

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Uckington and Elmstone Hardwicke
Village Hall on the 14th September 2023**

Present

Cllrs Peter Badham (Chairman), Nasir Chaudhry and Ross Nolan (Vice Chairman) and Roger Gifford.

In Attendance

The clerk, Councillor Williams and 2 members of the public.

1053 Apologies for absence

1053.1 No apologies were received.

1054 Declarations of Interest

1054.1 None received.

1055 Written Requests for Dispensation

1055.1 None received.

1056 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14TH July 2023.

1056.1 The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

1057 Public Question Time

1057.1 The meeting was suspended for the period of Public Question Time.

1058 Clerks Report

1058.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1059 County Councillor's Report

1059.1 Councillor Paul McLain's report was circulated (see below). No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1060 Borough Councillor's Report

1060.1 Councillor Williams will enquire of Cheltenham Planning and TBC as to the different documents appearing on their websites.

1060.2 Councillor Williams promised to chase Lisa Dixon regarding planning application 22/01163/FUL in respect of s106 Community Infrastructure requests). He requested that a list of projects be sent to him regarding CIL and S106 applications. This could include kissing gates, footpaths etc.

1060.3 He also agreed to get in touch with Lisa Dixon regarding delays on providing responses following all the consultations on Uckington's NPD having taken place.

1061 To receive a Police Report

1061.1 No report but Councillor Badham agreed to: the local constabulary to raise the issue of lack of attendance.

1062 Finance

1062.1 Following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Chaudhry. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
04/09/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	250.99	0.00	Clerks Salary

04/10/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	250.99	0.00	Clerks Salary
15/09/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB075	114.23	0.00	Clerks Expenses

- 1062.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation be accepted. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Chaudhry. Unanimous.
- 1062.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.
- 1062.4 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and agreed.

1065 Planning

- 1065.1 **Elms Park Development** - Councillor Williams will enquire of Cheltenham Planning and TBC as to the different documents appearing on their websites.
- 1065.2 The following planning applications were reviewed.

Appl Number	Location	Application	Result
22/01163/FUL	Uckington Farm The Green Uckington Cheltenham	Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of 16 no. dwellings, creation of access, landscaping and associated works.	Objections to the Amendment was submitted by the Parish Council

1066 To review any progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1066.1 Councillor Chaudhry confirmed that he was waiting Lisa Dixon's response following the consultations. Councillor Williams will chase.
- 1066.2 He also confirmed that he had applied for funding but only £2700 was available.
- 1066.3 **It was therefore resolved that** £3000 budget could be used from the J10 Consultancy Budget to cover any NP shortfall. Proposed Councillor Gifford, seconded Councillor Nolan. Unanimous.

1067 To update progress regarding list of Highways Issues

- 1067.1 **Action:** The Clerk will report that hedge cutting is required adjacent to the footpath along the Tewkesbury Road.
- 1067.2 **Action:** The clerk will remind Andrea McAllister of National Highways to keep us informed of any closures or diversions on Junction10 especially as convoys of HGVs were heard through the night on the Tewkesbury Road.

1068 Risk Register – To complete and report any issues

- 1068.1 No issues reported.

1069 To receive an update as to the reinstatement of the ancient diagonal footpath 8 (PROW)

- 1069.1 Councillor Badham had been in touch with the POW on the 1/8/23 and she said she will speak to the landowner.
- 1069.2 Councillor Badham to continue to chase the POW 14/9/23.

1070 To consider unauthorised Shooting / Poaching in the Parish.

- 1070.1 Parishioners were urgently advised to ring the Police on 999.
- 1070.2 PC Jonathan Chapman will supply poaching posters for display.

1071 Items for Future Agenda

- 1071.1 To discuss any actions regarding the M5 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme
- 1071.2 To update progress regarding the overgrown hedge on the Tewkesbury Road.

Date of the next meeting 23/11/23 commencing at 7.30pm. This will also be a Budget Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MCLAIN

Highways.

Fix my street soft launch w/b 18.9.23.

Minor works programme to be published imminently.

Find and fix gangs have fixed 11,451 non safety defects.

Flooding.

Full-time, permanent NFM Project Delivery Officer (PDO) appointed to run the Natural Flood Management Project. It is hoped that they will accelerate the identification and delivery of interventions across the county; adding value to existing projects whilst identifying new potential.

Children in Care.

Following on from my previous report re Trevone House and care placements, GCC are working on building a facility in Stroud to support Children in Care. Due to local opposition this is going slowly, but with the publishing of the report on Trevone House it is hoped that get this moving.

Background

- Our numbers of children in care is 871.
- In the 2022-23 financial year, the GCC fostering service recruited **30** new mainstream fostering households, against a target of 40, representing an additional 45 beds.
- In the next three years we need to recruit 150 new foster carers which will equate to 225 additional beds.
- Recruitment plans need to be as innovative as possible, whilst continuing to utilise tried and tested traditionally effective methods. We have been trying modern ways to recruit new carers including launching a TikTok channel, setting up a podcast, and doing video interviews with current foster carers <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnLaSoRWFdM>

Pressure on social care staff.

Most of the Key Measures are moving in the right direction, including number of cases per Social Worker, percentage of Agency Staff and Staff attrition. However, they remain above target in some areas.

Rural School Places

I have asked the scrutiny committee and Cabinet member to carry out a review into pressure on the availability of rural school places and how this can be addressed for future year intakes.

Property Matters.

NHS ICB (Integrated Care Board) moved into Shire Hall 29.8.

Fire Service are moving into Quayside w/b 18.9 from Waterwells (police are keen to take the previously occupied space).

New Dementia Strategy.

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Produced in collaboration with the local NHS, the strategy outlines our approach for the medium term. Gloucestershire is considered above average for our performance on Dementia, in particular diagnosing people early, but here is still much to be done specifically in prevention and improving quality of life of those diagnosed. This strategy pulls together all the latest thinking on the topic and should ensure we have a clear set of goals.

You can read the Strategy here: [Dementia Strategy.pdf](#)