 32008	£24.20	£24.20
									1	2546-004	Top Bearing 32006	£24.20	£24.20
									1	2221-008	3/16" x 2" Split Pin	£0.50	£0.50
									1	3032-009	Whirlybird - Spacer (40Mm Dia 22Mm Long)	£3.85	£3.85
1160156	Rocking Rocket	Wicksteed Playgrounds	48515536	Seat panel worn and damaged	Replace the seat panel	9	Yes	Yes	1	3724F001	Rocking Rockette - Seat C/W Fixings	£165.00	£165.00
											Labour cost carry out all work as detailed above		£650.00
											Total cost, excluding carriage & VAT		£2,912.15

Important notes

Wicksteed have only quoted for the items shown above. There may be other areas that require attention so it is important that you fully read through the main Inspection Report and address all other findings as recommended.

If your quotation includes for cutting back wet pour which is shrinking from the edges then please be aware that due to climatic change we are unable to offer any guarantees on the longevity of the infilling:

The specification for any painting that is included is to rub down as necessary and for 1 coat of primer and 1 coat of gloss to be applied.

As inspections are visual non-dismantling inspections it is not always apparent until work commences on site that other parts may be required; if this is the case an additional quotation will be provided.

POA = Price on application
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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Re: Full Council Meeting - Monday 3rd April 2023 - Magelake - 7pm

1 message

Tim Pointing <tim.pointing@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>
To: Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 6:09 PM

Dear Gemma

My apologies for leaving this so late.

My updates:

- Green Team.
- Warm Spaces is Friday the 14th of April
- Spring Litter Pick is on Saturday the 15th of April.
- Repair Cafe is Saturday 6th of May.

Traffic. No updates.

Youth Group.
TP Waiting on a request to meet the Bradnich Group.

Pond.
TP waiting on Lucy from R&R to meet with Green Team to discuss what's required.

Refill Station. We need to talk.....

Police.
No update from Devon and Cornwall Police as they have changed their reporting systems and these no longer feed into the Crime Maps.

Many thanks.

Tim

On Mon, Apr 3, 2023 at 3:33 PM Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk> wrote:
Good afternoon all,

Please now find attached as follows:

- Minutes of March's meeting
- March's Financial Statement

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

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1 message

Mike Pollard <mikep47@googlemail.com>

Mon, Mar 27, 2023 at 4:25 PM

To: Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Hi Gemma

I give apologies for this coming Monday meeting, I shall be in Northumberland.

Not a lot to report, on maintenance the Plinth for the Shambles needs repair. The urgent bit is 2 cement joints 1 either side of the Shambles plinth. Water will get in these and cause problems They need chasing out and refilling with cement. The skate park dougles have increased slightly, Amelia was getting an artist friend to quote for a complete covering with drawings. My feeling is that it needs watching and cleaning if it becomes a problem.

On the Pond, I have sent Tim the contact for R&R and hope the G.T. can liase and sort out the maintenance. The weed is starting to creep back on land and in the water. Spoke with Chris Cottrell he hopes to put the fish back but was a bit concerned about the O2 level. He will keep an eye open for poorly fish. I have chased Amelia but with no action, she has or did have covid. [REDACTED] He agrees

that it needs a fountain at the road end to move and oxygenate the water

Still 2 domestic bins and 4 dumpies at Magelake.

Mike

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