

# Ufford Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Meeting of Ufford Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 from 7.32pm

1. *To record names of members present:* Keith Lievesley (Chairman), Councillors Frieda Gosling, Marian Browne, David Chadwick, Graham Bowes, Ward Councillor David Over.  
*For Items 1-6, Chief Inspector Robin Sissons, Safer Peterborough Partnership*
2. *To note apologies for absence:* None
3. *Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:* None.
4. *To confirm and sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 8 December 2015.* Agreed and signed as a true record.
5. *Members of the public are invited to address the council with regard to any Agenda item.* None
6. Police and crime.
  - a. The latest Crime Prevention Unit report was noted.
  - b. Members received a presentation by Chief Inspector Robin Sissons of Safer Peterborough Partnership:
    - i. Three projects had been initiated by the previous Chief Constable to meet a £17m shortfall:

1. 'Tri-force' collaboration between Cambs, Herts and Beds police forces share functions such as purchasing, finance and specialist frontline units
2. Adoption of improved, synchronised communications technology to keep officers more agile and out in the community.
3. Partnership working – Safer Peterborough Partnership has 70 staff including youth workers, housing, health and police working together, to enable quicker reaction and less duplication between agencies.
- ii. New priorities make victim vulnerability the main driver of crime detection.
- iii. Lower crime rate in rural communities creates lower police visibility. Initiatives:
  1. Local bobby special constables – Recruited by and based in the community.
  2. Employee assisted special constable scheme.
  3. PCSO overtime – ability for parishes to buy-in to overtime for specified needs.
  4. A weblink is about to be launched 'grading' of home security and enabling the Crime Prevention Unit to identify vulnerable homes.
- iv. Physical crime rates are dropping because of increased cyber crime which is more difficult to trace and prosecute.
- v. As well as responding to a question about the national 111 service. Cl Sissons recommended the Mypeterborough app for reporting council, police and fire issues and of the Safer Peterborough Partnership email address for crime prevention and Speedwatch issues: [policespp@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:policespp@peterborough.gov.uk)
- vi. Queries were raised about when feedback could be expected for reported crimes and how reduced police visibility justified the council tax levy.
- vii. A suggestion was accepted to involve police cadets in village events.
- viii. Councillors asked Cl Sissons to convey their thanks to Carol Aston of CPU for her ongoing help and support.

#### 7. Ward Councillor's report.

- a. Work of PCC officers increasingly falling to councillors, leading to more meeting commitments. Lolham crossing an ongoing problem and very little concern being shown except in the local area. Police generally not aware
- b. Planning – Concerned that if the Uffington Road, Barnack development were successful it would set a precedent to break village envelopes. All recommendations are to reject the application and to lobby the Housing Minister.
- c. Local Plan – Public consultation about to begin. David Over has made comments but notes little change from previous plans.
- d. It was noted that the Rural Scrutiny Committee may be wound up as the result of a move towards the old committee structure. Keith Lievesley commented on the contribution of RSC to the health of rural communities

#### 8. Finance.

- a. *Monthly Financial Report: to approve financial statements for December 2015.* Approved and signed
- b. *Authority to pay:*
  - i. *Catherine Franks: Clerk's overtime and expenses for December 2015, £2.40.* Approved
  - ii. *HMRC: Clerk's PAYE tax December 2015, £38.60.* Approved

#### 9. Planning.

- a. *To consider current planning applications:*

15/01073/HHFUL *Newe House, Two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of garage and loft to create habitable space - including raising roof height and additional dormers - Re-submission.* Submissions made by PCC's Conservation Officer and by the resident of Weathervane Cottage were acknowledged and considered as part of the discussion. With no consensus on approval of or objections to the plans, it was agreed to request the application be referred to Committee. **ACTION - Clerk**

- b. *To receive an update on the latest communications with Peterborough Enforcement Team.* An update from Nigel Barnes was noted but clarity sought as to the accuracy and significance of his comments. **ACTION – Frieda Gosling** to consult Nick Harding

10. *Other items.*

- a. *Playground equipment:*
- i. *To receive a donation from parishioners as a result of Christmas fund-raising activities.* £173.00 to be received from Keith Lievesley following the meeting.
  - ii. *To approve retrospectively the submission of an application for funding to Augean Fund for an amount to be confirmed at the meeting.* Approved, exact amount not confirmed.
  - iii. *To note the release of Planning Obligations Release of Funds funding of £100 by Peterborough City Council at the request of Ward Councillor David Over, towards a gate for the playing field and to approve in principle the provision of additional funds for this item, subject to suitable quotes.* Noted and agreed
- b. *Barnack Ward Group: to receive a report from the Group's recent meeting.* Minutes had been circulated prior to meeting and were noted. It was agreed to check consultation dates and form small group to discuss if necessary. **ACTION – Clerk, Frieda Gosling**
- c. *Peterborough City Council: to receive an update on recent PCC meetings attended.*
- i. *Parish Liaison Group.* It was noted that the next meeting would clash with the parish council meeting and it was agreed to move the date of the council meeting. **ACTION - Clerk** to check village hall availability
  - ii. *Rural Scrutiny Committee – Keith Lievesley reported on proposals for environment enforcement, rural schools and carers in rural communities.*
- d. *To note current consultation on Rights of Way Improvement Plan.* KL reported. **ACTION - Clerk** to request copies for members.
- e. *Village Hall Committee.* Minutes of last meeting had been circulated and were noted.

11. *Village Matters – for discussion only.*

- a. *Newport Way – progress on building of bungalow*
- b. *Water leak in Main Street – had been passed from Anglian Water to PCC Highways Dept and Gigaclear to resolve.*

12. Next meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 10 February 2016.

Meeting closed at 21:48