

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**6 April 2017 at The Square Corner**

**Chairman:** E Hagelstein

**Present:** P Cornish                      P Disley                      J Gardner                      P Golding  
P Mackian                      M Pollard                      D Wells

**Apologies:** P Blackman - illness                      G Evans - illness  
R Chesterton – Holiday

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2017 Approved and signed as a correct record.

**Finance:**

March Financial Statement

APPROVED as official Council Minutes

Defibrillator

The Clerk advised that the cabinets had been delivered and would be installed before the training that had been scheduled for 20 March at Magelake. The Clerk encouraged as many councillors as possible to attend.

Noticeboard

The noticeboard had been well received by people in the village, although it was agreed that the Clerk would make enquires as to the cost of a door being fitted to the right-hand section which was open. An update would be provided at the May meeting and a decision made.

Allotments

The Clerk confirmed that she had paid the Parish Council's contribution of the allotments. The Council had paid the 50% contribution for 58 out of 60 of the plots.

TAP Fund

The Clerk advised the meeting that the Council had been unsuccessful in its bids to obtain TAP Funds towards the cost of the MUGA goals at Magelake and also for a contribution towards the cost of the flooring at Pathfield's Play Area. Ray Radford couldn't provide any details about why we had been unsuccessful. The Clerk had sent an email enquiring of the reasons and the successful projects to the administrator at MDDC.

Ashill Village Hall Sound System

As discussed at the March meeting the Council agreed to purchase the sound and visual equipment at Ashill Village Hall and that the Ashill Village Hall committee would provide a donation to the Council of £3,000.

Uffculme Village Hall Refurb monies

*Councillor Wells declared that he had an interest as his wife, Sarah was on the committee. He abstained from the discussions.*

The Clerk shared a letter she had received from the village hall committee requesting £2,600 towards the cost of the works of electrical refurb. They had been successful in their bid to secure the Viridor funding. The Clerk confirmed she would send a letter of support to the Village Hall Committee.

Precept Monies

The Clerk confirmed that the £40,000 precept monies had been transferred to the Parish Council form MDDC.

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**Business Arising**

Uffculme Central

A meeting had taken place with Ian Sorrenson from DCC regarding the options available in terms of the road structure for using Ayshford Green for parking. He had sent through two options which were discussed and in principle saw cars enter from the existing entrance and leave from a new entrance that would be created on the other side of the bus stop.

It was agreed that we should arrange a further meeting with Ian Sorrenson and the Conservation Officer of MDDC to establish the principle if using the green for parking, given its locality to the listed building.

Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 – 2033 – Update

The local plan had been submitted and it was awaiting the appointment of an Inspector.

Landfill site at Broadpath

The Clerk shared a letter that she had received from former Councillor Emms which highlighted areas and concerns that he had in respect of the quarrying works that were planned to recommence at Houndaller. The meeting was also advised that the processing plant was not owned by Aggregate Industries and was on lease.

The meeting was updated that Rob Hawkins had left the site and had been replaced by Nigel Hawkins. At the recent liaison meeting it was reported that closure was still expected by 31.12.2020. The leachate was still being sent to Gloucester for processing.

The compost at the site would be closing on 31.03.2017 and all compostable waste would be sent to Punchbowl tip at Crediton or to an anaerobic digester.

The plans to widen Clay Lane were hoped to be carried out in 2018, although this had not been confirmed.

Planning Application for Hillhead, inc widening of Clay Lane

The plans included provision for the widening of Clay Lane.

It was agreed that the Planning Committee would prepare a formal response to this application at the planning meeting on 9 April 2017.

ABN Feed Mill

The Clerk had been contacted regarding a rat problem in and around the duck pond on the Westcountry Housing land. Details had been provided and it was thought that action was being taken to deal with this accordingly.

The next liaison meeting was scheduled for 12 June 2017.

Councillor Golding raised that some residents of Craddock had contacted her about the seemingly higher volume of lorries travelling through Craddock. The meeting discussed this and thought that the lorries would only travel through Craddock on their way to farms, which was thought to be unavoidable.

Willand - Proposed Boundary Change

The Clerk confirmed that she had received acknowledgement from MDDC officers that would be looking into the request for a boundary review, although that they had advised this would be after the May County Councillor elections.

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Magelake Committee and future Structure

The Clerk confirmed that the Magelake Committee was now made up of the Councillors who had put themselves forward and it would continue to operate in this way.

