

Ufford Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ufford Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 November at 7.30pm

1. *To record names of members present:*
Keith Lievesley) (KL) (Chairman), Councillors Frieda Gosling (FG), David Chadwick (DC), Graham Bowes (GB) plus one member of the public (clerk-to-be Susie Caney)
2. *To note apologies for absence:*
from Ward Councillor David Over
3. *Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:* None
4. *To confirm and sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 13 September 2016 (October's meeting having been cancelled owing to councillor illnesses).*
Approved 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. *To note the September and October rural crime reports.*
Incidents within Barnack Ward included car crime (smashed rear window and stolen handbag in Wittering Road, Barnack and stolen number plates in Church Lane, Helpston) and thefts of a diesel bowser and the taking of fuel , power tool and battery from a tractor (both Barnack) . The rural crime reduction officer, Amanda Large had requested

feedback from all parish councils as to the usefulness or otherwise of her monthly crime reports. Councillors felt that whilst it was not possible to measure the effect of publicising specific incidents, the parish council's current practice of passing on such information via the Parish News magazine and website is likely to raise public awareness and therefore vigilance. GB to convey this to the rural crime officer. **GB to action** Richard Taylor (CCTV ANPR Lead Team Co-ordinator, Police Support Volunteers) will now give a presentation at the next Barnack Ward Group meeting instead of to Ufford Parish Council.

7. *Ward Councillor's report.* None given due to absence of Ward Councillor on other business.

8. *Finance.*

- a. *Monthly Financial Report, September 2016: to approve financial statements.*
Approved and signed
- b. *Monthly Financial Report, October 2016: to approve financial statements.*
Approved and signed
- c. *To note receipts:*
 - i. *Parish Precept second instalment, £3,709.84* Noted
- d. *Authority to pay invoices received: All approved*
 - i. *Catherine Franks: Clerk's overtime and expenses for September 2016, £137.80 (no separate payment – part of final standing order payable 31 October).*
 - ii. *HMRC: Clerk's PAYE tax September 2016, £30.00.*
 - iii. *Ufford Youth Centre and Village Hall Trust: hall hire 1.4.16-30.9.16, £100.00.*
 - iv. *Parish News: recruitment advert, £21.00.*
 - v. *Signs of Cheshire Ltd: replacement of vandalised poster case for Newport Way, £239.40. (£5 recharged to Bainton & Ashton Parish Council for allen keys)*
 - vi. *Catherine Franks: Clerk's overtime and expenses for October 2016, £99.63 (no separate payment – part of final standing order payable 31 October).*

9. *Planning.*

- a. *15/00307/ENFOTH Compass Barn: Skateboard ramp enforcement notice – appeal.*
This appeal is still in progress
- b. *16/01947/HHFUL Barnsdale, Marholm Road: Single storey and two storey side extensions and ground floor rear extension*
No immediate objections to these plans were raised but councillors found them difficult to assess because of the lack of elevation drawings of the proposed development. KL to raise this matter with the planning office. **KL to action**
- c. *16/01669/DISCHG North Lodge, Main Street: To note decision on discharge of conditions of Planning Permission 16/01203/FUL .* It was noted that the discharge of conditions (upon which full planning approval was contingent) was granted on October 18th but that subsequent work on site appeared to be contrary to the agreed tree protection measures. FG to seek the opinion of city council tree officer. **FG to action**
- d. *Local Plan consultation. To note details of next phase of Peterborough Local Plan (published by PCC on October 17th) and agree timetable for submission to the consultation process.*
Of the 120 suggested development sites and village boundary changes put forward in the first phase only 37 have been adopted within the second phase of the Peterborough Local Plan. Of those, only one (Broadwheel Lane in Helpston) is within the Barnack Ward. Ufford, in common with other small villages is not earmarked for change. DC drew attention to the fact that whilst inclusion of a site or area in the Local Plan would lead to a presumption in favour of development, the corollary does not apply: exclusion from the

