

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held online on the
3rd December 2020**

Comments made by the Chairman, Pete Davies, before the start of the meeting:

"Before the start of our meeting I was asked to say a few words in memory of Rob Russ who very sadly passed away in October. Although I'd spoken to Rob a short while ago when he phoned me to say he had cancer, I was completely taken aback by how quickly he went downhill and then subsequently passed away. I'm told Rob was a member of this parish council for at least 12 years and he very rarely missed a meeting. He was always the first to arrive at the village hall after I'd opened up, and was very quick to second decisions. He was a valued member of the parish council and was taken far too soon. Our sympathies are with his wife Jane, and their family at a very sad time."

Present

Cllrs P Davies, P. Badham, R Nolan and N Chaudhry.

In Attendance

The Clerk and Councillor Williams.

779 Apologies for absence.

779.1 No apologies were received.

780 Declarations of Interest

780.1 None declared.

781 Requests for Dispensation

781.1 None received.

782 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st October 2020.

782.1 The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

783 Clerks Report

783.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

784 County Councillor's Report

784.1 Councillor Awford's report was distributed. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

785 Borough Councillor's Report

785.1 Councillor Williams confirmed that he will endeavour to obtain a report on the Elms Park Development from the new Head of Planning.

785.2 There was no further information regarding the J10 of the M5.

785.3 He confirmed that planning application 20/00891/LBC Old Cart Barn The Green Uckington Cheltenham Installation of 3no. rooflights had been permitted.

786 Finance

786.1 Following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Davies, seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
02/10/2020	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB016	106.05	11.08	Clerks Expenses
04/12/2020	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	212.12	0.00	Salary
30/09/2020	John Preece and Sons	OB017	96.00	16.00	Verge Cutting
10/09/2020	1&1 Internet	DD	18.00	3.00	Web Hosting

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04/01/2021	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	212.12	0.00	Clerks Salary
04/12/2020	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB018	65.61	2.00	Clerks Expenses

- 786.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement be accepted . Proposed Councillor Davies, seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.
- 786.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Davies, seconded Councillor Nolan. Unanimous.
- 786.4 The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed and agreed.
- 786.5 The precept for 2021/22 was agreed at £6500. Proposed Councillor Nolan, seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.

787 Planning

- 787.1 To update regarding JCS & Elms Park planning application. Nothing further to report.
- 787.2 The following planning applications were reviewed.

Appl Number	Location	Application
20/00502/FUL	The Gables, Hayden Road, Uckington	Erection of a single storey side extension. Permit
20/00891/LBC	Old Cart Barn The Green Uckington Cheltenham	Installation of 3no. rooflights. Permitted.
20/01015/FUL	8 Homecroft Drive Uckington Cheltenham Gloucestershire	Removal/Variation of condition 2 of the planning application ref number 19/01059/FUL. No objections

788 To update progress with regard to list of Highways Issues (additional to those highlighted in the Clerks Report)

- 788.1 Councillor Nolan reported that the kissing gate was overrun with brambles and she would send a photo to the clerk in order that he may report the issue to ROW.

789 To discuss progress with regard to the M5 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme

- 789.1 **Action:** The Chairman requested that Councillors should send in any additional comments to the draft report produced by Councillor Badham and the Chairman will coordinate and respond to Highways.

790 Risk Register – To complete and report any issues

- 790.1 No issues reported.

791 To agree possible development of a Accessibility Compliant Website.

- 791.1 The budget for a new website was agreed.
- 791.2 **It was agreed that** the Clerk would not progress development until a neighbouring Parish Council had completed their new website build in order to see the outcome before making a final decision

792 To review any progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 792.1 **Action:** Councillor Davies would obtain quotations from Consultancies who could possibly help with development of the plan.

793 Items for Future Agenda

- 793.1 To discuss the Councillor Vacancy.
- 793.2 To agree additional bank signatories.

Date of the next meeting Thursday 4th February 2021 at venue to be announce commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm

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Report to Parish Council

Sadly I have to give my apologies to you for this Parish Council Meeting but will make this written report

Obviously but not unexpectedly Covid 19 dominates things particularly given the confirmation Gloucestershire is now in Tier 2 and that will impact through the Christmas period sadly

However , online working continues including County Council , Scrutiny and all other Committees

I have attended all those that I am on including Adult Social Care and Environment

My focus of course has been on the Junction 10 proposals and its impact on the surrounding Parishes

I attended the online meeting Gloucestershire Highways held with Leigh Parish Council where the point was firmly made about the need for preparation work on the local network that will no doubt be used extensively once the major work starts

Obviously the point was made that the changes to the junction at Coombe Hill will have little benefit on completion and simply retain the status quo on traffic movements

I have seen the responses and points made by the Parishes and interested parties , it is coming , we cant stop it but we must influence its impacts as best we can

Obviously the day job continues , I will as always respond to any concerns raised by the Parish and residents , we always knew what was likely given where the area sits in the JCS which is currently under review

We have to take any opportunity to secure what we can for the Local Community to mitigate the impacts on what sadly will change the face and appearance of the area and of course a dual carriageway approach to Cheltenham

In my other role with the Regional Flood Defence Committee I am working on any potential mitigation measures that could be taken given the vast developments taking place from North of Gloucester and dealing with flood risk and runoff together with other infrastructure needs around increased traffic flow that we know will occur

Phil Awford

County Councillor