

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 15th May 2023 at Magelake

Chairman: P Blackman

Present: T Edwards R Keeling M Bodger P Hallchurch
R Kingdom T Pointing P Cornish

23.05.01 Election of Parish Council Chair

Councillor Blackman nominated. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Pointing

23.05.02 Election of Parish Council Vice Chair

Councillor Cornish nominated. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Keeling

23.05.03 Apologies for absence

(None)

23.05.04 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd April 2023

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

Public Session

The meeting was attended by a member of the public, who was concerned about the safety of the ducks (mainly located on Bridge Street). It was advised that a funding option had been sought for the cost of the signage via Councillor Glover and that a response was awaited from Daniel Wood (Neighbourhood Officer, Devon County Council) as to whether or not these can be sited within the village highways. Councillor Pointing advised that Cullompton speed watch group had recently been jointed in order to help speed issues within the village. Member of the public requested that signage begins further up the road in order to advance warn motorists. Councillor Pointing to also discuss the possibility with ABN Feedmill of not putting feed so close to the roadside/elsewhere to discourage road use/crossing.

23.05.05 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford did not attend the meeting and provided a report (appended). No questions were raised.

23.05.06 District Councillor's Reports

Councillor Connor attended the meeting and provided introductions. No written report was provided.

Councillor Glover did not attend the meeting and no written report was provided. A verbal update was provided earlier in the day to the Clerk advising of funding options for the duck signage and also for the opportunities surrounding collaboration regarding speed watch groups.

Councillor Poynton attended the meeting and advised of awareness surrounding road safety within the village being an issue. They are willing to provide help and support in order to target speeding/traffic issues. No written report was provided

Councillor Bradshaw did not attend the meeting and no written report was provided.

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Councillor Clist attended the meeting, advising this to be their 4th year as a Councillor. Recommended reviewing the online resume for previous achievements during this term. Advised happy to be approached for any help that is required from the Parish with District level support. No written report was provided.

23.05.07 Parish Council Vacancies and May Elections/Forms

The Clerk advised that there are 8 Councillors currently (post elections), leaving 5 spaces available for new Councillors. Amber Willis raised an expression of interest in being co-opted as a Councillor going forward (for the next term). Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Bodger. Clerk asked all Councillors to confirm that Summons can be provided via email. All in agreement.

Forms (Declaration of Acceptance, Register of Interests and Election Expenses) all completed by each Councillor. Clerk also signed and will deliver documents to MDDC.

23.05.08 Working Groups 2023-2024

Revised Working Groups/members appended.

23.05.09 Finance

23.05.09.01 To approve April Financial Statements

The April financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

23.05.09.02 Council Insurance – Renewal

Renewal quotation received (appended). Minimal increase based on last year and terms as existing. Agree to renewal. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

23.05.09.03 Pre-School – Grant Request

Request received from Uffculme Pre-School for funding to the value of £704.65 (appended).

Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in agreement.

23.05.09.04 Mens Club – Grant Request

A request was received from the Men's Club for funding to the value of £2,505.97 (Window Warehouse, Uffculme option) (appended).

Proposed by Councillor Pointing, Seconded by Councillor Keeling, all in agreement.

23.05.09.05 Public Toilets – Cleaning Contract

The Clerk advised that the cleaning of the public toilets had been sporadic and therefore alternative options had been investigated. Current cost is £20/clean. Quotations received to the value of £25/clean and £36/clean, along with the offer of assistance from a local cleaner (based in Highland Terrace). Clerk to investigate the option of employment for the local resident, based on the same rate as existing. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

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23.05.09.06 Play Area – Highland Terrace Revised Equipment Quotation

The Clerk advised that the zip wire option will not work for the area available. Alternative options, similar to the zip wire are available at an extra cost (difference of c.£3000). Product/Item – Hurricane. Option of a single button seat, along with a trapeze or two button seats. Vote carried out Trapeze (4) / Double Button (5). Clerk to instruct installation, based on additional cost up to £3000. Proposed by Councillor Willis, Seconded by Councillor Cornish, all in agreement.