Magelake banking arrangements

The Clerk advised the meeting that on 16 March the Committee had met and resolved that the banking arrangements were transferred to CAF bank and that the signing instructions be set up the same as the current Parish Council signing instructions of any two signatories plus the Clerk.

The meeting agreed this and a separate minute was signed to effect the change of signatories to that of the Parish Council. The minute is appended as part of the Full Council Minutes.

St Mary's Church – planning application for mobile phone mast (16/01859/FULL)

*Councillor Wells declared that he had an interest as he is a bell ringer at the Church and also an employee of Vodafone, one of the companies who would be involved in the mast. He abstained from the discussions.*

No updates were available as to a decision from the Diocesan committee.

Exeter Strategic Plan

As Councillor Evans was not at the meeting and she had agreed to work on an initial response from the Council no update was available.

Land West of Harvester – existing permission for 60 houses

The meeting was advised that the Planning committee had met with Mark Crosby, a planning consultant engaged on behalf of DCH (formally Devon & Cornwall Housing) to liaise with the Parish Council in respect of the housing development and the planning application. The meeting was encouraged by Mark's desire to consult with Uffculme and he would be coming back to the village with the architect.

Local residents had also attended the meeting and were able to express their concerns over flooding.

**Police Report**

No report was made available

**Highway Matters/Road and Traffic**

Street Lighting

All previous concerns had been dealt with and it was agreed to remove this item from the Agenda at this time.

Commercial Road Footpath

The Councillor had received no information from the officer at DCC regarding the actual design of the footpath. This would be chased up.

**Correspondence**

Other Correspondence

The Clerk had received no specific correspondence.

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**Clerk's Report**

Pathfields Play Area

The Clerk had been liaising with the solicitor at MDDC regarding the lease and most points had been confirmed accordingly. However there had been confusion over the contributions from MDDC in respect of the poorly maintained flooring, which has recently confirmed they would contribute £1,000.

We were awaiting confirmation if MDDC would continue to empty the bin or if this would be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had found a draft S106 agreement in respect of the planning permission attached to the 16 houses at Belle Vue, Ashley Road that suggested that if permission was granted the developer would be required to contribute £19,280 towards the cost of replacing the equipment at Pathfields. The Clerk was awaiting confirmation that these monies would be due to the Parish Council as it would be responsible for the site at the time of such permissions.

Bridwell/URC Church footpath

The works had been completed and had made a vast improvement. The Clerk advised the meeting she had contacted Lord Ivar regarding the works and the cost, although there had been no reply.

It was suggested that we should take photos to show the scale of the works undertaken.

Ayshford Parking Issues

The bollards had been installed which would prevent driving down through the grass area.

A village walk about on the MDDC Council estates was scheduled for 04/04/2017. The breaking up of the paving at Ayshford would be pointed out to the Officers.

Councillor Vacancies

The meeting welcomed Sue Kidd, Ruth Kingdom and Pete Best who had all registered an interest in being Councillors and were in attendance at the meeting.

The Clerk also advised she had been contacted by Simon Stimpson, although he wasn't able to attend.

It was agreed all interested candidates would be asked to forward the Clerk a short precis about themselves and what they could bring to the Council and this would be shared ahead of the May meeting where co-option would be undertaken.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Parish meeting would be held on 11 May 2017.

Dog Fouling at play park

Councillor Gardner had received complaints about dog fouling at the Rec and people had thought that this was due to Jess Lucas's dog. It was agreed the Clerk would contact him and ask not to take the dog.

Dog waste bins

The Clerk was waiting to hear from MDDC regarding their new policy on dog waste bins. It was hoped an update would be available in a couple of months.

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

Cllr Radford was unable to provide a report due to being restricted by the rules of the upcoming elections.

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

- DCC was promoting a road warden scheme
- MDDC was providing training for street cleaning
- MDDC Tenants were now being charged under a new policy – in the past they had called maintenance teams for changing lightbulbs, although under the new policy things like this would incur a £30 call out charge.
- Telecare alarms were available, although it may be cheaper/better to get these privately and or through the fire brigade.
- The licencing of animal breeding was becoming more stringent, if there are 3 or more litters of puppies within 12m at one address a licence would now be needed, it was thought this may affect Farmers.
- Houses of multiple occupancy faced new licencing regulations where there are shared facilities – bathroom, kitchen etc, it was now required if the property was split over 2 floors, previously 3.
- The Street Food Market was being held on 21<sup>st</sup> May for the Wales and West street food competition.
- Neil Parrish MP had been working to lobby Parliament regarding flooding

**The next meeting will be Thursday 4 May 2017, 7.00pm at The Square Corner**