

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 3rd July 2023 at Ashill

Chairman: P Blackman

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

23.06.01 Apologies for absence

A Willis (sickness)

23.06.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 19th June 2023

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

Public Session

No members of the public attended the meeting.

23.06.03 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford did not attend the meeting and did not provide a report

23.06.04 District Councillor's Reports

No written report was provided.

Councillor Clist attended the meeting and provided updates in regards to the new MDDC cabinet members. There is also a public focused approach looking for where savings can be made. A query was raised regarding the percentage renewables vs. green requirements for new builds – Cllr Clist to raise when possible. National Planning Framework is still to be published (due November 22).

23.06.05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that there are 9 Councillors currently leaving 4 spaces available for new Councillors. Councillors encouraged to continue to recruit for the spaces.

23.06.06 Finance

23.06.06.01 To approve June Financial Statement

The June financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

23.06.06.06 Grant Request – St Mary's Church – Community Summer Activities

A request was received from St Mary's Church to the value of £200 to be used towards summer activities for the community (appended). Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

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23.06.06.07 Grant Request – Warm Space

Interest Declared – Councillors Pointing and Keeling

A request was received from the Green Team for additional funding to the value of £250 (appended). Proposed by Councillor Cornish, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

23.06.06.08 Duck Signs Funding

The Clerk advised that the signs to warn of ducks being present would cost £350 for the pair, ordered directly from Devon County Council. The 2 signs will be fitted to lamp columns 2 and 6 on Uffculme Road close to Bridwell Avenue. There is not a suitable place for such signs currently at the bridge end of the village so would be more costly. Additional signage at this end of the village is to be reviewed once the Bridwell end signs are in place. Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Edwards, Majority in agreement (6+/2-).

23.06.07 Business Arising

23.06.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

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

23.06.07.02 ABN Feed Mill

Next meeting to be scheduled. No further updates in regards to the ducks and feed.

23.06.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club

No update received.

23.06.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

Councillor Keeling advised that safeguarding reps were to be looked into for youth away trips. An emergency meeting was held for the appointment of a new Secretary. There is a funday event on 15/07.

23.06.07.05 Green Team

It was reported that Delia Kennedy has been fundraising for a bench in the Drs Surgery grounds, made from bottle tops. There is a Warm Space to take place this coming Friday. There is a Repair Café due to take place soon and that a Green Team meeting was overdue – to be arranged soon. Good observations had been made by the Wildlife Wardens and the Swift Group. Comments on the lack of flowers in the planters in The Square – Clerk to chase paperwork and invoices to allow for payment.

23.06.07.06 Allotments

The group are still investigating the option of a composting toilet. No further updates.

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23.06.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update

It was raised that there was a tree reported in Denners Way that is leaning. Clerk to report to R&R to provide a quote for removal.

There has been positive feedback received in regards to the weeding in the village. Possibility of use of Compose Magic going forward, at the cost of the Council, for the weeds. Vote to continue with the current scheme for weeding – Majority in agreement (7+/2-). Issue of rubble in St Mary's Church parking space – Councillor Keeling to investigate and approach the owners informally.

23.06.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

Councillor Pointing advised that there had been a complaint received in regards to speeding in the village. Advised the resident of new 20MPH limit soon to be in place. Update requested on Length Restriction on Chapel Hill and HATOC – Clerk to chase Dan Wood. No updates from the Community Speed Group. Highways have been approached to clean the signs at the top end of Chapel Hill. Additional complaint received in regards to Commercial Road and the visibility – Highways informed and investigated, concluded no action necessary.

23.06.07.09 Schools update

No updates to report.

23.06.07.10 Uffculme Village Hall

Jumble sale that took place raised £400. Surplus items donated to multiple charity shops. Walking treasure hunt to be arranged. £3 cream teas are also being provided. There are various fundraising activities due to take place. Quotations are being sought for a projector, which will be provided in due course.

