

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 7th April 2025 at Magelake

Meeting Open – 19:04

25.04.01 Apologies for absence

Chairman: Phil Cornish

Present: R Kingdom T Edwards M Bodger P Blackman
S Horne K Poynton A Logue P Hallchurch

Apologies R Keeling (Sabbatical) S Levick (work) Peter Cornish (Training)

25.04.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2025

The minutes were agreed as an official council record. Clerk apologised for the delay in circulating these to Councillors, ahead of the meeting.

Public Session

There were 2 members of the public who participated in the public session and raised the following:

- The speeds of vehicles at cemetery corner are deemed to be excessive.
- The speed limit of 20MPH is not adhered to nor recognised.
- Feedback regarding the funding of the willow workshop, resolved during the March 2025 meeting (25.04.06.03)
- The No Parking signs in front of the church are worn.
- The old shop front, along Commercial Road, as being deemed to be in disrepair.
- Suggestion to add meeting dates to Spotlight
- Potholes on Chapel Hill

25.04.03 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford provided apologies, was not in attendance and did not provide a report ahead of time, due to being in the pre-election period (previously known as Purdah). It was confirmed that Councillor Radford would not be putting himself forward in the next election. No questions were raised for Councillor Radford.

25.04.04 District Councillor's Reports

The Lower Culm Ward Councillors did not provide a report ahead of time and Councillors Connor, Glover and Poynton provided apologies ahead of the meeting. No questions were raised for the Councillors.

Councillors Bradshaw and Clist did not provide a written report. Councillor Bradshaw provided apologies ahead of the meeting and Councillor Clist was in attendance and did not provide a report, due to being in the pre-election period (previously known as Purdah).

25.04.05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that a resignation had been received from Councillor Lane and therefore there will be 1 vacancy due to become live. It was agreed by all to reallocate the following groups:

Planning – Councillor Horne

Broadpath – Councillor Hallchurch

Bowling Club – Councillor Phil Cornish

Road Warden Scheme – Councillor Horne

Mole Valley – Councillor Kingdom

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25.04.06 Finance

25.04.06.01 To approve March Financial Statement

The March financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

25.04.06.02 Grant Request – Hospiscare

Grant request received (appended). Councillor Bodger advised of a DPI – it was agreed by all that Councillor Bodger could remain in the room during discussions. Grant of £500 Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

25.04.06.03 Magelake – Pitch Repairs

Repair request received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Phil Cornish, Seconded by Councillor Kingdom, all in agreement.

25.04.06.04 Magelake – CAF Banking

The Clerk advised that the signatories associated to the Magelake Charity CAF account were no longer live Councillors, and new signatories are required. All current elected Councillors are to be included on the mandate as signatories and the Account Contact to be updated with the current Clerk's details (the details held by CAF currently are for the outgoing Clerk). All in agreement.

25.04.06.05 SLCC Renewal

Membership renewal received (appended). To continue with membership and 50% fee to be payable by the Clerk's other Council. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

25.04.06.06 DALC Renewal

Membership renewal received (appended). To continue with membership. Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

25.04.06.07 Magelake - Trees

Quotations received (appended). Option 1 Proposed by Councillor Hallchurch, Seconded by Councillor Logue, all in agreement. Logs and chipping to be requested to be made available for parishioners. All in agreement.

25.04.06.08 Magelake – Maintenance Contract (Part B)

Quotations received for grounds maintenance at Magelake (appended). Not to accept either option, with review in 4 months' time, after the charity is back on its feet. Proposed by Councillor Edwards, Seconded by Councillor Phil Cornish, all in agreement.

25.04.07 Business Arising

25.04.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

The last meeting took place on 10/03, with the next due on 14/07 at 4pm. There are 3 meetings per year and the following was advised:

- They have their own concrete plant on site.
- Discharge to the bridleway has been reported.
- The extension is due to be processed through Planning, with the application for a Solar Farm to follow in the future.
- 270,000 tonnes of aggregate is produced per year.

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- Planting scheme is underway
- Holcim UK is the new name to be used for Aggregate Industries.
- The litter pick scheduled for 26/04 is to also include the quarry site.

25.04.07.02 Mole Valley Feed Mill

No updates were provided.

25.04.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club

A meeting took place on 09/03 and the following was advised:

- Finances are improving still
- Windows still require replacement. The Club are having trouble finding someone to make the windows. Roman Glass were recommended during the meeting. MDDC planning department are also to be involved.
- Green Team have raised the issue of cigarette butts outside of the Club. Councillor Edwards to gain an update from the Club regarding a resolution to this issue.

25.04.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

The minutes from the latest meeting were provided (appended). No questions were raised.

25.04.07.05 Green Team

The Green Team provided a report (appended). It was noted that Uffculme Parish Council was not invited to the Community Fridge celebrations. The question was raised as to whether the wildflowers could be sown in May, as opposed to waiting until the Autumn. A quotation for the repair to the bus shelter has been requested from Ken White Signs. Clerk to get in touch with Coldharbour to see whether they continue to wish to advertise events in this section of the bus shelter, upon repair.