Local Plan would not necessarily lead to a specific planning application being refused. The next stage of consultation on the Local Plan is to run from December to January 2017. UPC formal response to be finalised at the December meeting of the parish council

e. *Peterborough City Council validation review*

FG reported that consultation on the draft list of requirements for full planning applications was now over. The proposed changes to the current criteria were in the main very welcome, removing much of the ambiguity surrounding the current requirements

10. Other items.

a. *Recruitment of new clerk: to receive a report on progress with recruitment.*

Councillors welcomed the news of the appointment of Susie Caney to the post and offered their congratulations. KL and GB to meet with her presently to finalise such details as pay structure and performance reviews. **KL and GB to action**

b. *Playing Field*

i. *To receive a report from the Playground Equipment Working Party*

FG reported on the well-attended re-opening of the play park following completion of the installation of the new equipment. This splendid equipment has been well fitted and has attracted a pleasingly large number of small children from the village and beyond. The safety matting also appears to function very well. FG suggested requesting funds for a playground sign. DC thanked FG for her hard work in supporting villager Karen Howard (who championed the playground project and was its primary driving force through every stage). KL suggested that the parish council write letters of thanks to Karen and to former parish clerk Catherine Franks for their sterling work. **KL to action.** DC noted that since all invoices relating to the playground equipment had been paid the parish council should waste no time in claiming back the VAT. DC to check that all invoices have been made out to the parish council and carry a VAT number. **DC to action**

ii. *To receive an update on Playing Field Boundaries project and agree proposals.*

The two existing quotes for hedge cutting seemed quite expensive and there were concerns that machine flailing might be too severe. FG had therefore been in contact with Amey who had proposed doing the work by hand but had yet to submit a quote for this. FG to press them for a price. **FG to action.** GB observed that the bank of earth left by the contractors would make grass cutting difficult and will request it be moved. Amey will also be asked to relocate the dog waste bin on the eastern boundary of the play park. GB also reported that the basketball hoop is broken.

c. *Village maintenance: To note and agree action on current maintenance issues and to note updates on issues outstanding:*

- i. *Broken road surface, Marholm Road, b/f from last meeting.* Still awaiting repair
- ii. *Streetlights, Walcot Road, b/f from last meeting.* Now repaired
- iii. *Overgrowth, Walcot Road, b/f from last meeting.* KL to contact Martin Benn at Peterborough City Council about this **KL to action**
- iv. *Gigaclear reinstatement, b/f from last meeting.* KL to contact Gigaclear as no remedial work has been carried out on the affected grass verges since the 'temporary reinstatement' performed a year ago. **KL to action**

d. *Meetings attended: To receive reports.*

i. *'Solving the Housing Crisis' Conference*

FG and DC attended this conference. DC reported on the presentation by one of the three speakers, Lord Matthew Taylor, who outlined the principles behind 'gar-

den villages' - newly established sustainable communities created well beyond the bounds of existing settlements. The general view of the parish councillors was that they doubted people's willingness to reverse the current trend of seeking employment in the major towns and cities and at the same time to break their reliance on the motor car by 'thinking locally'.

e. *Rural Scrutiny*

Councillors were read the contents of a letter from Gillian Beasley, addressed to KL and delivered to him personally rather than via the parish clerk. In it she broke the news that the Rural Scrutiny Commission is to be abolished and indicated that to compensate for this there would be provision for rural councillors to be co-opted onto other liaison committees. Parish councillors shared the opinion of KL that the abandonment of a dedicated rural scrutiny commission is a retrograde step and will tend to lead to a loss of focus on rural affairs. KL then read out a letter he had already sent in reply to Gillian Beasley which voiced these concerns.

f. *To note correspondence received:*

i. *From Gillian Beasley re. rural scrutiny committee* Noted and discussed in item 10e above

g. *To discuss Parish Conference - delegates and submissions*

KL and FG to attend this conference on 15th November

11. *Village Matters – for discussion only.* None

12. Next meeting: 7.30pm Tuesday 13th December 2016.

Meeting closed at 21:48.

Signed as a true record of the meeting Chairman, 12 December 2016