

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Thursday 4 October 2018 at Magelake Parish Pavilion Uffculme**

**Chairman:** P Blackman

**Present:** M Pollard P Cornish J Gardner R Kingdom J Nash P Best

**18.10.1 Apologies**

E Haglestein – Holiday P Mackian - Holiday I Duncan – Holiday S Kidd – Holiday  
D Wells – Unwell

R Radford – Family Occasion Chesteron – Another Meeting

**18.10.2 To Approve the Minutes of Meeting held 6 September 2018**

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

**18.10.3 County Councillors Report – Councillor Radford**

Councillor Radford had offered his apologies to the meeting as he was unable to attend.

**18.10.4 District Councillor Report – Councillors Doe & Evans**

Councillor Chesterton could not attend the meeting as he had sent his apologies as he had another meeting.

Councillor Doe advised that she had found the Green Day event last month a very interesting occasion and the organisers should be commended for their efforts.

Councillor Evans advised that the issues at Chapel Hill and the idea of installing new signs was suggested to not be a workable alternative to the current issue, DCC Highways were currently looking into this. The meeting was advised that Aggregate Industries intend on quarrying the site at Houndaller for another 10-15 years. This would suggest that if they were going to start quarrying at Penslade it would be after this date following the decision of the Inspector on the Devon Minerals Plan.

The widening of Clay Lane is currently being reviewed as to how the works would be scheduled. The site needs access to HGV's throughout the week and it has been reviewed that entry and exit from Broadpath is not a practical solution. It is likely that the works will take place over weekends and evenings although this will be at an additional cost to Aggregate Industries who will be paying for the works.

The ongoing ROMP review of the rights for extracting minerals and processing minerals in and around Houndaller is ongoing. The application has been submitted late to Devon County Council and the restoration works that had previously been proposed in a previous Romp application have not been adhered to and Councillor Evans is ensuring that this does not happen again.

Councillor Evans also advised that the landfill operations may continue into the New Year although the site is now at its final height. Viridor had been importing soil to cap off the site and this will continue over the next few months.

**18.10.5 Finance**

**18.10.5.1 To Approve September Financial Statement**

Approved as official Council minutes.

Verity Aldridge  
Clerk to Uffculme Parish Council  
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**18.10.5.2 Uffculme Village Hall**

The Clerk advised the meeting of quotes that had been collated by the Village Hall on behalf of the Parish Council for the necessary works to the outside area. The quotes included estimates from Rob Pope. On reflection the Council awarded the works to Rob Pope at an estimated cost £1,754.20 and the works would begin shortly.

**18.10.5.3 Green Team Litter Picks**

The Clerk had been approached by Chris Hill of the Green Team to purchase some litter picks. These had been sourced at a cost of £104.10 for 10 litter picks.

**18.10.5.4 Footpath Signs**

Councillor Pete Best had been contacted by a parishioner to establish whether we could have the footpath numbers marked on the public footpath signs that were displayed in and around the parish. The Clerk advised the meeting that we would need confirmation from DCC as to whether this was permitted and if so the Council agreed to spend £50 on stencils and paint for the footpath wardens to mark these up. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Roz Davies at DCC to find this out.

**18.10.5.5 Website**

Along with other papers for the meeting the Clerk had circulated a summary of the hours spent in getting the Parish Council website up and live. These were discussed at the meeting and payment to the Clerk for these hours was agreed. This was proposed by Councillors Mike Pollard and seconded by John Gardner with all Councillors in agreement.

**18.10.5.6 Other Finance Matters**

The Clerk advised that on the 1 October the balance for the precept monies for 18/19 had been received.

**18.10.5.7 MDDC Bin Emptying**

The Clerk advised she had been contacted by a parishioner who enquired if the Parish Council would purchase new bins within the village for waste, the proposed bins would have one area for non-recyclables and the other half for recyclables. The request was also to avoid using bin liners in the bins going forward. The Clerk advised the meeting that the waste bins within the parish were the responsibility of MDDC largely and therefore she would contact MDDC about whether they would support a change of bin and no liner.

**18.10.6 Business Arising**

**18.10.6.1 Uffculme Central**

The Clerk advised that she would be contacting the Conservation Officer within MDDC regarding the works for The Square and Ayshford.

**18.10.6.2 Mid Devon Local Plan**

Councillor Evans advised the meeting that he was the only District Councillor who had secured a position at the table with the Inspector for the public enquiry sessions on the 20 and 21 September 2018. Councillor Evans advised the meeting that he thought the hearings had been very productive with the Inspector seemingly taking note of the concerns raised by the District Councillors and other local residents, the proposals presented by the Eden Westward team, along with a strong backing of barristers etc. It was not known when the Inspector would release his report on the hearings although it was expected this would be somewhere around the end of October.