25.04.07.06 Allotments

No updates were provided.

25.04.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update

Points raised included as follows:

- Dog bin along river walk raised (again). Clerk to chase Street Scene at MDDC
- Where no practical locations are available for additional dog bins, signage for nearest bin to be signed. Locations to be investigated, information of which to be collated by Councillor Horne, to enable the Clerk to arrange for signage (w3w locations to be given).
- Children designed signs to be retrieved from Mike Pollard and given to Councillor Horne to be put up.
- Diary entries coerced during public session
- Bollard at Ayshford House is broken. Quotation to be sought for replacement (if Parish responsibility).
- Hedges along pathways on Kitwell Street and Chapel Hill are overgrown. Devon Highways' responsibility. NHO to be advised.

25.04.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

The option of VAS (electronic speed signs) is currently being investigated further, with quotations being sought. Community Speed Watch information currently awaited, to detail who currently runs the existing group. If the existing group is no longer live, a new group is to be formed. Councillor Hallchurch to provide, by 25/04, locations within Smithincott and Ashill for the 20 is plenty signs. It was found that there is limited support for the signs in Craddock – alternative locations to be sought.

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25.04.07.09 Schools Update

No updates were provided.

25.04.07.10 Uffculme Village Hall

It was advised that 120 new chairs are required, and that a quotation is being sought, in order to request a grant from UPC. The Committee is also currently fund raising and applying for grants for other areas.

25.04.07.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs

The Clerk advised that a FOI request was received from a parishioner, equating to 8 hours of investigatory work. Clerk also advised that discussions have been had with a charity specialise within an accountancy firm in Crediton, along with liaising with a Charity Lawyer in Exeter, to gain advice on how to proceed with getting the Magelake Charity back to where it needs to be. Clerk to continue to move forward with this.

25.04.07.12 Youth Working Group

Councillor Logue provided a report (appended). Examples of questionnaires have been discussed. SPACE are to provide a quotation for running youth services. Clerk advised that official tender for contract for youth services work will be necessary.

The youth offender, who was due to attend the meeting as part of their restorative justice initiative, was not in attendance.

25.04.07.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

No updates were provided.

25.04.07.14 Play Areas

The Clerk advised that repairs are still ongoing, due to continue again from the start of week commencing 17/04.

25.04.07.15 Community Road Warden Scheme

A meeting took place with the NHO on 04th March, with the following items being discussed;

- Crossroads issues in Ashill, and lack of markings. This has been raised by parishioners with Devon Live. Clerk reminded Councillors of the Uffculme Parish Council Media Policy.
- Repairs to road surface from Uffculme to Ashill (pothole already marked for repair)

ID cards have now been received for Chapter 8 trained volunteers.

25.04.07.16 Footpaths

P3 grant request has been submitted to Devon County Council. FP37 had a fallen tree, which was removed in time for an organised walk along this route, along with wire that was restricting access to a footpath entrance – funding from the grant already held from 2024-2025. 301 is currently under review, along with Bridwell. These are with the Land Owner and DCC are involved.

25.04.08 Police Report

Councillor Logue provided a report (appended). No questions were raised.

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25.04.09 Clerk's Report

25.04.09.01 Cemetery

Clerk advised that the date to move items to shelves next to shed is still to be confirmed.

25.04.09.02 HATOC and Highways

Clerk advised that due to the NHO continuing to be chased, a tracker has been created to keep track of what is outstanding. It is hoped that this will improve progress on the outstanding items.

25.04.09.03 Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the Annual Parish Meeting being held on 21/05. All are encouraged to attend as parishioners.

25.04.09.04 EV Charge Points - Magelake

It was advised that a survey of sites is due to take place over the next couple of months. Update hopefully to follow at the next meeting.

Meeting Close: 21:00

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 20th May 2025, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

