

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
7 July 2016 at Ashill Village Hall

Chairman: E Hagelstein

Present: P Blackman P Cornish P Disley T Emms
 G Evans P Golding J Gardner M Pollard

Apologies: B Little - Family P Mackian - Family D Wells - Holiday

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2016 Approved and signed as a correct record.

Finance:

June Financial Statement

APPROVED as official Council Minutes

It was noted that the payment to Phil Salter for June was not paid until early July as the Clerk was away at the end of June and therefore there will be two payments on the July statement.

Lloyds Bank online access

Following the request for bank signatories to register for the online banking access it was agreed that the Clerk would resend the email so that Councillors could register. The Clerk advised how we needed signatories to sign up, without this her access could not be approved.

Defribulator

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Anita Turner, an Uffculme resident and cardiac nurse, who had offered help with sourcing funding, equipment and training. It was hoped that her expertise would aid the council in sourcing the best equipment and taking advantage of the grants available to ensure we were able to provide the three Defribulators we had committed to installing.

The meeting was told that Ashill Village hall had been successful in applying for grant funding from the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and they needed to raise £400 to contribute towards the cost - £166 had already been raised from the book sale. It was thought that the Council would make a contribution towards the cost.

Magelake had also submitted an application to the BHF, although they had been unsuccessful due to the limited access to the Defribulator – it was reported they would explore options in respect of making the Defribulator available on the outside of the property.

The Clerk had completed, so far as possible, the TAP fund application form and had passed this to the Clerk at Willand Parish Council to gain their support prior to submission.

Prior to the next meeting, in September, it was hoped to have gained the support of the Co-op and also have funding streams confirmed with a view to arranging purchase, training and installation!

Noticeboard

Cllr Emms had put the noticeboard out to tender with a number of suppliers and had received varying responses which he had reviewed for both commerciality and against the specification the Council wanted. It was agreed that the working group would meet and review the shortlisted suppliers and the meeting agreed that they should proceed with ordering the noticeboard, up to the value provided in the budget.

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A meeting would be arranged with the Co-op to gain their support for it to be situated on the external wall, with the hope of installation ASAP.

Play equipment Purchase

Cllr Little had liaised with the Primary School Council to gain the children's opinions of the two suppliers that had submitted proposals. The Council had chosen and the Clerk had arranged with the supplier to order the equipment and the deposit had been paid. It was hoped that the equipment would be installed prior to the school holidays commencing.

TAP Fund Monies - UPC

As above the Clerk has completed the application to gain funding of £1,250 through the Town and Parish Fund (TAP Fund), the fund is available to help communities and it was felt that a Defibrillator was something that would benefit all, should the need arise. It was hoped that we could be awarded some of the underspent funds from 2015/16, therefore leaving the 2016/17 funds available for future projects. We would await the response from our County Councillor, Ray Radford.

Square Corner refurbishment monies

The Clerk advised that she had received an invitation to visit the Square Corner to see the refurbishment. Unfortunately, the Clerk could not attend but Cllr Golding advised that the standard of the refurbishment was excellent and the site now offered many possibilities to local groups for using the Square Corner for meetings, Coffee mornings and clubs.

The hire arrangements were being finalised, although by our September meeting it was hoped that we would have details of hire rates etc so that a decision could be made to transfer the location for Parish Council Meetings back to the Square Corner with effect from October – this would be agreed at the next meeting.

Magelake Community Storage Container

It was reported that the storage container for Parish Salt stores was on order and would be delivered soon. The funding had been agreed by Ray Radford and would be received in due course.

The meeting felt that with the new storage an update for nominated Snow Wardens was a good idea. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into training available and suggestions would be taken at the September meeting for new Wardens.

Business Arising

Uffculme Central

No progress to report – Cllr Emms advised the meeting that to be able to move the project forward the Council needed to be committed to spending time on the project, to date this had fallen on one or two individuals and this was disproportionate to the Council's overall representation, this was a big project and more Councillors needed to be involved in driving the project forward if this was to happen.

It was agreed that this would be considered at the September meeting and Councillors would consider if they would be willing to dedicate time to implementing changes and updating the submission required by Viridor.

Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 – 2033 – Update

The land that had recently received planning permission on the edge of the village, at Harvesters was now for sale as development land.

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The reports on J28 for the Environment Agency were progressing and were being tested, hoping that MDDC would have some feedback prior to the Council meeting in September.

The promoters of Eden Westward released a press release stating that the land suggested for a distribution centre as part of the wider development had been withdrawn from their proposal following MDDC's concerns over the logistics centre. It must however be considered that all information released until now had suggested that the distribution centre had been the financial support for the other aspects of the Eden Westward development.