23.05.09.07 AGAR and Appointment of New Internal Auditor

The Clerk advised of issues surrounding the AGAR with the External Auditor for years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. Figures will need to be aligned for the 2022-2023 AGAR submission this year. New Internal Auditor needed to be assigned. Clerk received quotations from two firms – P Russell (£295+VAT) and Jacqui Peskett (£450+VAT). P Russell to be instructed. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

23.05.10 Business Arising

23.05.10.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

Councillor Edwards advised that there were no updates and that the next meeting is to be delayed in anticipation of a newly appointed MDDC Councillor (to replace Councillor Evans, post elections).

23.05.10.02 ABN Feed Mill

Councillor Pointing advised that a grant is available, which may be suitable for pond related funding. Process to be investigated further. Minutes from the latest meeting appended.

23.05.10.03 Uffculme Men's Club

No further updates.

23.05.10.04 Uffculme United Charities

The Clerk advised that a new Chair (Jenny Willan) had been elected and, as stated in their constitution, a new trustee should be approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Willis, all in agreement.

23.05.10.05 Uffculme Bowling Club

Councillor Keeling advised there had been a new member and that contactless payments are now being taken. The date of the next meeting is 06/06.

23.05.10.06 Green Team

It was advised that the noticeboard was going well, fruit trees are to be planted at the school, with the help and support from the Green Team. Warm Spaces are still going well and energy saving information is still being provided. The repair café on 06/05 had c. 40 repairs, also providing a great hub and atmosphere. Request to share the information relating to the next repair café with the Ashill Facebook group too.

The Community Fridge was also discussed, given that the first year of hire was now coming to a close. Request received to continue funding into 2023/2024. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement (Councillor Pointing did not participate).

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23.05.10.07 Allotments

No further updates.

23.05.10.08 Parish Maintenance Update

A request was received from a road sweep to take place within the village. Councillor Clist to advise if Parish or MDDC responsibility. Councillor Pointing advised of mud on sections of roads within the Parish – details to be provided to the Clerk in order to raise with the neighbourhood team.

Clerk advised that a member of the public requested that weeds and wildflowers not be sprayed with weedkiller (as done in previous years) and instead would maintain the areas by hand (as volunteers). Councillor Hallchurch to provide assistance. The concern was raised that potentially poisonous weeds could be present and therefore would require removal. Councillor Willis to provide link to share to assist with identifying plant species of concern/danger with a view to putting together a workgroup (to aid knowledge sharing).

23.05.10.09 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

Councillor Pointing advised that 20MPH submission has made it through to the next stage, Design and Review. Further updates to be provided once available.

An information speed watch is due to take place at the school on 16/05. The Community Speed watch group with Andrea Glover can assist with police contact and speed kits.

The Clerk advised that Dan Wood is currently looking into the issues and requirements surrounding the duck signs for the village.

23.05.10.10 Schools update

The opening event for the new classroom was attended by many, including Councillors. There is a new Head Teacher due to join the Secondary School. The main point of contact is currently Laura, who Councillor Willis will meet with in June. There is parking and speed awareness push taking place, being led heavily by community engagement.

A meeting is due to take place w/c 15/05 with Fraser at the Primary School.

23.05.10.11 Uffculme Village Hall

No further updates. Next meeting due to take place 17/05.

23.05.10.12 Magelake Committee / Repairs

Clerk advised statements due to be provided by the outgoing Clerk, in order to allow for accounts to be formed (Charity Commission). No further updates.

23.05.10.13 Youth Working Group

Councillor Pointing advised that meetings had taken place (minutes appended). Questionnaire to be circulated, now that GDPR compliance issues have been resolved. Due to changes in the operating groups, it was suggested that workers and volunteers from the Scouts groups be utilised for community engagement.

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23.05.10.14 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

No further updates.

23.05.10.15 Markers Pond

Councillors Pointing to hold a pond blitz, with the support of R&R providing advice and support, in order to share knowledge to allow the Green Team to take over the maintenance of the pond. There will be a cost involved (approximately £600). Event to take place with Council support. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement (request appended).

23.05.10.16 Play Areas

The Clerk advised that a request had been received from a youth member of the public to make changes/improvements to the BMX track (Highland Terrace). It was agreed that the Council would support this, upon submission of works being provided (similar project taken place in Broadclyst – Clerk to share details of this with the requestor). Proposed by Councillor Pointing, Seconded by Councillor Willis, all in agreement. Clerk also advised that maintenance/repairs haven been ordered with Wicksteed and will take place in due course.