Uffculme Parish Council
March 2025 Income and Expenditure Summary

Current Account

Balance at 28 February 2025 **2,576.94**

Income Received

12/03/2025 Pring and Sons	Burial Fee - Cox (DD15)	750.00	
			750.00

Expenses Incurred

03/03/2025 Gemma Cole	April Wages	911.40	
03/03/2025 Gemma Cole	Wages Underpay	0.20	
17/03/2025 Bradfords	Road Warden Scheme PPE	110.41	
17/03/2025 Bradfords	Road Warden Scheme PPE	187.21	
18/03/2025 Jess Lucas	Extras - Hedge Cutting	375.00	
18/03/2025 Paul Rose	Hedge Cutting	300.00	
18/03/2025 Pickerings	Community Fridge - February	105.84	
18/03/2025 S Lait	Public Toilets - Cleaning - February	180.00	
18/03/2025 Stanbury Rural Services	Footpath Works - P3	4,032.33	
18/03/2025 DALC	Councillor Training	346.44	
18/03/2025 Sportsmark Group	Grant - Bowling Club	2,070.00	
18/03/2025 Cullompton Glass	Magelake - Windows	407.90	
18/03/2025 Tamar Security	Magelake - Fire Alarm	182.33	
18/03/2025 Tamar Security	Magelake - Intruder Alarm	579.58	
18/03/2025 Alert Electrical	Magelake - MUGA Lighting	115.80	
24/03/2025 Tamar Telecom	Clerk's Phone	13.87	
24/03/2025 Amazon	Litter Pickers	29.49	
24/03/2025 MDDC	Trade Waste - Green Bins	70.00	
27/03/2025 Jess Lucas	Grass Cutting Contract	1,545.00	
28/03/2025 HMRC	Tax and NI (January - March)	147.28	
28/03/2025 BrightPay	Payroll Software - 2025	100.80	
28/03/2025 Stanbury Rural Services	Footpath Works - P3	300.00	
28/03/2025 Stanbury Rural Services	Footpath Works - P3	233.18	
28/03/2025 Coldharbour Mill	Magelake - Carpark	456.20	
28/03/2025 Lloyds Bank	Account Fee	7.17	
31/03/2025 TNMD	Grant - 2024-2025 - Citizen's Advice	500.00	
31/03/2025 CVVCS	Grant - 2024-2025 - Culm Valley Community Car	300.00	
31/03/2025 Mid Devon Mobility	Grant - 2024-2025 - Ring and Ride	400.00	
31/03/2025 Culm Memory Café	Grant - 2024-2025 - Forget Me Not Café	500.00	
31/03/2025 Uffculme PPC	Grant - 2024-2025 - Spotlight	1,500.00	
31/03/2025 Uffculme PPC	Grant - 2024-2025 - Square Corner	500.00	
31/03/2025 S Lait	Public Toilets - Cleaning - March	195.00	
			16,702.43

Transfers to/from Reserve Account

17,500.00

Balance carried forward to 1 April 2025 **4,124.51**

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March 2025 Income and Expenditure Summary

<u>Reserve Account</u>			
	Balance at 28 February 2025		139,600.00
Income Received			
10/03/2025 Lloyds Bank	Interest	107.04	
			107.04
Expenses Incurred			
		-	
			-
Transfers to/from Reserve Account			- 17,500.00
	Balance carried forward to 1 April 2025		122,207.04

Uffculme Parish Council



24th March 2025

Dear Sirs,

We NEED your support – whether a small donation or large.....it will all help to provide our services to those with a life limiting illness

During the last two financial years, Hospiscare has continued to face financial pressures as a result of ongoing underfunding from the NHS, health sector wide salary pressures, and cost pressures as a result of inflation. Despite the current cost of living crisis, Hospiscare has worked hard to increase its income from fundraising and retail sources and is continuing to focus on how additional income can be generated to fund services in years to come.

Following years of lobbying for fair funding for our hospice, the local NHS board has recently agreed to increase our funding for 2024-25 from 15% to 24%. We also expect it will confirm that our NHS funding for the next financial year, starting this April, will be at a similar level.

If this NHS funding is confirmed, our costs stay stable, and our retail and fundraising perform as planned, our funding deficit for 2025-26 should reduce from £2.5 million to c.£800,000.

Additionally, the government announced a one-off pot of £100 million for capital improvements for UK hospices in December. £180,911 of this has been allocated to Hospiscare for this financial year, and we hope to also receive extra funds from this pot next year.

This money is restricted to use on buildings, equipment and infrastructure and can't be used for day-to-day running costs, but it's very welcome and will help us further improve our facilities.

We're not out of the woods yet. The annual cost to run our hospice is £10 million and we will still have a significant deficit next year so fundraising and the support of our local communities remain vital to providing our services. But this is much better news and puts us in a more stable position.

About Hospiscare

Hospiscare is a local hospice charity for Exeter, Mid and East Devon and parts of North Dartmoor. Each year we care for more than 2,300 adults and support many more of their friends, families, carers and loved ones. Each member of our clinical staff are experts in the field of palliative care, all of which is delivered free of charge. Because all of our patients are different, all of our care is bespoke. We offer the following services:

- 8 bed In-Patient Ward: offering round the clock care
- Community Nursing: managing the care plan of patients at home

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- Admiral Nursing: specialist dementia care at home and on our Ward
- Care Navigators: supporting patients with navigating the healthcare system
- Complementary Therapy: treatments such as Indian Head Massage and Relaxation Therapy help to reduce stress, lower blood pressure and ease pain.
- Spiritual Care: conversations concerning meaning, purpose, personal value, legacy, and questions of life after death.
- Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy: helping patients to manage or increase their mobility and physical capabilities, carry out everyday tasks and maintain independence
- Bereavement Support: offering a realm of support for loved ones experiencing the effects of grief, including reading and film groups, a walking club, drop in teas and a HEAL group.

Today, I want to introduce you to Sarah, who is a Specialist Palliative Advanced Community Nurse at Hospiscare. Below are Sarah's own words explaining how she undertakes her role.