23.06.07.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs

Clerk advised that accounts are now in hand and are to be given to Martin by COB Friday for submission to the Charity Commission.

23.06.07.12 Youth Working Group

The questionnaire was added to spotlight. Dates are awaited for distribution of the questionnaire in person within the village.

23.06.07.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

No further updates.

23.06.07.14 Markers Pond

It was advised that work to reduce and remove unwanted vegetation had been carried out, across two weekends. The area is looking tidy with bugs and butterflies now being found enjoying the area. The heavy pond weed has been skimmed, with the use of an effective removal tool. Green Team to request safety equipment for the pond (life buoy/ropes). Clerk will await the request. A request was also raised for a memorial plant to be added to the pond area, with the support and advice of R&R Services, for Ron Lester. Proposed by Councillor Cornish, Seconded by Councillor Edwards, all in agreement.

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23.06.07.15 Play Areas

The Clerk advised that the Hurricane Swing, to replace the originally approved Cableway (Zipwire), had now been presented in line with approved budget/spend. Wicksteed to arrange for installation.

23.06.08 Police Report

There was no updated report available. Email received from Councillor Poynton (from the Police Commissioner) to be forwarded to Councillor Pointing regarding the police report. There have been an increase of instances of Antisocial Behaviour currently within the village – the local police are aware, however, are not receiving any reports from the public. All were encouraged to report all crime when witnessed, in order to raise the issues.

23.06.09 Clerk's Report

23.06.09.01 New play areas – solicitor/draft lease

No new updates.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 4th September 2023, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

Uffculme Parish Council
June 2023 Income and Expenditure Summary

Current Account

	Balance at 31 May 2023		1,754.48
Income Received			
01/06/2023 G Cole	Wages Overpayment	0.20	
09/06/2023 Fine Memorials	Memorial Fee (MAUNDER)	150.00	
			150.20
Expenses Incurred			
02/06/2023 G Cole	Expenses (March-May)	46.75	
05/06/2023 G Cole	June Wages	769.80	
26/06/2023 Tamar Telecom	Clerk's Phone	12.59	
27/06/2023 J Lucas	Grass Cutting Contract	1,470.00	
30/06/2023 PKF Littlejohn	External Audit Fees (2021-2022)	480.00	
30/06/2023 Countrywide Ground	Magelake - 26/05	50.40	
30/06/2023 Countrywide Ground	Magelake - 11/05	64.80	
30/06/2023 Countrywide Ground	Magelake - 14/04	64.80	
30/06/2023 J Lucas	Extras - Bins - June	100.00	
30/06/2023 J Lucas	Extras - Bins - May	50.00	
30/06/2023 Brightpay	Payroll System - 2022-2023	82.80	
30/06/2023 South West Water	Magelake - July 22 - Oct 22	211.97	
30/06/2023 South West Water	Magelake - Oct 22 - Jan 23	162.06	
30/06/2023 South West Water	Magelake - Jan 23 - Apr 23	217.63	
30/06/2023 Cartridge Save	Printer Cartridges - Clerk	256.42	
30/06/2023 Pickerings	Community Fridge Hire - May	121.72	
30/06/2023 G Cole	June Wages (tax adjusted)	237.60	
30/06/2023 HMRC	Tax and NI (April - June)	68.20	
30/06/2023 Wicksteed Leisure	Playpark Repairs	3,632.53	
30/06/2023 Close Finance	Public Toilet Cleaning - May	336.00	
30/06/2023 Bartlett	Magelake - Fridge Repairs	135.60	
30/06/2023 Bartlett	Magelake - Fridge Repairs	680.64	
30/06/2023 Microshade Business	Internal Auditor - 2022-2023	354.00	
30/06/2023 Educational Equipment	Grant - Pre-school Equipment	204.65	
30/06/2023 Window Warehouse	Grant - Mens Club Windows	2,530.78	
			12,341.74
Transfers to/from Reserve Account			13,000.00
	Balance carried forward to 1 July 2023		<u>2,562.94</u>