23.05.10.17 King's Coronation

Thank you received from Ashill. Many activities took place, including cream teas and Crufts, as well as other fantastic community events. The event was attended by over 100 parishioners (and members of public from surrounding areas).

23.05.10.18 Square Planters

Clerk advised of plans received by the Green Team/Gardening Club collaboration (appended).

23.05.11 Police Report

There were no updates to report. Councillors encouraged to continue to report all instances of crime.

23.05.12 Clerk's Report

23.05.12.01 New play areas – solicitor/draft lease

No further updates to provide.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 19th May 2023, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

FW: May Report

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

Sun, May 14, 2023 at 7:25 PM

Gemma, I hope this is not too long, cut some out if you need, Ray

I have three meetings to go to tomorrow, so will have to give my apologies, let me know if you want me to do anything.

Dear Gemma & Members.

Another Council year has just gone, how quick it goes. Things are hectic at County, it has been a challenging year, more so than any previous years, finances are very tight, there are services we have to supply, irrespective of the cost and the government do not allow enough for those services.

As a County Councillor you have to serve on various committees, for me I am on the Corporate Services and Infrastructure some of whose main responsibilities are roads, waste, planning, properties, etc. There are other committees I serve on such as Highways and Traffic Orders Committee(HATOC) and the Canal Advisory Committee.

The sort of financial pressures include Adult Services and Children and Young People, both of these suck up 79% of available revenue, this is mandatory, we have to do it. Because of the cost of these services, other departments revenues are squeezed.

The Council finds itself in a very challenging internal position in that Children's Services, SEND provision and budget sustainability face serious challenge along with concern from stakeholders regarding confidence in the Council to address these challenges. The continuous failure of the Council to improve the Inadequate judgement by Ofsted of Children's Services over a 12-year period has resulted in the children's minister issuing a Revised Statutory Direction for social care specifically citing failures of corporate governance and escalating to the appointment of a Commissioner to oversee Improvement and hold the Council to account. There is also government intervention for SEND and a material threat of a s114 notice because of the High Needs Block deficit now approaching £130 M.

These are serious, failures of the County Council's governance In response the Leader and Chief Executive in meetings with the children's minister have agreed the urgent need for a Review of Corporate Governance as a priority in conjunction with the formal work of the Improvement Boards in Children's Services where oversight of progress is led by the Commissioner appointed by the Minister and the SEND Improvement Board.

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The services the Council provide, and the context of delivery have significantly changed; equally so our staff are impacted by these contexts too. In summary the Council finds itself in a very different operating context and the need for a review of priorities is required. In additionality the Council finds itself in a very challenging internal position in that Children's Services, SEND provision and budget sustainability face serious challenge in the Council to address these challenges.

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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. This represents almost 80% of our total revenue/income.

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. Having said that, the Government have advanced DCC with an extra £9.4m for this coming year, this will help.

It is worth noting that 80% of traffic use 20% of the 8,000miles of Devon's` highway.

A well-defined asset management approach enables the County Council to demonstrate it has a clear methodology for valuing highway infrastructure assets and determining their condition. The Plan will be a key document used by the officers, consultants, and contractors enabling the effective management and maintenance of the highway asset. It will provide Elected Members with the background to help decision making, and it is available to members of the public so that they can understand the challenges faced by the Service in managing the highway asset and the reasons for the actions being taken. It is unavoidable that deteriorating condition will lead to an increase in revenue funded reactive repairs and increased future planned maintenance costs. In the long term there will also be an impact on the selection of journey routes and the reliability of journey times.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division

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UFFCULME PARISH COUNCIL - Committees and Working Groups