"I've been caring for people at the end of their life for over 7 years now and it is still such a privilege to be invited into people's homes to help care for them at the most difficult time of someone's illness.

The job has changed over the years, particularly the last year due to the financial challenges we face. It has been heart breaking to see the beds reduced in number on our ward and we can no longer see patients at the weekend in the community; access to vital care is being reduced because of rising costs and lack of equitable government funding.

Despite these changes we are still dedicated to providing expert, compassionate care for individuals with terminal diagnoses, ensuring they and their families receive the support and dignity they deserve during such a challenging time.

Despite the reduction in some of our services, the essence of what we do still remains. *The first thing I do when I get a referral is to make contact with the patient and listen. It is the simplest thing to do yet the most important. We cannot lengthen someone's life but by truly listening to the patient and their families we can give expert, compassionate care tailored to them, and by doing this we can make the days they have count because every day really matters.*

As well as listening to the patient I am assessing what the family might need to enable their loved ones to stay together.

Due to the cutbacks, we have had to make, we are working more closely with our NHS colleagues than ever to deliver our care to people in their own homes. I use my expertise to assess the right drugs needed to keep patients' pain-free and symptoms under control, and then work with the district nurses who administer it at home. It's the only way we can make sure our expertise is making a difference as our referral rates keep on rising with more people needing end-of-life care.

At Hospiscare, our aim is to create a feeling of being a big extended family to our patients, their loved ones and to our valued supporters - local people supporting other local people in times of need. Thank you for being an integral part of this family."

I would be very grateful if you were able to consider giving any gift, no matter how small, to Hospiscare. I have also included with this letter Louise's story, a truly moving account of how we supported her mum in her final days.

Should you require any further information, either in relation to the above funding request or in relation to the hospice generally, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be pleased to assist.

I very much look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

Marisa Lovell-Fox

Marisa Lovell-Fox – Trust Fundraiser

Hospiscare





Date:
 Expiry Date:



Football Pitch Repairs
 Composed by:
 Quote #:



Introduction

This quote is broken into 4 sections for your review. These include:

- Quotation
- Project description
- Associated pictures
- Terms of service

If you have any questions about the content, please feel free to get in touch.



Quotation

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	TOTAL
Supply, Deliver And Labour	1.00	£1,075.52	£1,075.52
Total Cost exc. VAT		£	1,075.52

Project Description

- Supply, deliver and install the following, includes labour, products, delivery, plant, all tools & inclusive of travel.
- This quotation allows for repairing 4 x goal mouths, 4 x penalty spots and 2 x centre circles.
- All areas described above are to be aerated using a solid tine machine to improve drainage.
- Dried kiln sand to be distributed over all areas and raked to fill all holes created by aerating.
- Loam topsoil mixed with sand to be distributed over the areas and compacted using a weighted roller, areas to be left slightly proud on completion.
- Football pitch renovator grass seed to be distributed over all repaired areas
- Additional seed to be distributed over the entire penalty areas to thicken the grass.
- Pre seed fertiliser to be distributed over all areas to encourage germination.
- All area to be barrier off on completion.

NB: Please note, this quotation does not allow for ongoing watering. All areas must be watered sufficiently and may require watering on a daily basis until the grass is well established.

Associated Pictures



Terms of Service

- NB:** This quote is on the assumption the team attending have unrestricted access both on and off of the place of work throughout the duration of the works
- NB:** This quote assumes the team can park close to the area of works throughout the duration of the job

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Member Number: [REDACTED]

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Membership ID: [REDACTED]

Membership type: Full Membership

Membership status: [REDACTED]

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DALC Membership Renewal 2025/26

1 message

Rebecca Walker [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

31st March 2025

Dear Uffculme Parish Council

Membership to the Devon Association of Local Councils 2025/26

The Devon Association of Local Councils Ltd is a not-for-profit membership organisation, supporting and representing the interests of local (parish and town) councils, and parish meetings, in Devon. There are over 360 parishes in Devon which represent approximately 540,000 electors. We are proud to have over 95% of local councils in our membership in 2024/25, and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

Local councils are the tier of government closest to our communities, providing a democratically accountable voice, along with structure and leadership to deliver local services and champion what matters to local people.

The purpose of DALC is to empower and support local councils in Devon to serve their communities effectively, promoting good governance, community engagement and partnership working. Through our services, we aim to strengthen the capacity and impact of local councils. We do this through a range of services including:

- **Up-to-date advice and guidance** by email and phone through our dedicated and highly experienced team, with access to further finance, HR and general legal advice via the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and other partners.
- **Regular updates and information** on local government matters via our website and weekly e-bulletins including access to legal briefings, publications, and toolkits on a wide range of topics.
- **Training and development** for councillors and clerks to grow their knowledge and skills, including support for achieving the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). We also support the improvement and development of councils via the Local Council Award Scheme. Councillors can benefit from our Councillor Development Framework, designed to help guide councillors throughout their journey.

