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Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 4th July 2022 at Ashill Village Hall

Chairman: P Blackman

Present: I Duncan T Pointing A Willis R Kingdom
 M Pollard S Kidd B Evans B Warren

22.07.01 Apologies for absence

R Radford	R Chesterton	T Verona	T Edwards
(family)	(Covid)	(work)	(holiday)

22.07.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 6th June 2022

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

Public Session

Martin Halse advised that Magelake requires accounts (backdated to 2016) to be submitted to the Charity Commission, in order to allow for grant funding to be requested for schemes relating to the football pitches and MUGA. It is also necessary to appoint trustees to the Charity, in order for it to be operating correctly. Uffculme PC is the Custodian Trustee. Up until 2018, there was a Management Committee in place to handle Magelake related matters – this needs to be revised. Going forward, the website records relating to the Charity need to be updated, the Charity needs to be updated to incorporated (in order to limit trustee exposure). Trustees also need to be appointed.

22.07.03 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford's report is appended.

The Council discussed sending a letter of support to Ray and his family. Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Blackmore, all in agreement. Clerk to draft.

22.07.04 District Councillor's Reports

Councillor Chesterton did not attend the meeting or submit a report.

Councillor Evans advised as follows:

- 1) Liaison meeting on 04/07 was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Rescheduled for later in July. After use agreement is needed as only 10-15 years left on the quarry use. Low grade agricultural land and wooded area an option – Councillor Evans is pushing for public use. A meeting on site was attended by Environment Agency, Aggregates, Head of Planning, DCC and Virador. Additional experts are needed. Aggregate Industries are currently undertaking an appeal to planning refusal relating to 1.5 tonnes of aggregate for use on the central site. Appeal will be via public enquiry on 26/07 – all able to comment.
- 2) Path in Markers is overgrown and has been referred to Westwood – Councillor Evans to chase.

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- 3) There have been 2 complaints relating to flooding on Fore Street – to be referred to Councillor Radford at DCC.
- 4) Consultation relating to Cullompton due – Clerk to circulate details to Councillors.
- 5) Up and coming surgeries will be in Willand this Saturday and Uffculme the following.

Councillor Warren advised as follows:

- 1) A complaint had been received in regard to the street lighting in Bell Vue – will continue to assist.
- 2) After a car collided with a property in College Green, ail is confirmed as now being well. Stuart Penny, who looks after housing, has all in hand.
- 3) There was a meeting to discuss the Boundary Review – Discussions were extensive during the meeting and agreement not yet found. There will be further consultation date set after the next meeting on Wednesday – Uffculme PC urged to reaffirm position when the time comes.
- 4) The road and construction at Selgars Mill was discussed. A request has been sent to Planning to investigate as it is not believed that the works are following the pre-approved plans. There are delays currently due to staffing issues – c.300 cases, split across 3 Case Officers.

22.07.05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that there are still 3 vacancies currently. A number of members of the public have expressed an interest in the role and two have applied, with precis being circulated prior to the meeting (appended). The first being Malcolm Bodger – Proposed by Councillor Pointing, Seconded by Councillor Pollard, all in agreement. The second being Roy Keeling – Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Kingdom, all in agreement. Clerk to arrange for necessary paperwork to be completed.

22.07.06 Finance

22.07.06.01 To approve June Financial Statement

The June financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

22.07.06.02 Magelake

A request has been received to the Council for funding for the football pitches at Magelake. The first request is for £1681, to cover Weed and Feed along with Verti draining for drainage. The second request is for £8,634, to cover sanding the pitch (to aid drainage and to stop the pitches compacting, the sand fill the holes where the verti drain removes small tubes of earth) and 60 tonnes of sand. Both options were discussed and it was agreed that the first request would be approved – Proposed by Councillor Duncan, Seconded by Councillor Pointing, all in agreement. The second would require further information – How long does the proposed treatment last (is it an annual maintenance)? When was the last investment and how much was the same pitch treatment? Have others been consulted for funding? Will others be consulted once Charity Commission issues resolved (suggested Sport England and FA funding)? More specific figures are needed, including a full breakdown of costs, in order to make a final decision. Councillor Evans will consult with Duncan at Aggregates to see if discounted sand can be provided. The total investment towards Magelake currently in the budget is £4000.