<u>Planning Committee</u>			
Tim Pointing			
Phil Cornish	Polly Hallchurch	Pat Blackman	Ruth Kingdom
Terry Edwards			
<u>Broadpath/Hillhead Liaison</u>		<u>AB Agri – Uffculme Feed Mill Liaison</u>	
Terry Edwards		Tim Pointing	
		Terry Edwards	
<u>Open Spaces & Footpaths</u>		<u>Parish Emergency Planning</u>	
Ruth Kingdom		Roy Keeling	
Phil Cornish		Tim Pointing	Pat Blackman
<u>Village Hall</u>		<u>Communications Officer</u>	
Phil Cornish		Polly Hallchurch	
Malcolm Bodger			
<u>Uffculme Bowling Club</u>		<u>Ashill Village Hall</u>	
Roy Keeling		Pat Blackman	
		Terry Edwards	
<u>Men's Club</u>		<u>Allotment Association</u>	
Ruth Kingdom		Malcolm Bodger	
<u>Magelake</u>		<u>Green Team</u>	
Phil Cornish		Ruth Kingdom	
Tim Pointing	Roy Keeling	Tim Pointing	Amber Willis
<u>United Charities</u>		<u>Maintenance</u>	
Amber Willis		Roy Keeling	
Roy Keeling	Ruth Kingdom	Polly Hallchurch	Tim Pointing
	Phil Cornish		
<u>Traffic</u>		<u>Schools</u>	
Tim Pointing		Amber Willis	
Polly Hallchurch		Polly Hallchurch	
<u>Uffculme and Ayshford Trusts</u>		<u>Burial</u>	
Malcolm Bodger		Pat Blackman	
		Tim Pointing	
<u>Police Liaison</u>		<u>Youth</u>	
Tim Pointing		Amber Willis	
Malcolm Bodger		Tim Pointing	Malcolm Bodger
		Phil Cornish	

Uffculme Parish Council
April 2023 Income and Expenditure Summary

Current Account

	Balance at 31 March 2023	1,840.17
Income Received		
20/04/2023 Quantock Funerals	Burial Fee (Futrill)	750.00
		750.00
Expenses Incurred		
06/04/2023 G Cole	April Salary	770.00
17/04/2023 MD Fabrication	Fencing Replacement - Pathfields	132.86
17/04/2023 Tamar Security	Magelake - Fire Alarm Annual	165.37
17/04/2023 Tamar Security	Magelake - Intruder Alarm Annual	465.70
24/04/2023 Tamar Telecom	Clerk's Phone	12.59
26/04/2023 MDDC	Cemetery Green Bin Permit	65.00
27/04/2023 J Lucas	Grass Cutting Contract	1,470.00
		3,081.52
Transfers to/from Reserve Account		3,000.00
	Balance carried forward to 1 May 2023	<u>2,508.65</u>

Reserve Account

	Balance at 31 March 2023	76,024.86
Income Received		
11/04/2023 Precept (50%)		49,975.00
11/04/2023 Interest		53.49
		50,028.49
Expenses Incurred		
		-
Transfers to/from Reserve Account		- 3,000.00
	Balance carried forward to 1 May 2023	<u>123,053.35</u>

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Uffculme Parish Council
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Tiverton
Devon
EX16 4DQ

14 April 2023

Policy Number: 100723637BDN/LCO01599

Dear Ms Gemma Cole ,

LOCAL COUNCIL RENEWAL INVITE

We have pleasure in enclosing your renewal invite and terms for your Local Councils Insurance policy, together with a Schedule of Insurance and Statement of Fact. It is important that you review all the documentation, ensuring the information is correct and cover meets your requirements. If any of the information is incorrect, or you would like to make a change to your cover level(s) please contact our team.

Policy Type:	Local Councils
Insurer:	Aviva Insurance Ltd
Renewal Date:	01 June 2023
Premium:	£2,760.90
Arrangement Fee:	£25.00 non-refundable in the event of cancellation

TOTAL PREMIUM	£2,785.90
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Please note the premium above is based on the information you have provided, should any information change or be incorrect the premium may be subject to change.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS: Please read the following documents carefully.

- **Policy Schedule:** This is an outline of the cover provided under the policy including cover levels, and relevant sums insured, excesses and exclusions.
- **Statement of Fact:** This is an outline of the information you have provided to BHIB and the insurer.
- **Summary of Cover:** This provides a summary of the risk information held and levels of cover provided
- **Policy Summary:** This provides an overview of the key aspects of the insurance policy.
- **Policy Wording:** This sets out the cover provided and the terms, conditions and exclusions which apply.
- **Important Notices & Information Document:** A summary of any important information regarding a Local Councils insurance policy.
- **BHIB Cyber Policy Information:** A summary of an additional Cyber Insurance policy BHIB can arrange for you.
- **Terms of Business** BHIB's Terms and Conditions, which explain how we will manage your policy.
- **Notice to Policyholders:** Details of any important changes to your policy.