- **Opportunities to engage and network** with DALC, and other councils, to influence and leverage our collective voice to represent the sector to stakeholders and partners, advocating for topics, change, and/or initiatives that address local needs and priorities.
- Access to a national family of county associations and a national body, working together with **a strong voice raising the profile of local councils** to vocalise and progress matters of interest to our sector with opportunities to discuss shared interests nationally via NALC's National Networks.

Full details of our services to member councils can be viewed in our [Member Service Level Agreement](#).

How to renew your membership for 2025/26

Your membership fee for 2025/26 will be £831.00 (exc. VAT). An invoice for this fee will be sent separately and can be expected via email shortly. **Please do not pay your fee until you have received the invoice.** *Please note that invoices will still be generated for those paying via their district council (only applicable to Mid Devon) but will be marked as paid once the district payment is received.*

To confirm your membership for the coming year, please complete our [membership renewal form](#) to update your council's details and confirm method of payment.

It will be helpful to us if you could **complete the form by Saturday 31 May 2025** to confirm that you would like to continue your membership. Please note, if this form and payment has not been received by 31 July 2025 your membership will automatically cease and you will no longer be able to access our services.

Ways to get involved with DALC in 2025/26

- [Sign up for our e-bulletins/register for our website](#) – available to both councillors and officers so you can keep informed on matters effecting local government, as well as news, events and surveys.
- [Share stories of your activities](#) with us so we can celebrate the incredible work of local councils.
- Respond to our consultations, surveys and polls, to assist DALC in being a strong representative voice for local councils in Devon.
- [Book onto our training courses](#) and continue your personal/professional development. Our Annual Conference takes place on 1st October 2025 at Exeter Racecourse so save the date now!
- [Help shape DALC's governance](#). Attend our AGM and use your vote, or consider nominating someone for the Board of Directors to be part of the strategic management of DALC.

Magelake quote

1 message

Olli Stevenson [REDACTED]

To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Hi Gemma,

Just getting back to you with recommendations and a price for the work outlined in the Magelake report.

Tree 818 to dismantle to ground level, 829 to prune and remove branches growing over the roof and guttering.

I would also be inclined to removed group 819, there are several trees next to this group that have already blown over, one tree in the group is dead and with the green waste yard directly behind the trees I would suggest removal is the best course of action. The choice is of course yours/ the councils to make so just let me know.

Price one, for the above works to my recommendations would be £1160 plus VAT.

Price 2, same as above but rather than the removal of group 819, just the removal of the dead tree within the group would be £760 plus VAT.

Please let me know if you're happy for us to proceed and we can get some dates in the diary, thank you.

Kind regards,

Olli

Magelake Maintenance Quotations

General Visit

Each general visit includes the following:

- Cutting of the grass around the car park & MUGA edges.
- Spot treating any emerging weeds where the weather permits.
- Brushing of the MUGA surface

Cutting Of Spectator Outfield

Grass will be cut either using a flail or similar suitable mower. All cut grass will be left in situ.

Cutting Hedge Behind Pavillion & MUGA

Current seasons growth will be cut from the hedgeline and removed from site.

Council - Schedule of Works

Works Included	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Annual Visits
General Visit	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Cutting spectator outfield (flail)				1						1			2
Cut hedge behind pavilion & MUGA		1								1			2

Quotation 1

Annual Cost £4,800

Monthly Cost £400

Quotation 2

Annual Cost (exc. VAT) £1,816.08

Monthly Cost (exc. VAT) £151.34

Recommendation: continue on a pay as you go basis, with the contracted services being instructed after the charity is back on its feet.

UFFCULME BOWING CLUB
MINUTES FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday 28 March 2025 at 14.00

1	PRESENT: SW,SR,JW,GJ,IT,JG,JS,PM,LM,TF,JM	Action by
2	APOLOGIES, CF, IV,GD,JD SL (PC rep)	
3	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: were read and agreed a true record of the meeting. TF & SW signed and dated the minutes. There were no matters arising from the minutes.	
4	Please welcome Rosemary Ellis as our new Chairperson of our Short Mat Section.	
5	<p>Hon. Secretary: Correspondence/Membership: Secretary Report for March Meeting.</p> <p>Been a busy period with arranging the Banner sponsorships and invoicing of nearly a dozen companies. I have also got quotes for the replacement rubber ditch's along with business case and submitting Grant with Parish Council which has been accepted and the Rubber Ditch's have been ordered with a expectation they will arrive late April early May. I have spoken to Gemma (PC Clerk) about the damaged Fence (Road side) and she is looking into it. I have attached my task list as requested to the committee. I have set up a Safeguarding Notice board (Directly left as you go into club). Congratulations to Joan and Jane on completing their Safeguarding Training and have now completed their DBS checks and now been certified .Request to publish Clubs What3Words address is now on Safeguarding Notice board.</p>	
6	<p><u>Hon Treasurer</u> Treasurer's Report 28th March 2025</p> <p>As of today's date, we hold £24,676.13 in bank account. £400 has been received in banner payments. Fundraising has raised approximately £400. Membership money is being paid. Victoria Park Bowling club has paid £81 reference rink fees.</p>	SR

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Lisa Cork has informed me due to the NI and minimum rises her hourly rate will be £17.50, starting April 2025.
The Short Mat section, after their annual meeting they have agreed that their membership fee will rise to £14 for 2025-26 season, payable September 2025. I advised them that they will need to think about their fees so further changes can be voted on at the clubs AGM which is held in November.
I have banked a cheque for £50 which was winnings from a short mat competition. Alan and Christina have requested that it goes towards Jenny Dyson's charity when she is president.

