

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held**  
**Thursday 11 May 2017 at The Square Corner**

**Chairman:** P Blackman, the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council chaired the meeting.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**Finance:**

**Audited annual return and accounts for the year ended 31.03.2016**

The Clerk advised the meeting that the external auditor had provided a clean audit report for the 2016 accounts which had been filed last year.

**Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had not been able to finalise the accounts ahead of the meeting due to there being other issues within the Parish Council that needed attending to as a matter of urgency. The Clerk advised the meeting that she would make these accounts available for the 1 June meeting. The Clerk also advised that the accounts were to be submitted to the external auditor by 10 July 2017. The Clerk had, during the meeting, agreed with Councillor Mackian that they would meet and conduct the internal review and she would then make contact with the former Clerk Francis Welland to conduct a further review of the accounting records before these were submitted to the external auditors.

**Accounts of Magelake Parish Pavilion 31 December 2016:**

The accounts of Magelake had not been made available and this was likely to be due to the change in management structure and the new contract that was in place with Martin Halse. The Clerk advised that these accounts were now with her and she was working on getting this information up to date to be able to present it.

**Accounts of Uffculme Bowling Club – 30 September 2016:**

The Clerk shared the accounts of Uffculme Bowling Club with the meeting. The Bowling Club had made a slightly lower profit than in 2015 although was still showing a positive position.

**Accounts of Uffculme Mens Club:**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had been unable to gain a copy of the Mens Club accounts to share with the meeting. Newly elected Councillor Stimson advised that the person to contact would be Martin Johns and that he may well be able to get details of the Club's constitution and also be able to ask the members involved in the preparation of the accounts to share them with the Parish Council so that we could ensure we are meeting our obligations.

**Business Arising:**

**Uffculme Central**

The meeting was advised that since May last year progress had been made on looking at revised designs for the Square and Ayshford Green. These had progressed however the Council was awaiting a meeting with DCC and MDDC to discuss Ayshford Green being used as a parking area, the parking area being in the vicinity of a listed building has been suggested in the past that it may cause problems, this will be investigated.

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Councillor Mackian advised the meeting that he had not been approached for his views on whether using Ayshford Green as a parking area was a good idea and he shared with the meeting that he did not think it was appropriate.

The Council would continue to progress matters in respect of developing The Square and Ayshford, if possible, in line with its agreed policies.

**Landfill Site at Broadpath:**

The meeting was advised that Viridor were intending to close the landfill site at Broadpath site by 31 December 2020. The meeting was advised that a planning application had been submitted for the widening of Clay Lane. The Council had submitted its response to this planning application and supported the widening. However, the Council had in its response stated that the widening of Clay Lane should be a pre-condition of any movement of Straight Gate material into Houndaller for processing.

There had been previous discussions about using Broadpath for the trial of processing the waste leachate from the landfill so that it can be returned to the normal watercourse having been treated. Although at this time the Council had not been made aware of any planning applications on this matter.

**Devon Minerals Plan:**

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had attended the inquiry at County offices in May last year with the former Clerk and Chairman. At the inquiry the inspector heard from local residents and other parties that would be affected by the minerals plan and the final report was accepted as Council policy in April 2017 by DCC. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had a copy of the final minerals plan if anybody wanted a copy to read.

**Mid Devon local plan through to 2033:**

The meeting was advised of progress since the last meeting and that MDDC had prepared a report on the inclusion of land at J27. This plan was shared with Councillors and it was agreed in October last year that the land at J27 would be included in the local plan. The local plan was drafted in such a way that the land at J27 had been put forward for tourism, employment, and retail which was an uplift from the Eden Westwood plans that had been produced. The local plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State on 31 March 2017 and was currently awaiting the appointment of an Inspector to review the plan. The Council has requested to attend and contribute to the inquiry when this happens.

**Planning Matters:**

During the early part of 2016 an Inspector ruled that planning permission should be granted for 60 houses on the land west of Harvesters, as you exit the village towards Willand. This decision came following MDDC not being able to prove that they have a sufficient 5 year land supply, this was due to the local plan not being finalised and or submitted to the Secretary of State. Since this permission had been granted there had been a number of speculative applications that have been put forward. MDDC had recently refused permission for in the region of 260 houses in Willand, at this time this decision has not gone to appeal, although it is expected that this will happen.

There have also been further speculative planning applications presented in and around the Village, Belle Vue on Ashley Road is one, this had been granted permission at planning committee a couple of weeks ago. The meeting agreed that we should contact our District Councillor Richard Chesterton to prepare a report before the June Parish Council meeting of planning applications that had been submitted and whether it was possible to defend these planning applications etc.

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**Any Other Business:**

**Compost Magic:**

The meeting was advised that Compost Magic is now set up under the new structure and that it has attracted in excess of 300 members. This was thought to be an encouraging move forward.

**Ashill Village Hall:**

Councillor Blackman advised the meeting that the Ashill Village Hall Committee were very pleased with the new equipment that had been installed and that they appreciated the Parish Councils financial contribution towards this project.

**Allotments:**

Councillor Best advised the meeting that the allotments were now at capacity. It was hoped that there would soon be a waiting list for plots which would ensure that the Allotment Association was able to continue on a sustainable basis into the future.

There was no other business so the meeting was declared closed.