Renewal details for any other insurance policies arranged through BHIB alongside your Local Councils Insurance will be issued under a separate communication.

Policy Documents

Your documents will be emailed, however if you would prefer to receive a copy by post, please let a member of our team know.

Please note if you receive your documents by post a Policy Wording will not be enclosed, the version (v02.10.2019) you have been provided with previously is still valid, however if you would like another copy please contact us on 0330 013 0036 or email enquiries@bhibaffinities.co.uk

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Application for funding form the parish council

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samantha rose <rose12000@hotmail.co.uk>

Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 9:16 PM

To: "clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk" <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Cc: Uffculme Preschool <admin@uffculmepreschool.org.uk>, Alistair Gibbons <alistairgibbins@gmail.com>

Dear Uffculme Parish council

I am writing to you on behalf of Uffculme Pre-school and out of hours club.

We are a small not for profit preschool with facilities for 26 preschool children per session. Everyone who accesses our provision is from the local community, with many of our families requiring extra support. This can be through our ethos of providing flexible and affordable childcare; we subsidise childcare costs through grants so families can access affordable childcare at a time that is convenient to them. Or this may be through the running of our free HAF holiday club which is for families eligible for free school meals/children with an ECHP/Vulnerable children identified through the primary school. Due to maintaining our ethos of affordable and flexible child care, we do not make an additional income outside of the government funding for childcare. We allow parents to use the 15/30 hour funding any hour of the day rather than the traditional 9am-3pm day. Parents are not tied in with upfront fees, admin fees and place retaining fees; parents can use us all the time or just a one off. We provide childcare that suits and benefits are community which is proved invaluable to parents but limiting to our ability to fund extra resources at the preschool.

We are currently in need of some new equipment; balance bikes and road safety signage please!

Would the parish council consider funding 8 balance bikes of various sizes for our preschool children. We hope to not only look to improve their balance on bikes but to encourage young children to get on a bike and get outdoors, balance bikes being the first stage to this! With the purchase of preschool friendly road safety signage we can look to then teach and encourage all aspects of road safety – an very important lesson to teach the future generations of our village.

Here are my costings

Road safety role play kit £204.65

https://www.google.com/aclk?sa=l&ai=DChcSEwjf3d7VosP-AhXV7e0KHcSbC4cYABA9GgJkZw&sig=AOD64_0Wff_14T3sL6KcW4BVnFbwjdGKrQ&ctype=5&q=&ved=0ahUKEwjirVosP-AhULLsAKHRT4B5YQww8I0Ag&adurl=

Balance bikes - £500 costed through Halfords

Indi Balance Bike - Red - 10" Wheel x2

Chillafish Fixie Balance Bike - Red x 1

Y Velo Balance Bike - Red - 12" Wheel x 3

Y Velo Balance Bike - Pink - 12" Wheel x 2

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Total £704.65

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for considering this application for funding. If you would like more information please ask, or if you would like me to attend a meeting to talk about what we do and offer at the preschool, I am willing to do so.

I await your response

Kind regards

Sam Evans

Chair of Uffculme Pre school and out of hours club

Uffculme Pre-School



& Out of Hours Care

Uffculme Pre-school, Ashley Road, Uffculme EX15 3AY.

Sent from Mail for Windows

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The Committee
Uffculme Men's Institute
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Ruth

As I wrote to you a few months back the Club like many small business have struggled over the last 12/18 months due to increased costs with utilities, wages, suppliers and the general state of the country. Our footfall has slightly reduced and as I stated we made the difficult decision to open up to mixed guests at particular times.

During the last year we have made every effort to maintain the building and managed a number of essential small projects with existing funds. As I stated we managed not to come to you with any grants in the last 12 months.

With new owners at the George we have reviewed the back of our building and find that all of our ground floor windows are in need of attention along with some rendering needing repair.

We would like to request your financial support in replacing our ground floor windows.

I have attached 3 quotes, all from local companies. We are looking to replace them as in the past with obscure glass to maintain our neighbors privacy. The proposed solution will also help to reduce the noise levels coming from our skittle alley being they would be double glazed. (currently single glazed).