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22.07.06.03 Jubilee

A request has been received to make payment towards invoices, for members who are included as part of the Jubilee funded group, which are not issued in the name of Uffculme Parish Council. The invoices have already been paid for by Culm Sampford Youth Football Club, and invoiced as such, to the value of £293.67 (BBQ food) and £1363.20 (trophies). The total pot allocated to the Uffculme based Jubilee events is £5000. To date, Uffculme Parish Council have paid a total of £4448.50 (inc. VAT) towards the community events, leaving a remaining balance of £551.50. Uffculme Parish Council would like to pass on thanks to Coldharbour Mill for their part in the organising of the Jubilee events for the Parish and confirm remaining balance of £551.50 as available for invoices issued in the name of Uffculme Parish Council, in line with original grant award notification. Proposed by Councillor Duncan, Seconded by Councillor Pointing, all in agreement.

22.07.06.04 Credit Card

The option of a credit card was discussed for Council use. Financial Regulations to be prepared to incorporate the use of a card and application to Lloyds for a Council credit card once banking authorisation/access for current Clerk is in place.

22.07.07 Business Arising

22.07.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

There have been reports of Antisocial Behaviour in regards to the bridleway and surrounding land. The bridleway is owned by Devon County Council. The current gateway needs fixing as has been damaged previously when bikes have accessed the area - Clerk to raise with Ros at Devon. Councillor Pollard advised that Uffculme United Charities is the landowner of the site involved in the bike use. Letter to be prepared to pass to the police to be held on file, which states no authorisation in place for bike usage in the case of future complaints. Clerk to approach Councillor Evans to see if an area of the quarry site can be put forward for allocation for the purpose of biking.

22.07.07.02 ABN Feed Mill

No updates to report.

22.07.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club

The last meeting took place on 21st June 2022. There are no minutes to circulate as yet.

22.07.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

No updates to report.

22.07.07.05 Green Team

A meeting is due on 6th July 2022. The repair café was again a success. Councillor Pointing advised that the community fridge was now up and running (plenty of tofu currently), due to next be open this Tuesday (5th July) from 5.30pm-6.30pm on a drop in basis. Additional volunteers may be needed if additional opening hours are required going forward. Councillor Pointing to provide a link to the Uffculme Community Fridge Facebook page for Councillors to follow going forward for updates.

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22.07.07.06 Allotments

No updates to report.

22.07.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update

Councillor Pollard advised that Chapel Hill footpath remained overgrown – Clerk to chase up Devon County Council. There are areas of fencing around the skatepark that need repair – Councillor Pollard to request Stacey replace the roadside areas, Clerk to investigate whether fencing between BMX grass track and skatepark is necessary (will arrange for replacement if it is). The casing to the Magelake defibrillator had become damaged – this has now been repaired. The Clerk provided an update in regards to the potholes in Kitwell and Mill Streets. Residents urged to continue to raise individual pothole issues via the Highways' online portal for repair and full resurfacing will be possible once appropriate funding is available.

22.07.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

Councillor Pointing advised that meeting dates were still awaited to meet with the ABN Traffic Manager. Speedwatch points shared from Willand and currently a collaborative approach is being looked into between Halberton, Willand and Uffculme in order to arrange a consistent speed be requested between the villages. There are ongoing speeding issues along Ashley Road, especially during the school run. Update requested in regards to the 20MPH request that was submitted last quarter – Clerk to chase/follow-up.

22.07.07.09 Schools update

Councillor Willis advised that contact had been made with both the upper and lower schools. The upper school has twice cancelled meetings, with the next rescheduled meeting being next Tuesday (12th July). Lower school yet to set a meeting date and chased for an update on this.

22.07.07.10 Water Fountain

Councillor Pointing advised he is due to meet with the designer contact next weekend (16th July) and will circulate to the Council for comment once received.

22.07.07.11 Uffculme Village Hall

Councillor Kidd advised that the hall are currently looking for a bookkeeper to handle the accounts for the hall going forward -- no other updates.

22.07.07.12 Magelake Committee / Repairs

No updates to report.

22.07.07.13 Youth Working Group

Councillor Kidd referred to the document circulated prior to the meeting – all agreed very informative. No further updates to report.