Sue Risdon
Uffculme BC Treasurer

7.2 6. Other written reports received:

Short mat (CG)

In my last report I wrote that Alan, Tom and myself won the Ron Berry inaugural cup at Ottery St Mary before Christmas. I failed to mention that we were presented with a cheque for £50.00 made out to Uffculme Bowling Club which we requested goes to the President's charity.

On Tuesday 11 March we were given £10.00 by Carol Barnes representing the Memory Club as a 'thank you' for hosting a bowling session for some of their group in the afternoon.

Thanks also to Alan, Rosemary and Jenny for assisting. We all had an enjoyable afternoon with some very tasty cake and a cup of tea at the end. We would also like this money to go to the President's charity.

I would like to thank Rosemary and a team of helpers for running a quiz on Sunday 2nd March. This was a great success and attended by about 40 members, friends and relatives. Over £200.00 was raised to go into club funds.

Members have enjoyed meeting together on a Tuesday morning and playing friendly matches both home and away. Our league team still has two more matches to play before the end of the season. There are also home and away friendly matches to play against Withleigh.

Our Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday morning 25th March starting at 9.30. Sue Risdon has been invited to attend at the beginning to outline her plans for the annual subscription for Short Mat. (We have already agreed that roll up fees will be

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£3.00 per session). Annual subscriptions will be discussed as an agenda item during the morning and reported back to her. We will have to adhere to requirements of ESMBA and DSMBA for registration. That decision will be taken at the DCSMBA Annual Meeting in April.

It is time for a shake up of the committee positions as everyone has been in post for at least fifteen years. I have already stated my intention to resign as Chairperson of Short Mat. Having served in this position, more or less, since we moved to Uffculme it is time for someone else to take up the reins.

Christina George
Chairperson USMB section
15 March 2025

Over 60s

GJ attended league meeting and nothing to report

Ladies Captains Report

Ladies Captains Report – Jenny Dyson

The Fixtures for the Ladies Triples League are now completed. The Fixtures for the season are displayed on the Ladies Notice Board for everyone's information.

Our Triples League will continue to join with Hemyock Ladies again this season, this means 3 ladies from Uffculme and 3 ladies from Hemyock to play each week.

Even though we will hopefully have more available playing ladies from Uffculme it is very uncertain that 9 ladies would be on an availability list. This is the number of available players the Triples League rules recommend. (This helps a good mixed interaction - or working on 3 ladies playing together on a regular basis) This is something for you to consider ladies.

I know Hemyock are looking forward to playing in this league again but realise they need to concentrate on encouraging more lady players. Hopefully their Club can go it alone in 2026 for them to join the league in their own right.

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I know Uffculme have a few new committed lady bowlers this season, we do hope they will consider (if possible as this is a day time commitment) trying the Triples League at some point. We will certainly welcome any new ladies to the fold, supporting all we can along the way.

Uffculme ladies were depleted last season due to many unforeseen circumstances. We hope those ladies who unfortunately were incapacitated last season feel well enough to partake in enthusiastic bowls this year. We certainly look forward to seeing everyone back together in April.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Joan Greet, our Ladies Secretary, for yet again producing a Women's Competitions Booklet for all lady members. We are extremely grateful as the information is invaluable.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Opening Day on Sunday 13th April.

Jenny Dyson – Ladies Captain

Club Captain

Nothing to report

Green/Grounds

JS advised that the sides of the green (Back plates) are in poor condition and work will need to be done to repair or replace them there will be a implication on costs.(Possibly a request to PC) JS to specify and detail work required. COSHH assessment is required for green maintenance area . New Whip required JS to organise

Fixtures Secretary

Fixtures are now all but complete unless any last minute changes are needed. Gin & Jam session will be on 22nd July 18.30 start.

Bar Steward

I have restocked the bar this week. We had a few out of date items which we managed to sell off and those funds returned to the club which left very little to carry over to this season.

