

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Uckington and Elmstone Hardwicke
Village Hall on the 23rd November 2023**

Present

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

In Attendance

The clerk, Councillor Williams and 3 members of the public.

1072 Apologies for absence

1072.1 No apologies were received.

1073 Declarations of Interest

1073.1 None received.

1074 Written Requests for Dispensation

1074.1 None received.

1075 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th September 2023.

1075.1 The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

1076 Public Question Time

1076.1 The meeting was suspended for the period of Public Question Time.

1077 Clerks Report

1077.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1078 County Councillor's Report

1078.1 No report.

1079 Borough Councillor's Report

1079.1 Councillor Williams gave his report. No decisions required of the Parish Council.

1080 To receive a Police Report

1080.1 Lucy Winterburn emailed her report which was read out by the Chairman.

1080.2 She confirmed they have had no reports recently of any rural crime in the area.

1080.3 They try and combat speeding as and when they can as this is a national issue.

1081 Finance

1081.1 Following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Gifford. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
31/08/2023	J Ptreece and Sons	OB076	132.00	22.00	Mowing
04/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	250.99	0.00	Clerks Salary
04/12/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	250.99	0.00	Clerks Salary
05/10/2023	ICO	DD	35.00	0.00	Information Commissioner
30/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary) Backpay	DD	138.67	0.00	Clerks Salary Backpay
06/11/2023	Andear Pellegam Ltd	OB077	554.83	92.47	Neighbourhood Plan Costs
24/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB078	124.06	0.00	Clerks Expenses

- 1081.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation be accepted. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Gifford. Unanimous.
- 1081.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Nolan, seconded Councillor Chaudhry. Unanimous.
- 1081.4 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and agreed.
- 1081.5 The budget for 2024/25 was reviewed and approved.
- 1081.6 The Precept for 2024/25 was agreed at £10,245. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Gifford. In favour three, against zero, abstentions one. Proposal carried.
- 1081.7 It was resolved that Ian Selkirk be appointed as the internal auditor for the 2023/24 audit at a cost of £120. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Chaudhry. Unanimous.

1082 Planning

- 1082.1 **Elms Park Development** - The determination of the Application has been delayed awaiting more Highways modelling to assess the impact of cumulative development on Junction 10. The Application is expected to go to committee in February / March at the earliest. Parish Councils will have an opportunity to speak at committee. Paul Instone would be willing to make more presentations in the New Year.
- 1082.2 Councillor Badham will contact Paul Instone to invite him to come to our January meeting.
- 1082.3 Following the outcome of that meeting, the Parish Council would then decide whether to employ consultants to act on their behalf.
- 1082.4 The development at Pigeon House Farm was causing concern regarding the proximity to other buildings and the road together with the height of the building. Councillor Williams will ask the Compliance Officer at TBC Planning if the building work is in line with the plans.
- 1082.5 The following planning applications were reviewed.

Appl Number	Location	Application	Result
None			

1083 To review any progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1083.1 Councillor Chaudhry confirmed that he was still waiting Lisa Dixon's response following the consultations. Councillor Williams will talk to Lisa Dixon.

1084 To update progress regarding list of Highways Issues

- 1084.1 **Action:** The clerk will once again remind Andrea McAllister of National Highways to keep us informed of any closures or diversions on Junction 10.
- 1084.2 It was confirmed that Stoke Orchard is going to have a meeting with the J10 team.
- 1084.3 Councillor Badham will also write to Atkins for further information and a possible meeting.

1085 Risk Register – To complete and report any issues

- 1085.1 No issues reported.

1086 To receive a Report as to the meeting on 09/11 at the Council Offices as to the TBC Interim Housing Position Statement.

- 1086.1 Councillor Badham attended the meeting and gave his report.
- 1086.2 He confirmed that TBC was notified by the Inspector that they were short of the five year land supply following appeals. TBC have accepted that there is only a 3.24 year supply.

1087 To receive a Report as to the meeting on 18/11/23 at the Civil Service Club as to Cheltenham and neighbouring Parish Councils collaboration event.

- 1087.1 Councillor Badham reported that the event provided an opportunity for the 5 Cheltenham parish councillors to meet together with neighbouring parish councils and identify opportunities for collaboration. No decisions were required of the Parish Council at this stage.

- 1088 To update progress as to overgrown hedges and footpaths particularly at the bus stop.**
1088.1 The clerk will report to Highways that the hedges and footpaths had still not been attended to around the bus stop.
- 1089 To consider whether a proposal supporting a 20mph speed limit for residential zones on the Tewkesbury Road / A4019 through Uckington is appropriate.**
1089.1 The Parish Council agreed that there would be difficulties in implementing this reduced speed limit and could therefore not support the proposal.
- 1090 To consider whether the survey commissioned by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) as to perceptions of crime in the local area should be completed.**
1090.1 It was agreed to take no action.
- 1091 To update progress as to the provision of dog waste bins.**
1091.1 It was agreed to install a dog bin at the bend at Moat Lane at a cost of £250. Proposed Councillor Chaudhry, seconded Councillor Badham. Unanimous.
1091.2 **Action:** The clerk will inform Highways to seek approval before purchase. The location was agreed at ///suffice.reply.beside.
- 1092 To consider the Report of the latest Wingmoor Farm Liaison Meeting and the nomination of a representative to attend future meetings.**
1092.1 No nominations were put forward from members of the Parish Council, but Mike and Anne Griffiths were awaiting for technical issues to be resolved in order that they may continue to represent the parish.
1092.2 It was recognised that there was a need to create awareness and perhaps this can be done via the village Facebook.
- 1093 To consider the proposed Councillor Advocacy Scheme and the nomination of a Councillor Advocate representative.**
1093.1 It was agreed that Councillor Badham would be our Councillor Advocate.
- 1094 To consider whether a Parish Councillor is interested in joining the TBC Standards Committee.**
1094.1 There were no nominations.
- 1095 To receive an update as to the reinstatement of the ancient diagonal footpath 8 (PROW)**
1095.1 Councillor Badham confirmed that the matter was ongoing and that the PROW Officer had met with the landowner who assured her that he will make sure that the path diagonally across the field can be used.
- 1096 To consider the state of the footpaths / byways between Uckington and Swindon Village and whether any action is required.**
1096.1 **Action:** The clerk will report to highways that the following need urgent attention.
- The byway starting in Hayden, along Yeend Close, across Tewkesbury Road going along the side of the Sainsbury store, where it is quite wide it is overgrown, and has an accumulation of rubbish tipped there.
 - It continues across the entrance to the Gallagher Retail Park, alongside the Next store, where it is still quite wide.
 - From there it goes across the fields towards Swindon Village, where it joins Dog Bark Lane. It is here that there are obstacles to the footpath. This field is now the new building site, and the hedges have been removed.

1097 Items for Future Agenda

1097.1 To confirm the appointment of new councillor.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm. Date of the next meeting 25/1/24 commencing at 7.30pm.