22.07.07.14 Ukrainian Crisis

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22.07.07.15 Markers Pond

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Councillor ~~Cornish~~ advised the works to the trees had been completed, with mixed response from residents. The majority of wood is due to stay on site for nature purposes. Lucy at R&R to arrange for planting and screening in the autumn. The dredging of the pond is to happen next. There is a lack of water supplying the pond to be investigated through dowsing techniques (free of charge). Proposed by Councillor Pointing, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

22.07.07.16 Coldharbour Mill

The Clerk advised that thanks were received to the Council from Martin at Coldharbour Mill in regards to the additional support, by way of a Letter of Support, for their newest project.

22.07.07.17 Play Areas

The Clerk advised of vandalism at Pathfields Park. There is s106 money to the value of £25,000 allocated to this location. The current lease is for 25 years, with a 3 month notice period available. Solutions going forward which were discussed included school interaction, leaflet drops to a targeted area and engagement with residents. Combination approach to be adopted.

Skatepark event offered by Maverick, now that the annual inspection has been carried out. Free of charge event to be held during the holidays.

Quotation for swing set at Ashill to be sought for discussion at next meeting.

Above Proposed by Councillor Willis, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

22.07.07.18 Contact with the Press

Councillor Kingdom advised that more knowledge and policy would be welcomed in regards to contact from the media going forward (after comment was requested in regards to the recent politically elected Uffculme resident). Statutory Guidelines state comment, as Council, should be pre-agreed and neutral. Comment as individual allows freedom to express when made clear not council views. Media Policy to be put together, in order to agree approach going forward. Proposed by Councillor Duncan, Seconded by Councillor Kingdom, all in agreement. Clerk to assist in drafting.

22.07.08 Police Report

Councillor Duncan ran through his observations when attending a Friday night shift (9pm-6am) as an observer. There were two Police Officers on duty (one female and one male) and there were 4 incidents that Councillor Duncan ran through, which displayed a wide spectrum of situations which can occur during a shift. The opportunity was also had to view multi-services when attending a case in A&E and having the opportunity to view the custody centre at Middlemoor (Devon and Cornwall Police HQ). Observation that there are a number of people where mental health issues were apparent and that the police force do a fantastic job, even though undermanned.

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22.07.09 Clerk's Report

22.07.09.01 Play Areas Service Renewal

Clerk advised that there are two further quotations awaited before being able to report back to the Council on options. Report to be presented at next full council meeting.

22.07.09.02 Financial Regulations

The Clerk advised that financial regulations would be updated and will be amended also to reflect the use of payment cards (once one is arranged and in place) and that these will be based on a combination of the existing regulations and the DALC recommended template/format.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 5th September 2022, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.



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Re:Councillor Vacancy

1 message

Roy Keeling1 <roy.keeling1@btinternet.com>
To: clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thu, Jun 30, 2022 at 7:05 PM

Thank you for your email

Here is my précis hopefully I've given enough information looking forward to meeting you on Monday

To whom it may concern

My name is Roy Keeling and I'm a resident of uffculme I'm 42 years old and I have lived here on and off for most of my life.

I'm a husband and a father I have spent most of my professional life working as a chef but have had the occasional other job

I grew up in the village after moving from London aged 5 I went to the primary and secondary school and studied catering at east Devon college after graduating I moved away to work as a chef.

My wife Natalie and I have recently bought a bungalow in the village, Natalie also grew up here and we wanted our daughter Rae to grow up in the village she will be starting at the primary school this September .

I'm currently working as a chef in Bampton and only do a four day week so I have got a little spare time to put towards a good cause I would appreciate the opportunity to give something back to the village.

Sent via BT Email App

From: Gemma Cole
Sent: Jun 28, 2022 at 9:55 AM
To: Roy Keeling
Subject: Councillor Vacancy

Hi Roy,

Thank you for your voicemail and interest in becoming a Councillor. I can confirm that we do currently have vacancies within the Council and would welcome you to apply.

We hold meetings twice a month, on the first and second Mondays of each month (except where there is a Bank Holiday) - you can find a copy of the current schedule of meetings [here](#). These tend to last around 2 hours for the main and 1.5 hours for the Planning Meeting. All Councillors are called to the main Council Meeting and those on the Planning Committee to the Planning Meeting. As discussed, the meeting which is due to take place on Monday is at Ashill Village Hall (where there is no online or display provision) so will have a different feel from our *usual* meetings. You will, however, be able to get a feel for the Councillor role and have the opportunity to ask any questions.