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	<p>The benefit of the new till system is that I could get a report of all our sales for the year itemised by product. That showed me what the popular drinks were. This has dictated what product to buy and in what quantities, so I will buy some products in smaller quantities and renew if necessary through the season to reduce the amount of stock left over.</p> <p>There are a few items I will no longer stock as the sales dictate.</p> <p>I have a few items in smaller quantities still to get but I will get them from a supermarket rather than the cash and carry to try to maximise the bar profits.</p> <p>John</p> <p>Bar Steward</p> <p>Section 2 Rep</p> <p>Catering</p>	
8.1	<p>7.1: <u>Agenda items:</u> <u>Items for discussion and agreement at this meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Jack Attack (No action planned, Item to be removed from agenda) ii) Club accounts audit (From AGM) SR will arrange once time available iii) Cleaning (Cleaning Rate has increased to £17.50 per hour) all agreed iv) Charity Day, Date and Day changed to Sunday 25th May v) Safeguarding (Does the club have an insurance policy which says all members are insured to give advice) SW to contact insurance company for clarification 	<p>SR</p> <p>SR</p> <p>SW</p> <p>SW</p>

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9	FORTHCOMING MATTERS:	
10	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <p>Any monies donated to the club will be managed and allocated by the club. Vote Unanimous agreement</p> <p>It was agreed that Secretary will supply email list to Captains, who will in future manage match communications .</p> <p>SR recommended a increase in SM membership fees to £14 from £10 (Inline with outdoor increases) at the SM annual meeting.</p> <p>RE to clarify Short Mat Club set-up is one club managed by the SM Committee. RE to contact CG/AG</p> <p>Mixed County Rinks competition notice on board</p> <p>Marker course at South Molton Committee agreed to fund 6 places . SW to notify organisers and allocate places. It was noted that if entries are paid by club there is no reason why players cant donate cost back to club.</p> <p>SW requested that Section 2 Rep (IT) request selector's to consider impact on Bowls Big Weekend in their plans(2024 and 25) Ladies pairs organised on the Saturday of Bowls Big weekend.</p> <p>SR has proposed and organising Cream Teas at £3 each for the opening day. Opening day will start from 13.00 and include 2024 club competition's presentation. SR to draft email for distribution.</p> <p>SW Task list to be added to next agenda.</p> <p>RE added to committee contact list .</p> <p>Meeting closed at 15.57</p>	<p>LM,IT, Over 60s Captains. PM</p> <p>RE</p> <p>SW</p> <p>IT</p>
11	ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND NEXT MEETING.	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tue 13th May 2025 at 14.00	

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Signed:

Chairman

Signed:

Hon. Secretary

Date:

Notes for Polly for April 2025 Parish Council Meeting



Uff Comm Fridge

Our community fridge and larder celebrated its 5th birthday in March. Volunteers attending a Green Team meeting enjoyed a splendid cake, made by Rachael and wonderfully iced by Tracy Lindsell. Started in lockdown on a distribution model, the groundwork for the present fixed-premises 'hub' was done back between 2020 and 2022. It's amazing what volunteers have achieved since then and the morning opening sessions continue to provide an effective means of distributing surplus food as well as being an important point of social contact in the parish.



A spring-clean of the exterior of the container and surrounding area will take place very soon.

Warm Space

The final Warm Space of this 2024-2025 autumn-winter season took place at the end of March. Again it's been a great place of social contact for lots of people and has been much valued. There may be some pop-up events over the summer to tie in with other parish events. Watch this space!

Commercial Road Wildflower Area

Village Volunteers who have cared for the wildflower area along Commercial Road were, as you know, extremely disappointed about R&R's mistake in November 2024 in clearing along the area from College Green to the end of Highland Terrace. After a lot of hard work over nearly 2 years preserving the wildflowers (and keeping them in check), volunteers were gutted about the clearance, which has clearly taken out soil and seeds of most of the fine array (which included much admired Great Mullein, Scarlet Pimpernell, Purple Toadflax, Wild Carrot, Self-heal, Red and White Valerian and much more). Inevitably hibernating invertebrates, larvae and pupae will also have been destroyed. It may seem like a small area but all patches of biodiversity are important. Currently there are a lot of Dandelions (good for pollinators and looking very cheerful) but little else evident. Volunteers will keep an eye on the area again but just want it noted how upset they were at what happened. Other parishioners have also commented on the unfortunate clearance.

Thanks to the Parish Clerk for checking the ownership of the very neglected grassy bank above the stone wall (Westward Housing). It is too late this season to prepare any wildflower areas there so volunteers will put some proposals and requests to the Parish Council later in the year now Westward has given permission.

Commercial Road around the Men's Club

Members of the Green Team have been approached by a few people about the problem of cigarette butt littering around the Men's Club, which has at times been very bad. We've suggested that people use the Parish Council Book in Roy's No 11 Cafe to make comments. We've also passed on the advice given previously by a Councillor to approach the Steward. People have commented that (a) they often see the litter during the day when the Club is closed and there's no information how to contact the Steward and (b) they wouldn't feel comfortable raising the issue with the Steward and/or Men's Club members. There's a drain nearby and it's clear some cigarette

ends are ending up in there – it's well documented that cigarette ends cause great harm when they get into water courses. Can the Parish Council help with this please, given that the Men's Club premises belong to the Parish?