The proposed solution would also help with our insulation and heat lose.

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Below is a table of the three quotes.

QUOTES FOR 5 Windows at rear of Club ((Downstairs)				
Company	Guarantee Units/Fitting	Cost	VAT	Total
Cullompton Glass (Cullompton)	10yr/10yr	£2,857.25	£571.45	£3,428.70
Window Warehouse (Uffculme)	10yr/10yr *	£2,088.31	£417.66	£2,505.97
Victoria Glass (Willand)	10yr/5yr	£2,285.00	£457.00	£2,742.00
All Companies will supply FENSA certificate on completion				

Quotes attached

* Guarantee 5yr Glass/10yr Frames)

Obviously we appreciate your agreed processes, the committee are happy with all 3 companies so it really comes down to cost from our prospective.

We look forward to your comments and decision.

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Meeting with Feed Mill 22nd March 2023

Present: Alison Campbell; Ben East and Stuart Donhou (all from Feed Mill)

Chris Hill (Green Team) Tim Pointing and Sue Kidd (UPC)

Clare Gillett FM admin was not available

The meeting was very much organised by the Feed Mill, who had an email list of folk, who were no longer around, so did not attend. The FM apologised for lack of meetings since 2019 and said that this was a result of bio-security issues relative to Covid. It was agreed that from now on the FM would like to meet with the Community on a bi-monthly basis.

Relations with the Community.

Alison Campbell, explained that most of the workers, at the FM, lived locally and were therefore anxious that they should have good relations with the Community. The Company felt that they were negatively presented in the social media, although they had very much been involved positively in the Community. It was suggested that the effect of this could be dampened down with periodic articles on the work they were doing, appearing in 'Spotlight' and some of the social media platforms. The FM agreed that this could be taken on.

Traffic.

It was said that the number of lorries and their timings through the Village was a difficult issue. This was particularly true, at school opening and closing times. FM agreed to look into this although they said that they had no control over the number of contractors driving through. They did say that they were trying to limit the speed of traffic going through the area, from Bridwell and way down through the Village. We were told that the amount of traffic through the Village was already further limited as a result of raw materials arriving through Craddock. The number of FM lorries going through Uffculme is ten to thirteen per day (twenty or more journeys) and they all have the maximum safety equipment fitted, including trackers, 360 degree cameras and all operatives have 'Device for All' communications. But the FM reminded us and anyone who witnessed a dangerously driven lorry to report it to them and they will investigate. They will sanction their own drivers and independent hauliers if necessary.

Lighting Issue

The FM was keen to emphasise that lighting was necessary for security reasons. Although they had had no incidents of trespass on to the site. The Community Group though were concerned over the intensity of the lighting in the area, affecting the neighbourhood. This issue that has been made worse as a result of the trees around Marker's Pond being taken down, so it was agreed to look into dimming these. A cherry picker is being used on site soon and they will attempt to re-angle the lights to reduce the direct illumination of Markers, the woodland and other neighbouring properties.

Access to the Copse behind FM building

C.H. was keen to be able to check this out regularly, from a naturalist perspective, but it was agreed that before this could happen a risk assessment would need to be carried out. In the meantime the FM team agreed to put up and take down any moth trap provided. C.H. also mentioned that he could write about the FM in a good light as a result of article in 'Spotlight', mentioning his exploration of

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the Copse and the things of interest that might be found there. The FM confirmed that they have no plans to remove the damp wood area.

Environment Issues

The team assured us that no offensive smells should be coming from their site and if the public were aware of them, they should report them immediately. They installed an odour abatement system in the chimney flue and replace the filters before the recommended period ends. Like everyone else they were looking at their energy conservation and making the site as environmentally friendly as possible. ABN fuel costs have risen 300% over the last few years. There are plans to convert to LPG as they are now using industrial heating oil to fuel their processes. All lighting is being converted to LED.

In Conclusion

A positive meeting, with the Feed Mill being open and keen to discuss how they can help the wider community. They recognise that they can't please everyone, but as a large proportion of staff live in Uffculme the FM is keen to be seen as a positive force in the village. They will explore what changes they can make to reduce their impact on neighbours and the environs, especially with regards to the nature on their site, lighting and their environmental impact.

They also keen for us to apply for funds / grants provided by their owner, the Weston Foundation Group, who donates almost 50% of their profits to local and good causes.

The Next Meeting has been arranged for 11am on Monday the 29th of May 2023.

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May 2023 6.45pm Meeting with Claudia at Brandish Youth Group

Present: Amber Willis and Tim Pointing

Purpose: To see an existing Youth Club in operation

The Bradnich youth Group has been running for over 10 years. It provides a space for the children of the town to come and let of steam in a controlled and safe environment.

The Youth Group operates out of an old school building that was gifted to the group and is supported by the Town Council.

Claudia gave us a tour and explained how they had re-purposed the outside area which clearly gave them great options for creating different spaces, especially when the weather is better.

They operate over two evenings - Tuesday for younger children and Wednesday for the older ones.

Four paid staff are supported by a small cadre of volunteers in their late teens.

As it was Coronation week they had set up a Coronation Selfie Booth with dressing up props. As the children arrived the noise level increased and the children were exuberant but polite sand clearly enjoying what the space offered them.

They have a pool table that also doubles up as a table tennis table. Claudia clearly sets boundaries and the pool table is not available until later in the evening.

That night there was going to be visit from the local Police Neighbourhood Watch team. There had been recent incidents between local children and a gentlemen with mental health issues and the police were going to talk about the need to be safe and not interact or goad people.

Claudia said that setting up a Youth Group is entirely dependant on finding the right Volunteers to run and staff the operation. Having a space that is dedicated to the Youth Group clearly makes a big difference in the way they can run it.

The town is also very supportive of the Youth Group and there are regular fund raising events that the children get involved with.

They run a tuck shop and the money raised from this goes directly into running the group.

Set up costs can be provided by SPACES charity.

The questions I have asked Claudia are: 1. Where does she get the bulk of her day to day running cost from and 2. How / where does she find her volunteers?

Conclusion. The value of having this Youth Group to the local community is huge. It is seen as focal point for children and the community who supports it. Uffculme should explore how a Youth Group can be set up and maintained in our village.

Tim Pointing 14th May 2023

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Meeting Monday 20th February

Present: Phil Cornish Sue Kidd.

Apologies: Amber Willis

To discuss a projected way forward, in establishing Youth Provision in Uffculme.

Our zoom meeting with Chris Jones on 9th February at which Tim Pointing, Philip Cornish and Sue Kidd were present, advised us to look at **V.O.Y.C. Devon** voycdevon.org.uk for organisational structure and policy procedures and training.

It should be noted that the recommended way to start a youth group would be to begin with Years 6 and 7 of the existing school year groups and add to them in future years

Plans need to be put in motion straight away, if anything is to be a possibility in September

- A questionnaire (see page 2) needs to be put about now and gathered in before the School Easter Holidays. (This can be done by contacting the Uffculme Primary and Secondary Schools and being prepared to follow this up if they don't respond quickly). The questionnaire should go to all the pupils in the Secondary School and Year 6 in the Primary
- The Tiverton Youth Team have volunteered to walk the streets with questionnaires, as well once we have 'set the ball rolling'
- Other groups that could be approached with questionnaires: the people playing football at Magelake; Scouts.
- Having established our aims and objectives a small grant can be applied for, from April onwards. This can be facilitated by Chris Jones through 'Night Hub' and is provided by D.C.C.
- A public consultation will take place in May. We will need volunteers to take this forward. (D.B.S. checks will rule out any problematic volunteers)
- A trial session I Magelake to take place in June.
- Equipment can be accessed through C.J. in Tiverton
- Chris Jones also mentioned putting us in touch with Claudia in Bradnich. He also gave a rough guide for wage costs for running a small youth club, which came to £9,000.

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Uffculme Youth Group

Aim of questionnaire: Uffculme Parish Council would like to understand whether the Uffculme Parish would benefit from a community lead Youth Group, and to understand the type of events and activities would be most interesting for the attendees.

How will this data be used: This anonymous data will form the basis of evidence to support the creation of a Youth Group, and the types of activities attendees would be interested in.