Aside from the time that these meetings take, additional time needed really does depend on what groups you join as a Councilor/where your interests lie. We have working groups for all areas of the village and some groups take more of an active nature than others, however, I would say around 1-2 hours per week would be the average needed.

If you would like to apply, please send across a short precis about yourself to be circulated to the current Councillors - you will require two Councillors to support your co-option/application. You would, of course, be welcome to attend the meetings as a member of the public, if you would like to get a feel for the Council beforehand.

Please let me know if you would like any further information at all.

Kind regards,

Gemma

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Name: Malcolm Bodger

Date of birth: 22/03/1957

Occupation: Retired General Practitioner

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My name is Malcolm Bodger and I have lived in Uffculme since 1994. I am a 65 year old retired GP (a partner at Bramblehaies Surgery in Cullompton from 1993 to 2020). My wife and I have enjoyed living in Uffculme for the last nearly 30 years and have been fortunate enough to raise 3 boys here. They benefitted tremendously from the local educational facilities and went on to university and now careers of their own. During our time in Uffculme I have been involved in a number of activities eg. – school governor at Burlescombe Primary School, holding an allotment with the Uffculme Allotment Association, being a member of the Uffculme Twinning Association, having a part time involvement with UADS, supporting Compost Magic and being involved for a few years with Ten Tors training at the Secondary School.

Uffculme has changed a lot in the years I have lived here and its current growth raises the prospect of dynamic times ahead with considerable challenges no doubt. Although I have a number of interests which keep me occupied, now that I am retired I feel I have time and energy to make a contribution to dealing with the challenges and helping to shape the future and so would like to apply for a position on the Parish Council.

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UFFCULME PARISH COUNCIL - Committees and Working Groups

<u>Planning Committee</u> Tim Pointing Phil Cornish Susan Kidd Pat Blackman Ruth Kingdom Terry Edwards Mike Pollard			
<u>Broadpath/Hillhead Liaison</u> Terry Edwards		<u>AB Agri – Uffculme Feed Mill Liaison</u> Susan Kidd	
<u>Open Spaces & Footpaths</u> Ruth Kingdom Phil Cornish Mike Pollard		<u>Parish Emergency Planning</u> Tino Verona Pat Blackman Ian Duncan	
<u>Village Hall</u> Phil Cornish Susan Kidd		<u>Communications Officer</u> Tino Verona	
<u>Uffculme Bowling Club</u> (none)		<u>Ashill Village Hall</u> Pat Blackman	
<u>Men's Club</u> Ruth Kingdom		<u>Allotment Association</u> Ian Duncan	
<u>Magelake</u> Phil Cornish Tino Verona Tim Pointing Mike Pollard		<u>Green Team</u> Ruth Kingdom Tim Pointing	
<u>United Charities</u> Mike Pollard Susan Kidd		<u>Maintenance</u> Mike Pollard Ian Duncan	
<u>Traffic</u> Tim Pointing Tino Verona		<u>Schools</u> Amber Willis	
<u>Uffculme and Ayshford Trusts</u> Mike Pollard		<u>Burial</u> Mike Pollard	
<u>Police Liaison</u> Tim Pointing		<u>Youth</u> Susan Kidd Tim Pointing Amber Willis Phil Cornish	

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Gemma Cole <clerk@uffculmeparishcouncil.gov.uk>

July Report.

1 message

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

Mon, Jul 4, 2022 at 9:43 AM

Dear Gemma & Members.

I would like to give my apologies please, the evening is the most convenient time for me to visit my wife who is in the Culm Valley Care Centre. If there are any problems that I can help with, please let me know, I can always deal with anything through the email process.

This is a little of some of our revenue costs, we as Members have received regular budget monitoring reports throughout 2021/22 in which budget pressures and risks have been identified. The outturn overspend of £3.3 million is an improvement from the £5.8 million forecast outturn which was reported to Cabinet 9th March. The overspends relate primarily to the budgets for Adult Care and Health and to Children's Services,

The outturn for Adult Care and Health services is an overspend of £3.4 million. Adult Care Operations and Health outturn is £4.2 million overspent, the main reason for this overspend relates to significant pressure on unit rates in all service areas. There has been an increase in nursing placement volumes for older people. These pressures have been partially offset by underspends on staffing budgets which reflect the difficulty in recruiting care management staff. The challenges of recruitment and staffing levels under establishment bring challenges in being able to contain rising cost pressures. Adult Commissioning and Health outturn is £783,000 underspent, due to an under spend on Mental Health placements, further core staffing vacancies, and central budget underspends.

