

Ufford Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ufford Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom video conference

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

- In attendance: *Chair: Keith Lievesley (KL), Councillors Frieda Gosling (FG), Margaret Sargent (MS), David Chadwick (DC), Paul Wilde (PW), Ward Councillor David Over (DO). Parish Clerk: Susie Caney (SC).*
- To note apologies for absence. *None.*
- Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. *None.*
- To confirm and sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 9th February 2021. *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 present but SC reported on issues raised on behalf of a member of the public;*
Newport Way – *A resident is concerned about the number of visiting vehicles parking and blocking access on the gravel by the playing field. It was suggested a ‘residents only’ parking sign could be placed on the fence. Delivery vans have been speeding into the close and UPC agreed to look into children playing signs to slow traffic (similar to those in Greatford). Action – SC.*
Dog Fouling – *an issue across the villages which seems to be on the increase. UPC is in talks with PCC to provide additional bins, potentially on Walcot Road and Marholm Road. The clerk will look into signage for the playing field as PCC confirmed they have no signage available. Action – SC.*
Councillor resignation - *FG announced with regret that she will be standing down from the Parish Council in May. KL and members recorded their thanks for Frieda’s dedication and support over the past 20 years.*
- Ward Councillor’s report. *DO reported that the issues with flooding and sewerage in Bainton have not been resolved, with a push for a complete inspection to prevent repeat occurrences. DO has assisted with liaison with Anglian Water, PCC and the Drainage Board to seek a resolution. DO has written to Shailesh Vara MP and advised the Ward will need to continue to press for a long-term solution. Litter is an issue with regular community litter picks not taking place due to Covid.*

Food supplies for those in need are running efficiently with thousands of eggs donated by Plants Eggs in Bainton.

Fly-tipping has been an issue on private land with access for public right of way. PCC has been approached to agree collection of fly-tipping on land that has public access as it was felt an unreasonable expectation for landowners to pay for this.

There are concerns over damage to Hills and Holes due to the overuse of the site with visitor numbers increasing due to lockdown.

7. Finance.

- a. Monthly Financial Report: to approve financial reports for February 2021. *Approved.*
- b. Authority to pay. *Approved.*
 - i. £64.97, Susie Caney, Clerk's pay & expenses for February 2021.
 - ii. £70.60, HMRC, Clerk tax for February 2021.
 - iii. £7.19, Zoom online conference fee, 50% split with Barnack PC (*repayment to S.Caney*).
 - iv. £480.00, Aveland Trees Limited, Thank You to Nature project.
 - v. £585.00, Shelley Signs, Village Hall Noticeboard.
 - vi. £243.21, CAPALC, Affiliation Fee and DPO Membership Scheme.
 - vii. £30.00, CAPALC, Clerk election training.

8. Planning.

- a. 20/01412/HHFUL – The Firs, Newport Way – Proposed two storey side extension and alterations to existing dwelling. *Awaiting Decision.*
- b. 20/01604/HHFUL - Walnut Cottage, Walcot Road – Construction of timber garden room to provide home office/hobbies space. *Permitted.*
- c. 20/01691/HHFUL - Hope Barn, Main Street – Proposed detached oak framed and timber boarded garage/home office with clay pantile roof. *Refused.*
- d. 20/00716/HHFUL (Re-consultation) - Nut Tree Cottage – Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension. Two storey and first floor extension to existing garage for use as annexe. *Permitted.*
- e. 21/00273/CTR – Weathervane Cottage, Main Street – Prune apple, plum and pear trees. Fell larch and remove branch of Laurel. *No objections.*
- f. 21/00209/CTR- Stone Gables, 1 Walcot Road – Remove red cedar and leylandii. *No objections.*

9. Correspondence.

- a. CAPALC/NALC – Bulletins and updates. *Noted.*
- b. Cliff Stanton – Sewerage/flooding issues on Ufford Road. *DO updated members on local sewerage issues under Agenda item 6. Anglian Water have largely sorted the problem but will monitor the situation closely.*
- c. Nicola Warnock – Census 2021. *The date for Census was 21st March but the website remains live for submission of census forms. If residents need support completing the form, please call 0800 141 2021.*
- d. Environment Agency – Factsheet about routine maintenance & responsibilities. *Noted.*
- e. CAPALC – Village Halls Domesday Book promotion for Village Hall committees. *Noted and forwarded to the Village Hall committee.*
- f. Marian Browne – Village Hall AGM, 10th March 2021. *MS is due to attend the meeting.*

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

- a. Highway maintenance and traffic calming. *No response from Charlotte Palmer or Martin Benn.*
- b. Re-instatement of road signs at Ufford Bridge (Walcot Road) and Ufford Road. *SC to follow up with Martin Benn. Action – SC.*
- c. St Andrews Church – damage to the gateway and bank. Update from KL on repair of stained-glass window. *KL reported that the gate post had been knocked and damaged by a scaffolding lorry but it has now been repaired. The damaged window is with the conservators for repair work. Flashing at the west end of the church is also due to be repaired.*
- d. Replacement village hall noticeboard and repair to slabs under bench. *The new noticeboard was delivered to Ufford PC in Suffolk by mistake but is now on its way back here. The broken slabs have not been repaired, the clerk will follow up with PCC. Action – SC.*

- e. Graffiti on Ufford Bridge. *The vandalism has been noted but is currently an unlikely priority for PCC to attend to.*
- f. Dog waste bins – discuss additional bin location and update on signage for the playing field. *The clerk will seek confirmation from PCC over a site near Hillside Close. **Action** – SC.*

11. Other items.

- a. The John Clare Countryside Parish Nature Recovery Plan:
 - i. KL to report back on JCC Partners meeting and funding. *£500 has been awarded to UPC by the JCC project and the parishes have been advised to take on the projects they wish and get planting.*
 - ii. Tree Planting 'Thank you to Nature'. *There were delays with the tree planting but this has been completed.*
 - iii. Children's competition – first draft. *The clerk will circulate an updated draft ahead of agreeing the final version for print and distribution to all households. **Action** – SC.*
 - iv. Update on purchase of bat and bird boxes. *UPC are awaiting delivery of some of the boxes. Once delivered KL will liaise with Anthony Mould (bat specialist) to help install them within Southey Woods. **Action** – KL.*
- b. Council Elections – local advertising. *With the retirement of FG there will be a vacancy on the parish council. The Notice of Election will be posted on 29th March.*
- c. Parish Council Meetings – the move back to face-to-face meetings from 7.5.21 and the Annual Village Meeting. *The last date permitted for remote meetings of local councils is 6th May due to the Temporary Regulations expiring and not being extended by the Government. The consensus is that it is too early in the vaccination program to return to face-to-face meetings, therefore it was suggested the Annual Village Meeting would be held in April via Zoom as numbers would be unknown in advance. Due to the election on May 6th, there has to be a meeting of the full council on Tuesday 11th May and this meeting will have to be held face-to-face. A quorate number of councillors (3) will need to be present in the village hall and potentially other members could attend remotely. At the time of writing NALC are still lobbying for an extension of the Temporary Regulations.*
- d. Other meetings attended:
 - i. Peterborough Parish Forum, 19.2.21. *Noted.*
 - ii. Medium Term Financial Strategy – Joint Scrutiny Committee. *PCC are cutting costs to get finances into shape and selling off capital assets. DO advised that the CLF funding will still be available but under another heading within the budget.*

12. Village Matters – for discussion only.

St Andrews Church – *The benefice has a new rector, Reverend Gary Alderson.*

13. Next meeting: Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.