

Ufford Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ufford Parish Council held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7.30pm

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

- In attendance – Chair: Keith Lievesley (KL), Councillors Margaret Sargent (MS), Paul Wilde (PW), David Chadwick (DC), Frieda Gosling (FG) and Ward Councillor David Over (DO). Parish Clerk: Susie Caney (SC).*
- No apologies of absence.*
- Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None.*
- To confirm and sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 8th September 2020. The Minutes were resolved unanimously to be a true record of events and it was agreed these would be signed by KL.*
- Members of the public are invited to address the council with regard to any Agenda item. No members of public present.*
- Ward Councillor’s report. DO reported that there are no current Covid outbreaks within the Ward and that testing facilities are up in running in ‘hot spots’ within the city. The government has allocated funds to local authorities to improve and enhance play areas, but these are focussed on the city, rather than rural areas. DO and KL drafted a letter to local MP Shailesh Vara about the proposed planning reforms following concerns raised by the parishes. Fly-tipping remains an issue with bulky waste collections currently postponed by PCC. This has led to extra pressure on the recycling centre at Fengate.*

7. Finance.

- a. Monthly Financial Report: to approve financial reports for September 2020. *Approved.*
- b. NJC Local Government Services' Pay Agreement 2020-21 – Pay Adjustment. *Noted.*
- c. To note monies received. *Noted.*
 - i. £4,245.00, PCC Parish Precept, second instalment.
- d. Authority to pay. *Approved.*
 - i. £81.40, Susie Caney, Clerk's pay & expenses for September 2020.
 - ii. £66.20, HMRC, Clerk tax for September 2020.
 - iii. £7.19, Zoom online conference fee, 50% split with Barnack PC (*repayment to S.Caney*).
 - iv. £250.00, Ufford Cricket Club, Donation towards cricket balls.
 - v. £166.00, Michael Perkins, Internal Audit of Annual Accounts.
- e. To note payments made since last meeting. *Noted.*
 - i. £18.00, Unity Trust Bank, Service Charge.

8. Planning.

- a. 20/00657/PRIOR, Newport Farm, Newport Way – change of use of agri building to dwelling. *Permitted.*
- b. 20/00268/HHFUL – The Old Rectory, Main Street - Alterations to boundary wall and relocation of fencing. *Permitted.*
- c. 20/00716/HHFUL – Nut Tree Cottage, Main Street – Demolition of conservatory and construction of part single and part two-storey extension. Extension to garage for use as annexe. *Awaiting decision.*
- d. 20/00958/HHFUL – Field End, Marholm Road - Demolition of garage and erection of a proposed two Storey side extension with increased roof pitch. *Permitted.*
- e. 20/00889/LBC – Woodlands Cottage, Main Street – Replacement of first floor windows, 1 x ground floor window to rear, and front door with hardwood equivalents. *Permitted.*
- f. 20/01058/LBC – 7 Fountain Court, Main Street – Insertion of door into converted stables. *Comments were agreed for submission. Action – SC.*
- g. Government Open Consultation – White Paper: Planning for the Future – UPC's response. *Members discussed a draft response and agreed for KL to send it off ahead of the closing date. Action – KL.*

9. Correspondence.

- a. CAPALC/NALC Bulletins. *Noted.*
- b. CAPALC Training Schedule. *Training sessions are available for members to attend via Zoom.*
- c. Cllr David Over, Town Fund Allocation. *DO has written to request funds for local rural play areas, but it would appear the money has been allocated for spends within the city centre.*
- d. PCC, Cats' eyes replacement works on Castor Road, Marholm - 12th October. *Noted.*

10. Village Maintenance: To note and agree on current maintenance issues and to note updates on issues outstanding:

- a. Highway maintenance, traffic calming and speeding – response from Peter Tebb. *KL has written to PT who is currently on holiday, but his PA will follow up on his return. Previously Highways advised KL that there is a speed limit order 'in the pipeline' but there would be a cost implication for UPC to implement it.*
- b. Farm vehicle damage to protected verges and muck spreading. *It was suggested signs could be placed at each section of protected verges to highlight the need to protect them.*

11. Other items.

- a. The John Clare Countryside Parish Nature Recovery Plan – Action Plan for Ufford. *A bid for funding has been submitted and the group are due to hold landowner engagement meetings soon. UPC agreed that the right approach for Ufford would be to encourage people to join in with nature recovery plans and to create educational leaflets – such as 'do you know what birds are*

in your garden' along with nest boxes etc. One idea was to have a Zoom session available to residents with a program of events and advice from an expert panel.

*KL is meeting with Nick Vergette to plot land ownership on a map and potentially look at suggestions for areas to infill within village hedgerow or any areas for planting. FG offered to help with paperwork, PW and MS agreed to help 'walk' the footpaths to help identify hedgerows/areas with potential for planting. **Action** – FG, PW and MS.*

*It was agreed that UPC would put together a statement for our parish and agree actions at the November meeting. KL will draft a paper for circulation ahead of the meeting. **Action** – KL.*

- b. Village Hall – Award of Covid Grant from PCC. UPC helped the village hall committee secure a £10,000 grant.
- c. Other meetings attended:
 - i. Peterborough Parish Liaison. KL updated members with an overview of the meeting. Planning was the main topic with Head of Planning Nick Harding talking about the proposed planning reforms.
 - ii. Barnack Ward Group – 30.09.2020. UPC has applied for £100 through the Ward Group CLF fund as a contribution for a new Village Hall noticeboard. **Action** – SC.
 - iii. OS Data Hub Webinar – 23.09.2020. KL attended the webinar but it was beyond the need of the Parish Council.
 - iv. Growth and Environment Scrutiny Committee. KL reported that recycling rates across the city have dropped. 80,000 households have re-subscribed to brown bin collections, but due to rubbish being placed in the wrong bins there have been problems for waste streams. PCC are interested in rolling out a 'no single occupancy in cars' rule within the city centre to encourage lift shares. This would particularly affect rural residents who are not able to rely on buses or lift shares. Aragon are looking at renewing their fleet of green bin lorries to reduce the number of diesel fuelled vehicles.

12. Village Matters – for discussion only.

- a. Walcot Road - *The vegetation on Walcot Road is creeping on to the footpath from the cricket club entrance onwards. The hedge/shrubs along from Robin's Acre on Walcot Road need cutting back by Highways as it is encroaching on the bend of the road. **Action** - SC.*
- b. The area around the well needs clearing. PW will pass on contact details for Hayes Horticultural. **Action** – PW & SC.

13. Next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm