

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Thursday 6 December 2018 at Magelake Parish Pavilion Uffculme**

**Chairman:** E Haglestein

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

**18.12.1 Apologies**

P Cornish – Attending Award Ceremony for Wife            I Duncan – Holidays  
G Doe – Bad Weather

**18.12.2 To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held 1 November 2018**

The meeting agreed the minutes in principal although requested that the Clerk amend minute 18.11.10.2 to refer to the people who had assisted as volunteers, as opposed to sewers.

**18.12.3 County Councillors Report – Councillor Radford**

Councillor Radford offered his apologies to the meeting as his wife was currently in hospital.

**18.12.4 District Councillor Report – Councillors Evans & Chesterton**

Councillor Evans advised that the liaison meeting with Aggregate Industries had taken place earlier in the week and it was reported that the capping of the landfill site at Broadpath was continuing and it is still anticipated that the site will close during 2019, possibly March 2019, although Viridor were not willing to confirm on a date.

The Leachate project is now looking for funding to proceed. It is looking like the project will not go live for at least another nine months. As the site is initially set up as a trial there is a period of time before any treated leachate/water will be allowed back into the water course. If the trial is successful it will see a reduction of 75% in tanker movements taking away leachate from the landfill.

The new equipment that has been stored at the quarry for the grading of materials has been noted as being particularly quiet by Devon County Council Officer Charley Pope when she visited the site recently.

The planning permission for the widening of Clay Lane has now been approved at County level however Aggregate Industries have advised Devon County Council that they have no money available for the project. It is a condition of the planning permission that the road is widened before any of the straight gate material can be processed on site.

The footpath that covers the land at Broadpath is likely to need to be changed. This is due to Aggregate Industries continuing to quarry within Houndaller. Councillor Evans did not think that this change would cause any issues and would in fact allow a safer route for users. Councillor Evans also discussed the Section 106 monies that were available to the Parish and referred to the e mail correspondence he had with the Clerk regarding the permission granted for the 60 houses. Due to the way in which permission was granted, at appeal, there had been no provision for Section 106 monies to be paid to the community. It had been included in the permission granted on the 30 houses that a contribution would be made to the local community. It was also felt that the open space that was on site for the 60 houses, the area of land at the bottom of the site would give adequate provision for open spaces.

Councillor Chesterton advised the meeting that MDDC is now in the process of preparing its budget for 19/20 and this is likely to be agreed by Cabinet in February. There have been some delays in the budget setting process due

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to the uncertainty caused by Brexit. The Government Minister for Housing has recently made an announcement in respect of an increase of house numbers being built.

Although no dates had been released at the meeting Councillor Chesterton was confident that hearings would take place in February and the Inspector would once again issue a list of questions which he would like addressed at the hearings.

**18.12.5 Finance**

**18.12.5.1 To Approve November Financial Statement**

The financial statement was approved as official Council minutes.

**18.12.5.2 Uffculme Village Hall**

Following the issues reported at the November Council meeting the Chairman had written to Mr Pope setting out the concerns raised. Mr Pope had then spoken to both the Clerk and Chairman on the telephone and it was agreed that he would return to review the issues reported with the area. On review he did relay some of the slabs although there was still concerns. It was agreed that the Village Hall would need to pursue any issues if they had any with the workmanship.

**18.12.5.3 Ashill Village Hall**

Councillor Blackman advised the meeting that the works associated with the render on the outside of the property had been postponed although after review the committee was confident that the extent of the works required was not as significant as first thought.

The Committee was however looking for a contribution towards their hot water tank, the Committee has raised just over £1,000 towards the cost although the total cost including installation charges was thought to be £1,400. The meeting agreed that the Council would support the purchase and installation of the new hot water tank and accept the Committees contribution of £1,100 towards this cost.

**18.12.5.4 Devon Flag Replacement**

Councillor Wells advised the meeting he had received a quote of £110 for a replacement Devon flag which would be hand stitched and be a three yard flag, as opposed to the slightly smaller flag that was purchased a few years ago. Councillor Wells proposed that the Council purchase a new flag, this was seconded by Councillor Pollard and the whole meeting was in agreement.

**18.12.5.5 New Slide**

The Clerk confirmed that she had finally received an installation date for the replacement slide being the week ended the 11 January 2019. The cost of the slide was confirmed at £1,023.88 + vat.

**18.12.5.6 Other Finance Matters – Christmas Lights**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received no invoices to date for the Christmas Lights although had discussed the costs with Colin Ward who advised that during the year very little had been spent on the lights.