Planters/The Shambles Area

Spring planting will continue over the next few weeks to ensure some good displays.

Repair Cafe

Next Repair Cafe is on Saturday 26th April and will be a double-bill with the **Spring Community Litter Pick**.

Wildlife Pond

Weekly work at the wildlife pond continues with enthusiasm and much enjoyment. The trees planted recently (after the removal of the two large unsafe ones) all seem to be doing well. Some of the new holly shrubs were planted in front of the (not-yet-quite-completed) garage wall, which will hopefully provide some better screening from the bare breeze blocks and create a better view for passers-by and people in the Markers bungalows behind.

We're looking forward to welcoming another Duke of Edinburgh bronze award student who will hopefully be joining us soon to do her 13 hours community volunteering with the 'Ponderers'.

Wildlife Group

The Devon Wildlife Trust-hosted 'Introduction to Lichens' walk (mentioned in the last notes) will take place on Tuesday 8th April and is fully booked. The Wildlife Group is about to make its 5th annual Parish Wildlife Report available. Hard copies will be in the library and available on request and a link sent out to anyone interested to look at an online copy.

Bus shelter

As mentioned previously, the Green Team would be happy to get a small team together to do a Spring Clean of the bus shelter (the roof could do with a scrub and the whole could do with a wash down). However, we will wait until the shattered glass on the inside right hand pane is replaced and Coldharbour Mill replaces the out-of-date poster on that side. Can the Parish Council give us any information about when that might be done, please?

Annual Parish Meeting

Thanks for the invitation to take part in the Annual Parish Meeting on 21st May. We've told the Clerk that we would like to have a 'stall' and be part of the event.

Thanks as always for your support and please contact us if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Green Team Officers

3rd April 2025

Police Working Group

Crime data spreadsheet finalised for Uffculme (LSOA: Mid Devon 003A) to extract, plot, and track crime trends based on monthly open data releases since May 2021

Spreadsheet can be used to extract and plot data for comparison, but LSOA zones may incorporate several civil parish boundaries based on populations*

To compare crime data with adjacent regions, a standardised population estimate is needed to normalise values

Crime coordinates subject to location anonymisation but still useful for creating a basic heat map (utilising QGIS) to discuss with the police and any future CSAS initiatives**

Tracking outcomes data may not be useful for reporting due to ongoing quality issues***

To better engage with National Highways regarding traffic incidents, we need to consider a simple reporting solution for parishioners (to compile property/vehicle damage not reported in road safety data) and reestablish the community speed watch (CSW) initiative

Discuss police representation at the Annual Parish Meeting (22nd May) to highlight the need for more community engagement and introduce the CSAS initiative

Compile crime data summary and heat map for discussion with Lower Culm & Upper Culm Police LPSV (Local Policing Support Volunteer) contact

Investigating Ordnance Survey Public Sector Geospatial Agreement (PSGA) membership to access high quality base maps for any GIS-based work

** Lower layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) are made up of groups of OAs, usually four or five. They comprise between 400 and 1,200 households and have a usually resident population between 1,000 and 3,000 persons -*

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/methodology/geography/ukgeographies/censusgeographies/census2021geographies>

*** The latitude and longitude locations of Crime and ASB incidents published on this site always represent the approximate location of a crime — not the exact place that it happened. Each map point is specifically chosen so that it: 1) Appears over the centre point of a street, above a public place such as a Park or Airport, or above a commercial premise like a Shopping Centre or Nightclub 2) Has a catchment area which contains at least eight*

postal addresses or no postal addresses at all - <https://data.police.uk/about/#location-anonymisation>

**** Court Result matching. There is no unique identifier for crimes that runs from the police service to the CPS and onwards to the Courts. This makes trying to track a crime through the whole Criminal Justice Service automatically almost impossible - <https://data.police.uk/about/#quality>*

Youth Working Group

Discussed youth group and community safety initiatives with Uffculme School headteacher Laura Jenkins (telephonic meeting) and Uffculme Primary School headteacher Claire Hayman (in-person meeting)

Both expressed enthusiasm for supporting the UPC in any youth-focussed initiatives and a willingness to conduct internal surveys. Uffculme School already engaged with the local police force and organisations offering support/referral pathways for ASB concerns

Uffculme School will have KS3 learners design a survey for their ICT module and participate. KS4 will participate as part of their PD goals

Uffculme Primary will do it in two parts: one directed at KS1+2 learners to assess interest in a youth group and personal interests, the other for parents to assess their willingness for children to attend a youth group and any suggestions/concerns

Circulate survey template (based on prior feedback from SPACE) to youth working group members for feedback. Essential question list sent to school headteachers (ideally early in the Summer Term) who can review and append with additional questions for their own use

Collated results provided by schools will be presented to SPACE and VOYC representatives to move onto the next stage of establishing a youth group (potential locations, times, funding, communication)

Survey data published on UPC website and used to inform expenditure on youth provisions within the parish