Would you be interested in joining an Uffculme Youth Group?			
Yes	No	Maybe	
What key stage are you in?			
KS1 (5-7)	KS2 (7-11)	KS3 (11-14)	KS4 (14-16)
Do you currently attend any other groups or extracurricular activities after school?			
Yes	No		
What is the best day and time for you to attend a Youth Group?			
Monday afternoon (4pm – 6pm)		Monday evening (7pm – 9pm)	
Tuesday afternoon (4pm – 6pm)		Tuesday evening (7pm – 9pm)	
Wednesday afternoon (4pm – 6pm)		Wednesday evening (7pm – 9pm)	
Thursday afternoon (4pm – 6pm)		Thursday evening (7pm – 9pm)	
Friday afternoon (4pm – 6pm)		Friday evening (7pm – 9pm)	
Saturday afternoon (2pm – 4pm)		Saturday evening (7pm – 9pm)	
Would you be interested in a Youth Group with Life Skills training?			
Yes	No	Maybe	
Would you be interested in a Youth Group with creative activities/skill building?			
Yes	No	Maybe	
Please tick all activities you would be interested in			
Art & Crafts	Cooking	Quizzes	Film nights
Board games	Gaming	Drama	Sport(s)
Walking	Issue based activities	Trips	Fundraising
What other activities would you be interested in?			
Leave comment here:			
Would you attend if there was a small donation or charge?			

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Yes	No	Attend if free only	
Would you be bringing someone with you, and if so, who?			
Friend	Sibling	Parent/guardian	Enabler/Carer

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Uffculme Village Hall Pond - Spring Blitz Funding Request -

14th of May 2023

To maintain the pond environs with the help of volunteers from Uffculme Green Team

Dear Uffculme Parish Councillors,

The Parish now has responsibility for maintaining the Village Pond. Following R&R's work last year it is now time to undertake some ongoing maintenance of the planting area to remove weeds, saplings and rubbish. This will protect the shrubs planted by R&R and allow them to grow properly.

Uffculme Green Team met with Lucy Sutherland-Filler, of R&R to see how much work is required and could a small volunteer group realistically maintain the pond margins.

It was clear that the prolific spring group of saplings, goose grass, etc, made it hard for inexperienced volunteers to clear the area without damaging the plants we want to keep. The UGT did not feel it was realistic for them to manage this.

A solution is for R&R to provide two people for one day and guide and support a group of volunteers in blitzing the area to get the bulk of the unwanted growth removed, whilst minimising the risk of damage.

Once this has taken place the UGT would then undertake regular work to maintain the pond area.

I have asked for a quote from R&R, but have not received it yet. Verbally Lucy has indicated the following:

2 x R&R staff @ £25 per hour for 8 hours. So I would suggest the days work would cost between £400 and £600.

As this job needs to be done as quickly as possible please can I ask the council to agree to fund this one day blitz costing up to £600, to get the pond margins under control.

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Once this has been done the Uffculme Green Team volunteers will be able to maintain the pond area with occasional review and support from R&R. This will reduce the overall cost of maintaining the pond and make sure it is professionally supervised.

Yours Sincerely.

Tim Pointing.

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Planters Project, The Square

1 message

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Wed, May 10, 2023 at 3:15 PM

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Dear Ms Blackman

Update on the Planters Project, The Square

Since our early interest in February, members of the Green Team and Gardeners' Association have met several times to discuss, plan and design the redevelopment of the planters in the Square. With the allocation of the quarterly funding, we have been able to incorporate planting plans to satisfy seasonal variety, drought tolerance, sustainability and improve pollinator needs. We have also estimated the possibility of timber cladding the planters and adding trellis in the form of an arbor entrance. Details of all these are in the attachments.

A broad timeline for the practical redevelopment of the area by the Shambles is as follows:

13th May - Gently adjust position of the planters with the help of the telehandler and operator, Phil, from Compost Magic. Thereafter, temporarily clearing and storing some of the plants in readiness for filling planters with fresh compost from the Green Team horticulturalists.

15th May - Final costings calculated for the materials desired for the cladding and the arbor construction. Upon approval, order materials from Labdons in Cullompton.

6-8th June - Construction commenced on arbor construction

20-26th June - Planter cladding and installation of arbor.

June-July - Construction and installation of smaller planters as illustrated in plans.

We hope these all meet with your approval.

Kind regards

Michael Lawrance

cc Gemma Cole, Tony Lindsell, Kate & Nouska & UGA.

 **Planters Project Planting & Construction info.docx**

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