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**18.12.6 Business Arising**

**18.12.6.1 Uffculme Central**

The meeting agreed that the Committee for the regeneration of The Square would meet in January and discuss its options and whether there was a common theme towards redeveloping The Square. It was also agreed that a meeting would be arranged in the new year with the Conservation Officer at Mid Devon District Council.

**18.12.6.2 Mid Devon Local Plan**

As Councillor Chesterton advised in his report, we were awaiting dates of the hearings for The Local Plan when these were available the Parish Council would be invited to attend the hearings.

**18.12.6.3 Landfill Site at Broadpath**

As Councillor Evans advised in his report there had been a liaison meeting and landfill activities were continuing, although they were also capping the site.

**18.12.6.4 ABN Feed Mill**

The meeting with the Environment Agency was scheduled for Monday 10 December 2018. It was noted that the lorry movement through the village could be scheduled to avoid the school drop off and collection times as the traffic increases during these times and the lorries struggle to pass through.

**18.12.6.5 Uffculme Mens Club**

Councillor Kingdom advised that there is a new Chairman, James Alford. The committee also seemed to be operating in a more organised format and had even generated themselves a website to encourage new membership.

**18.12.6.6 Uffculme Bowling Club**

The Council had not heard from the Bowling Club recently and Councillors had not been able to attend the Bowling Clubs committee meetings.

**18.12.6.7 Green Team/Green Day**

Councillor Stimson advised the meeting that he had discussed an external water bottle refilling station with Delia Kennedy of The Green Team. The Green Team supported the idea of a water filling station within The Square and on investigation it looked like the cost of a refillable station would be somewhere in the region of £600-£1200. The meeting discussed whether the item would be vandal proof and they are designed for being installed in public spaces. The meeting agreed that the Council should apply for the Communities Together Fund, formally the TAP fund in the hope that there would be support for it.

**18.12.6.8 Allotments**

Councillor Best advised that there was no change in the allotments and that he would be preparing a schedule of new plot holders for 2019/20.

**18.12.6.9 Kingwood Parking at Magelake**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had sought some legal advice in respect of the issues and had been advised to await a response from Kingwood as to their position and why they continue to park at Magelake.

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**18.12.6.10 BMX Track/Skate Park**

Councillor Pollard advised the meeting that unfortunately the company he had sought to supply and install a skate park at Highland Terrace was not able and did not attend the meeting he had arranged with them. Following this Councillor Pollard has liaised with a new company which are based in Bristol and a meeting has been arranged for the new year.

**18.12.6.11 Parish Jobs & Recruitment**

The meeting discussed the need to appoint a maintenance committee for the Parish Council who would look to deal with all maintenance issues in and around the village. It was agreed that there should be 5 Councillors, with 3 in attendance for any given meeting. It was agreed that an annual budget would be set and the maintenance committee would be responsible for managing this budget. It was agreed that Councillor Best would Chair the meeting with Councillors Gardner, Pollard, Duncan and Stimson as members. A meeting would be arranged during December to discuss what maintenance was required in and around the village as well as an indication of the expected cost. This will be presented to the Clerk and the Council for the January budget meeting.

**18.12.7 Police Report**

Councillor Best advised that during September there had been 12 reported crimes within the Parish, 6 of which were recorded as being violent /sexual assaults. Councillor Best advised the meeting that although this sounded serious it included a wide scope of different offences.

Councillor Best also endorsed the drink drive campaign that Devon & Cornwall Police were running over the festive period.

**18.12.8 Highway Matters**

It was discussed that there is a large pool of water which forms opposite the Compost Magic site. It was thought that this was related to drainage works in the field previously and that this may have now been reversed due to a dispute over land. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Phil Morgan the Highways Liaison Officer to see whether something could be done.

**18.12.9 Correspondence**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received a letter from the Mid Devon Ring & Ride Scheme. They were looking for a contribution towards their running costs. It was agreed that this would be included in the budget.

**18.12.10 Clerks Report**

**18.12.10.1 Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had submitted the request for funding to Ray Radford in respect of the cost of lighting and electrics for the Air Ambulance to be able to land at Magelake.

**18.12.10.2 RBL Poppy Appeal**

Congratulations were passed to Councillor Hagelstein on her co-ordination of the fantastic displays for the Centenary Celebration of Armistice Day.

It was reported that the RBL Poppy Appeal within Uffculme had raised £3,389.98.

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**18.12.10.3 Markers Pond**

The meeting agreed that we will try to contact other individuals within Westward Housing to discuss the pond and our options.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 January 2019 at Magelake Pavilion.**