J27 Feasibility Report

The report continues to be prepared on the feasibility of inclusion of the land at J27 in the local plan, with the decision being agreed at the September MDDC meeting.

Devon Minerals Plan – Update

It was reported that on a number of occasions recently the cover had not been appropriately applied to the landfill and as a result there was excess rubbish over nearby land and also this attracted more gulls to the site. Cllr Hagelstein advised that this would be brought up at the September liaison meeting.

Landfill site at Broadpath – Update

It was also reported that Houndaller was expected to restart extraction of previously quarried material between the hours of 7am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday. This was a previous permission and was not new, just a restarting of previous works.

Pressure is also being applied to have the restoration of the Houndaller site restored to allow for the habitats of wildlife etc. There are also plans to discuss the ROMP review at the next liaison meeting in September.

Details should be provided to the Environment Agency regarding the recent issues and pressure should be applied to Viridor to manage the site more appropriately going forward.

ABN Feed Mill Liaison Meeting

Cllr Hagelstein advised that at the recent ABN feed mill meeting they reported that during July they were looking to replace the cyclones which will help with emissions and smells within the village.

The number of lorries parked on site overnight has recently been reduced to two, from four, the others are held at the Cullompton depot.

The Environment Agency takes a keen interest in the activities of the feed mill and this should be noted to ensure the impact on the village is limited. They are also keen to explore the implementation of gas onto the site as a move to a more eco-friendly and efficient energy source.

Willand - Proposed Boundary Change

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with Willand, although in principle the Council supported the move of boundary as suggested by Willand Parish Council. The Clerk to agree a meeting date, after the summer holidays.

Commercial Road Footpath

Cllr Pollard advised that he had been contacted by a local resident who had fallen on the poor footpath outside The George. It was agreed that Councillor Pollard would make contact with the injured gentleman and encourage him to write a letter to the Clerk so that this can be presented to DCC with the suggestion of works being arranged to out in place a safer pathway.

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Highway Matters/Road and Traffic

Ashill 30 MPH

The Clerk has contacted Ken Browse of Halberton regarding strategies available for implementing a new traffic order and whether there are any funding streams available – we are awaiting a response.

It was also noted that the National Speed Limit signs are still in place, Ray Radford was going to make enquiries as to getting these removed.

Correspondence

Information available

No hard copy information had been received.

Clerk's Report

Pathfields Play Area

It was agreed that the Council will keep under review the options open to the play area at Pathfields, although it was expected that many of the children would be drawn towards the new equipment being installed at the Rec. The residents of Pathfields have openly expressed to Cllr Hagelstein that they would like to keep the park open and the Council is committed to this. It is thought that the Parish Council would be able to protect this facility if a lease was put in place, rather than the financial contribution being sent to MDDC, as it was anticipated that in 2-3 years' time the necessary contribution would be increased as the equipment was of a standard that would need replacing in the short term.

It was agreed that we would review the options in the autumn with the prospect of getting a lease implemented for the spring and new equipment ordered and installed. Funds were allocated in the budget in excess of expenditure for the play area at the Rec so funds would be available if needed.

It was noted that MDDC may be keen to see the play area closed as it was felt that the plot of land currently available for the play area was in fact big enough to build a house on.

Ashill – Proposed new Doggie Bin & notices – 'On Hold'

It was agreed the Clerk would contact MDDC to gain an update on the review that was being undertaken.

Website

The Clerk has been compiling documents, policies and procedures into an electronic format that will allow these to be uploaded to the new website – there is a lot of historic documents that need transferring to electronic and therefore this is not a quick task!

County Councillor's Report (Cllr Radford)

Cllr Radford sent his apologies to the meeting.

District Councillors' Reports (Cllr Chesterton) – Apologies given by Cllrs Doe and Evans

Cllr Doe sent an update on the Devon Doctors telephone service that was being set up to be effective in October 2016 which would see a separate company take over the NHS 111 service from the South Western Ambulance Service. It was thought that this move would be a good move towards providing a greater level of care out of hours within Devon.

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Cllr Chesterton reported that MDDC had today agreed to the talks between the Heart of the South West entering talks with Central Government about the devolution process for the local area.

MDDC has also entered agreement with East Devon, Exeter and Teignmouth Council's to work together on a joint strategic plan which will be to develop future local plans in conjunction with one another, this would then be a tier above each of the individual local plans and be a greater tool in determining development and plans for the whole local area.

The next meeting will be Thursday 8 September 2016, 7.30pm at Magelake Parish Pavilion