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Councillor Evans also advised the meeting that in preparation for the Local Plan hearings he had discovered that land that had initially been presented by the Eden Westward team as being used for the distribution site, and subsequently removed had in fact been placed as potential land for development within the Exeter Greater Strategic Plan. This land had been put forward in February 2017, immediately after the land had been removed from the MDDC Local Plan.

**18.10.6.3 Landfill Site at Broadpath**

The meeting was advised that the Leachate treatment plant was still in its infancy and they were hoping to start building the site shortly. If the production is successful, then the Environment Agency will require at least 6 months' worth of treatment of pure water before they are able to apply for permanent permission. This is a test site and the success of this operation will depend whether they are granted permission permanently.

**18.10.6.4 ABN Feed mill**

Councillor Hagelstein had provided a report to the meeting in her absence which set out that the Feed mill had reported a lot of issues with rats recently. It was thought that the rats had nests within and around the pond area which was on the land of Westwood Housing. It appears that ABN have had a lot of issues in contacting Westwood Housing to deal with the issue and they had hoped to sort the issue themselves.

The meeting also agreed that the Clerk should contact the supervisor Sam Novak the previous contact of Westwood Housing as there had been little progress on this matter.

**18.10.6.5 Uffculme Mens Club**

The Clerk had no report to provide to the meeting and it seemed that the club was operating well.

**18.10.6.6 Uffculme Bowling Club**

The Clerk had no update on the operations within the Bowling Club.

**18.10.6.7 Green Team/Green Day**

It was reported that the Green Team was a very successful day with a fantastic turn out of people, despite the poor weather. There had been a very popular food stall which had been run by a food waste charity within Tiverton.

**18.10.6.8 Allotments**

Councillor Best advised the meeting that next year will mark the 10-year anniversary of the allotments and they were hoping to celebrate this milestone with an open day. They were hoping to incorporate the Scarecrow competition that took place at this year's village fete into their open day.

**18.10.6.9 Kingwood Parking at Magelake**

There had been no further developments and Kingwood staff continued to park within the car park at Magelake.

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**18.10.6.10 BMX Track/Skate Park**

The questionnaire had so far received eleven responses, and these were suggesting that alternative facilities should be provided for children within the village. The closing date for responses was 31 October 2018 and we would hope that at the November meeting we could look at an overall response.

**18.10.6.11 Radio Devon**

The Radio Devon broadcast from Coldharbour Mill had been a great success and thanks were given to Councillor Best for representing the Parish Council on the radio show.

**18.10.6.12 Harvesters**

The meeting was advised that at the planning meeting in September DCH had attended the meeting with the proposals for the site. They had prepared a video which was primarily designed for marketing purposes which demonstrated the site from different angles and what it may look like when it was finished. They also presented some images and designs for the site where they will be submitting an application for the reserved matters of 30 houses on the adjoining land. This was slightly amended from the outline permission because of the land being acquired by DCH and therefore they were using the two parcels of land as one, although under two different planning applications, to design a scheme that was more aesthetically pleasing. The most notable change was to the pond at the bottom of the site to deal with run off water, this could now be designed in more of a circular shape, as opposed to the very long thin design and the spur of land as previously shown.

**18.10.7 Police Report**

The Clerk had no further updates in respect of police. Councillor Best had provided a summary of the details of the Devon Alert system which he advised he would circulate details to Councillors to be able to subscribe.

**18.10.8 Highway Matters/Road & Traffic**

**18.10.8.1 Issues Around School Traffic**

The school continues to provide parking issues in and around Ashley Road, Meadow View and other surrounding areas. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Headteachers Secretary at Uffculme Primary school asking whether they could remind parents about parking in the local area around the school.

The meeting agreed that the 30mph speed limit at Ashill should be placed on the November agenda.

**18.10.9 Correspondence**

The Clerk did not have any specific correspondence to share with Councillors.

**18.10.10 Clerks Report**

**18.10.10.1 Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site**

The arrangements with Devon Air Ambulance were continuing to install the new lighting facilities within the site for it to be classed within one of the Air Ambulances approved night landing sites should it be required.

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**18.10.10.2 RBL Poppy Appeal**

Councillor Haglestein had provided an update in that the sewing of poppies had been going well and she was looking forward to being able to present the final display ahead of remembrance Sunday in November.

**18.10.10.3 Markers Pond**

As discussed earlier in the meeting with regards to the ABN Feed mill there were ongoing discussions regarding the site and whether a lease could be put in place for future. It was also agreed that the Clerk should contact somebody within Westward Housing higher than Sam Novak.

**18.10.10.4 Magelake**

There was no update on matters at Magelake for the meeting.

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1 November 2018 at Magelake Pavilion.**