The position for Children's Social Care is an overspend of £7.2 million. While the overall number of Looked After Children in placement was less than budgeted, there have been higher volumes of children needing complex care arrangements. At the same time the average cost of these types of placement has increased, leading to an overspend of just under £5 million.

This is the letter we received from Phil Norrey, announcing his retirement from DCC.

Dear colleagues

After nearly 17 years since my appointment as Chief Executive for Devon County Council, I have decided that it is time for me to retire.

It has been a huge privilege to serve the elected councillors and people of Devon in this role and to work with so many talented and dedicated Devon County Council employees.

This has been a difficult decision as Devon County Council has been such a big part of my life for nearly a quarter of a century, but it is the right time for me and, more importantly, the organisation.

We have nearly completed the process of assembling a great new senior team, and that team and the whole organisation deserve the best possible leadership, with fresh perspective and drive, to help the Council and the communities we serve navigate through what will be a challenging period ahead.

I will be leaving on 31 August 2022 and the Council is taking immediate steps to recruit my successor and to make an interim appointment should that be necessary.

Best wishes

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Phil

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Phil Norrey, Chief Executive

Potholes and safety defects are always high on any Parish Council agenda, this is how the Highways assess potholes.

With regard to consideration of a pothole for repair we operate a risk based approach in line with national guidance. As such our Inspectors consider a number of factors including the position of the defect within the carriageway, the speed limit of the road and the potential risk to road users. All these factors then lead to a decision whether to order a repair and the appropriate timescale for that repair.

Anything that is considered a safety defect will be repaired in accordance to Devon County Councils policy. If a member of the public or Parish see a pothole that meet the intervention levels of being over 300mm in diameter and having a vertical face (sharp edge) of 40mm or over, the quickest and easiest way to deal with them is to report them online through our web site using the link below. This is the same as I would do and goes straight to the contractor for investigation saving the time of the Neighbourhood Officers visit.

NOTE: -

Potholes are only filled provided the about criteria is met and only those reported will be inspected/filled accordingly.

When logging potholes through the Public Information Portal (PIP) system, they must be entered individually and not blocked together, our contractors will only deal with each pothole individually, therefore each must have its own unique number.

Potholes logged using the PIP system remain as enquiries (public 'W' reference) until such time the inspector deems them to be a safety defect, at which point they are assigned to our contractor (internal 'D' reference) for repair. The response time is now based on their risk-rating ascertained during the inspector visit as well as the time scale (in most cases 28 days from the time of assessment), alternatively the enquiry may be closed down as 'no further action', this could be for example, due to not meeting policy or being a duplicate log/report.

The PIP system shows the pothole(s) which have been logged (blue circle with a number if more than one at any location or a green circle with a picture of a car for a single pothole) and has now been updated to show a triangular road works sign symbol once assessed with an estimated date of repair (D reference).

Broadband CDS Lot E – East and Mid Devon Area;

This is just a bit of update from CDS of the progress of broadband, not there yet. Although the main activity of supplying broadband in Hemyock, Culmstock, Uffculme & Willand has been via Gigaclear.

This contract, which will deliver new fibre connections to 13,890 homes and businesses, is also in delay, and CDS are working with Airband to complete a remedial plan and set of updates and communications to residents affected.

There are similar reasons for the delay, in particular the appointment of strategic civils and design partners has taken longer than anticipated, continued difficulty in agreeing critical wayleaves impacting on Airband's ability to finalise the designs and commit to a build schedule and the permitting this requires. A key part of approving the revised plans and timescales will be reaching agreement on extending public funding. However, design and survey work has been completed in 1 cluster between Tiverton and Nomansland, serving circa 600 premises, and build is well advanced

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with completion scheduled for Q2 2022/23. Survey and design activities have begun in clusters between Sampford Peverell and Bradninch as well as between Seaton, Gittisham and Sidmouth with clarity on the next to go into build expected shortly.

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Regards,

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