Reserve Account

	Balance at 31 May 2023		114,122.98
Income Received			
09/06/2023 Interest		73.39	73.39
Expenses Incurred			
		-	-
Transfers to/from Reserve Account			- 13,000.00
	Balance carried forward to 1 July 2023		<u>101,196.37</u>

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20 June 2023

Dear Gemma,

As a church we are planning to run activities for the community during August, a time when many activities and toddler groups close. Building on the success of the previous two summers we are planning to run events across three weeks and will compile and advertise an August programme which includes events planned by other village groups. We are keen to work in partnership with groups, organisations and local charities whilst supporting venues within the village. We are approaching the Parish Council to ask for financial support to cover some publicity costs (specifically for two banners to publicise events at c£50 each) and a contribution towards other additional activities, particularly for the Community Picnic. It is hoped to run this with the Summer Space team and offer food this year.

We would like to request a Parish Council grant of **£200** to Uffculme Parochial Church Council.

The proposed activities are:

Tues 1st Aug: Uffculme Toddler Group Summer Special 9.15-11am

Friday 4th Aug: Community Picnic @Coldharbour Mill 12-3pm

Tues 8th Aug: Uffculme Toddler Group Summer Special 9.15-11am

Friday 11th Aug 7-9pm Rock and Roll evening @St Mary's Church 7-9pm

Tues 15th Aug: Uffculme Toddler Group Summer Special 9.15-11am

Saturday 19th August: Church fete @Uffculme Village Hall

Please let us know if this is something the Parish Council would be happy to support.

Kind regards

Claire Nichols

St Mary's Church Community Outreach Worker

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Uffculme Parish Council update on Warm Space project June 2023

The aims of the warm space project over winter 2022/23 were to provide regular sessions of a shared living space with food, drink and activities, provide access to energy-saving advice and support for fuel poverty; and supply items at home to help households suffering in cold weather.

14 sessions were run on alternate Fridays up to the end of May, involving 10 volunteers and over 500hrs of volunteer time. The numbers attending sessions increased from 20 at the start to 55 in Jan/Feb, averaging approximately 40 per session. Some stayed 1 hour, some all day.

The Home Energy Advisor attended monthly from December, providing access to fuel vouchers, home visits, insulation, efficiency improvements and grants. He advised 41 local households at sessions, trained 12 front-line volunteers & management from Markers, and organised home visits in Trafalgar Court and elsewhere.

Using a grant from the National Grid, £600-worth of energy-saving and warming items were given away at Warm Spaces including fleecy blankets, hot water bottles and microwaveable cuddly toys at Xmas. We also supplied £682-worth of items direct to 14 vulnerable households - mostly energy-efficient electric heaters & heated throws or electric blankets to people unable to afford adequate heating. These included a homeless man, a family of Ukrainian refugees, and 5 people over 80y old.

Our Give n Take event distributed over £2000 value of generously donated warm clothing and bedding to residents with the surplus provided to refugees.

We have one qualified chef, 5 volunteers who have undertaken food hygiene training and more volunteers being recruited. We have used surplus food from the Community Fridge plus donated fresh vegetables to keep costs down, and accepted cash donations in order to continue with free provision which does not discriminate.

We learned that people valued the social contact and open informal friendliness of the events, and that we are providing something needed by those in social isolation as well as those with financial challenges. We have continued beyond the winter by 'popular demand', and moved to provide additional outdoor seating at the village hall through the summer.

The total spend to March 31st matched our income of approximately £2050 (£1750 grant plus £300 from the PC). Both the Square Corner team and now the Village Hall committee have been supportive and provided a venue at a reduced rate. We are currently using public donations and a gift from another local organisation to cover the costs of refreshments and activities, but are yet to pay for our summer venue and additional activities for children through the summer holidays.

A further donation of £250 from the parish council would help us with the costs of summer provision, and allow us to plan for next winter as we realise that the project is helping with social needs which are still rising.

Teresa Pointing 30 June 2023