

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Thursday 4 July 2019 at Ashill Village Hall Ashill**

**Chairman:** E Haglestein

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

**19.7.1 Apologies for Absence**

P Cornish            P Best  
R Radford

**19.7.2 To Approve the Minutes of the meeting held 9 May 2019**

The minutes were approved as an official Council record.

**19.7.3 Vacancies of the Parish Council**

Following the election in May Ian Duncan had not submitted his paperwork and therefore had not been re-elected. Ian Duncan was putting himself forward as a Councillor and the Council was to consider whether they wished to co-opt him. Councillor Blackman proposed we co-opt Ian Duncan, this was seconded by Councillor Pollard and all of the meeting was in agreement.

**19.7.4 County Councillors Report**

Councillor Radford was unable to attend the meeting however provided a report which was read by the Clerk to the meeting. This is appended to the minutes.

**19.7.5 District Councillor Reports**

Councillor Evans advised that he had been involved in two meetings recently initially the meeting which made the declaration for climate change within Mid Devon District Council. The aim is that by 2030 the Council will be at 0% carbon emissions.

A meeting had also been attended in respect of the forthcoming boundary review and it was advised that there are currently 42 Councillors and whether the number would increase would depend on the number of residents and also how this would be split between the wards.

Councillor Warren advised that he had been appointed as the Environment Policy Chair within MDDC and would be looking at the carbon emissions initiative. He would also be looking at grass cutting in the area.

Councillor Chesterton attended the meeting however the updates were provided by his fellow colleagues.

**19.7.6 Finance**

**19.7.6.1 To Approve the May Financial Statement**

The May financial statement was agreed as official Council minutes.

**19.7.6.2 To Approve the June Financial Statement**

The June financial statement was agreed as official Council minutes.

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**19.7.6.3 Bowling Club Gates**

The Clerk advised that following discussions in respect of the contribution the Council would make to the Bowling Club a payment had been made of £940.53 this was the balance of monies required for the works to the Bowling Club gates and was lower than initially proposed as the Bowling Club committee had managed to secure additional funds.

**19.7.6.4 Coldharbour Mill**

The meeting discussed the request for funding and the report circulated by Councillor Duncan in respect of the funding within the Coldharbour Mill. The Council agreed in principle that the items would be carried forward however we are happy to support the Mill Pond restoration to the sum of £5,000 however the Council was concerned as to what they would do with the storage containers if they were held in the Council's possession. It could be suggested that the Council purchases the containers however there is not a requirement for them to be returned to the Parish Council following them becoming redundant. The meeting also discussed the Spring Lambs project and there were some concerns over whether the funding was suitable to be supported by the Parish Council as it would be a large contribution towards the salary cost of a member of staff. It was agreed that this would be reviewed again at the September meeting.

**19.7.6.5 Accounts Inspection**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Annual Parish Council Accounts which had been agreed in May were now available for public inspection.

**19.7.6.6 Uffculme Baby & Toddler Group**

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by Sarah Rock Evans requesting a contribution towards the Baby & Toddler group as it moves into its second year. It was proposed by Councillor Gardner that a grant of £200 be awarded to ensure that the group is able to continue, this was seconded by Councillor Blackman and the meeting was all in agreement.

**19.7.7 Business Arising**

**19.7.7.1 Uffculme Central**

There was a very brief discussion regarding Uffculme Central and it was agreed that this item would be carried forward. Options were being considered about approaching other land owners for car parking.

**19.7.7.2 Mid Devon Local Plan**

There were no further updates and the plan remained with the Inspector for consideration.

**19.7.7.3 Landfill Site at Broadpath**

Councillor Hagelstein advised that the Landfill site is looking to close this year, preferably before the winter.

The Leachate experiment had been given a licence from the Environment Agency for 2 years to test the treatment works. It was reiterated once again that no water would be going into a normal water course and would all be taken away for disposal as if it were still contaminated. The Environment Agency will be reviewing this.

It was noted that the footpath around area 6 of the Landfill site and Quarry was to be restored and they have to begin works promptly on this matter.

The widening of Clay Lane is still in progress and Aggregate Industries have been given a time period of 2 years from the beginning of 2019 to complete the works.

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**19.7.7.4 ABN Feed Mill**

Councillor Hagelstein advised that she attend the most recent meeting which was slightly different to previous meetings in that no minutes were taken and attendees were advised that Markers had been transferred to the Cullompton site and that Simon was the new point of contact in Uffculme.

The meeting was encouraged to continue to report smells to the Environment Agency and that SRL were carrying out a report on the processing at the site.

**19.7.7.5 Uffculme Men's Club**

Councillor Kingdom advised the meeting that the Committee of the Men's Club had recently carried out a fund raiser to try and carry out some remedial works in getting new toilet facilities within the Men's Club. The Committee were fairly content that they had secured enough funds to carry out the work themselves however Councillor Kingdom had advised them that the Parish Council's offer a contribution was still valid should they wish to proceed.

**19.7.7.6 Uffculme Bowling Club**

The Bowling Club meeting discussed that they were looking at funding options to be able to carry out upgrades to the Club House and that these would be ongoing.

**19.7.7.7 Green Team**

Councillor Kingdom was advised that the Plastic Free Committee has now met twice and is looking to raise awareness of single use plastics within the village. The Committee is also organising a Food and Wrap outside the Co-op and the Council offered its support for this event.

It was also agreed that we should look to try and install the water drinker at the Ostler as previously agreed with former Councillor Stimson and the Clerk would contact Ruth and Simon to arrange a meeting to finalise the exact water drinker filling station that would be installed.

**19.7.7.8 Allotments**

As Councillor Best did not attend the meeting there was no update provided.

**19.7.7.9 BMX Track/Skatepark**

The meeting was updated that the funding request for Viridor would need to be submitted by the end of July and it was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Pollard would arrange to push this forward.

**19.7.7.10 Parish Maintenance Update**

The meeting agreed that things had stalled slower than anticipated and that to get things moving the Council would be happy to pay a rate of £9.50ph on an employed basis for any works undertaken in the Parish. This would include clearing footpaths and weeds etc and would require very little in the way of PPE and training as it would be broom and shovel type work.

**19.7.7.11 Coldharbour Mill**

As above the detail had been postponed and it was agreed this item would be considered at the September Parish Council meeting as to whether the Council was willing to support the exact items.

**19.7.8 Police Report**

As Councillor Best was not in attendance, we did not have an update on this item.

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**19.7.9 Clerks Report**

**19.7.9.1 Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site**

The Clerk was pleased to announce that the Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing site was now approved as in working order and should there be an emergency where the Air Ambulance needed to land of an evening this would now be possible. It was agreed to try and arrange a photo to celebrate this achievement.

**19.7.9.2 Markers Pond**

The meeting was advised that matters were progressing with regards to arranging a lease and evaluation of the land. Although progress remained to be slow it was now moving.

**19.7.9.3 Boundary Review**

As above the Boundary Commission were carrying out a review of the MDDC Ward Boundaries and the Council would be asked to participate in a consultation in due course, expected to be the Autumn.

**19.7.9.4 Committees for 19/20**

The Clerk had circulated a list of the members of Council that were involved in each of the different committees for the Council and this was agreed. The Clerk also reiterated that those members who are involved in the committee are required to provide an update on matters at full Council.

**19.7.9.5 Magelake Contract with MRH Management**

The contract with MRH Management of Magelake was up for renewal and it was agreed that a meeting would be scheduled to discuss a future contract with Martin and Magelake this would then be presented back to Council prior to agreement.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 September at Magelake Parish Pavilion.**