

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Uckington and Elmstone Hardwicke  
Village Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present**

Cllrs Peter Badham (Chairman), Ros Nolan, Robert Jones and Roger Gifford.

**In Attendance**

The clerk (via Teams), Councillor Mark Williams and eight members of the public.

**1113 Apologies for absence**

1113.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Chaudhry.

**1114 To confirm the appointment of new councillor**

1114.1 The appointment of Robert Jones was confirmed.

**1115 Declarations of Interest**

1115.1 None received.

**1116 Written Requests for Dispensation**

1116.1 None received.

**1117 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

1117.1 The minutes of the last meeting was approved.

**1118 Public Question Time**

1118.1 The meeting was suspended for the period of Public Question Time.

1118.2 It was agreed to add the request to relocate the dog bin to the rear of the pumping station to the next agenda.

1118.3 It was agreed to add the investigation as to the cause of flooding on the lane between Gorse and the Church (Elmstone Hardwicke Lane) to the next agenda.

**1119 Clerks Report**

1119.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

**1120 County Councillor's Report**

1120.1 Councillor McLain distributed his report which is attached.

**1121 Borough Councillor's Report**

1121.1 Councillor Williams gave his report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1121.2 He confirmed that he would chase Lisa Dixon regarding the unacceptable delays to the Neighbourhood Plan.

**1122 To receive a Police Report**

1122.1 Police Community Support Officer 249309 Marco Menhinick reported that he has placed a request for the Camera Enforcement Van to be positioned on the A4019 which they have confirmed.

**1123 Finance**

1123.1 Following payments and receipts be approved. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Nolan. Unanimous.

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Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
04/02/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
30/01/2024	Uckington Village Hall	OB081	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
04/03/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
20/02/2024	Geosphere Ltd	OB082	54.00	9.00	Parish Mapping
04/04/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	268.32	0.00	Clerks Salary
25/03/2024	Netwise UK	OB083	396.00	66.00	Website Renewal
29/03/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB084	102.22	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1123.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation be accepted. Proposed Councillor Badham, seconded Councillor Nolan. Unanimous.

1123.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Nolan, seconded Councillor Jones. Unanimous.

1123.4 The budget for 2023/24 was reviewed and agreed.

## 1124 Planning

1124.1 **Elms Park Development** - Paul Instone was unable to attend the meeting and it was therefore suggested that he be invited to a separate public meeting.

1124.2 Pigeon House Farm - Application No: 22/00466/FUL. It was reported that the Planning Compliance Officer had attended the site and confirmed that there were no breaches of planning conditions.

1124.3 There was nothing further to add to the representations submitted regarding Planning Applications by Bristol Street Motors and LA Fitness - Application Nos: 23/01021/FUL and 23/01020/FUL.

1124.4 The following planning applications were reviewed.

Appl Number	Location	Application	Result
None			

## 1125 To receive an update as to the Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan and to consider if any further action is required.

1125.1 Councillor Badham summarise actions so far.

1125.2 He reported on the presentations at Stoke Orchard Community Centre and no further actions were yet required.

1125.3 Councillor Badham confirmed that he had also completed the response questionnaire.

1125.4 The feedback is currently being reviewed by the SLP Team and further consultation is planned for early 2025. Details may be viewed on the website at [www.strategiclocalplan.org.uk](http://www.strategiclocalplan.org.uk)

## 1126 To receive an update as to the M5J10 Scheme and to consider if any further action is required.

1126.1 It was confirmed that an event was held at the Fire Station on the 7/3/24 and Councillor Badham attended with other representatives of the Parish Council.

1126.2 The PC is registered as an interested party (so that it can make a relevant representation into the Examination).

1126.3 The pre-examination stage was now concluded on the 22/3/24 and further examinations will take place over the next six months. Details are available on the website [www.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](http://www.infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

## 1127 To report progress as to the overgrown hedge and footpath at the South side Moat Lane bus stop.

1127.1 It was noted that there had been improvement but there was still a lot of growth over the top of the bus stop. It was agreed to keep an eye on this and report to Highways if necessary.

- 1128 To review any progress regarding the Neighbourhood Plan and to decide if a formal complaint needs to be made regarding the handling of the NDP by Tewkesbury BC.**  
1128.1 No progress had been made and it was suggested that a formal complaint be made as this was very concerning.  
1128.2 **It was agreed**, in principle, that Councillor Chaudhry should produce a draft of the complaint letter but, in the meantime, Councillor Williams will approach Lisa Dixon to see if progress can be made in the meantime.
- 1129 To update progress as to overgrown hedges and footpaths particularly at the bus stop.**  
1129.1 See minute note 1127 above.
- 1130 To discuss bus stop availability during M5/J10 road works.**  
1130.1 Council agreed that the position is confusing and will need to be considered by the Parish Council on an ongoing basis.
- 1131 Risk Register – To complete and report any issues**  
1131.1 No issues reported.
- 1132 Items for Future Agenda**  
1132.1 To discuss the request to relocate the dog bin to the rear of the pumping station..  
1132.2 To investigate the cause of flooding on the lane between Gorse and the Church (Elmstone Hardwicke Lane).  
1132.3 To discuss the ongoing issue with the field next to Elton Lawn has which have crops planted which prevents the use of the public footpath.  
1132.4 To discuss bus stop availability during M5/J10 road works.  
1132.5 To receive an update as to the Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan  
1132.6 To receive an update regarding the Elms Park Development  
1132.7 To receive an update as to the M5J10 Scheme and to consider if any further action is required.

**Meeting closed at 8.53pm. Date of the next meeting 30/5/24 commencing at 7.30pm.**

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**Report from Councillor McLain**

**Overall budget position 2024/25**

The draft revenue budget for 2024/25 is £616.236 million, a net increase of £49.103 million from 2023/24. This is based on an overall Council Tax increase of 4.99% (made up of 2.99% general Council Tax increase plus a 2% Adult Social Care (ASC) Precept increase). These proposals result in an annual Band D Council Tax of £1,599.82 (an increase of £76.04 or just over £1.46 per week). The budget is made up of £78.372 million additional investment in services.

Key elements include

- £2 million Solar School Fund to install solar panels on all county council-maintained schools.
- More than £25 million for roads resurfacing as part of a £100 million commitment investment, which this year saw 212 roads resurfaced and 50,000 potholes filled. Next year we'll be resurfacing at least another 156 roads.
- £22 million investment in our schools including a new 200 place special school for 4-16 years in Gloucester and a new 2FE primary school in Bishops Cleeve.
- A further £2.2 million BSIP+ funding to improve bus service countywide, launch the new R route (Cheltenham, Bishops Cleeve, Woodmancote), and set up three new Robin services in Berkeley Vale, North Tewkesbury and South Cotswolds as well as expand the Forest of Dean operation.
- 500k for new JCB "Pothole Pros" as part of our pioneering approach to potholes, adding to our innovative range of tools like Road Mender, Jet Patcher, Bobcats, Find and Fix gangs and cold material trials.
- A £2,000 uplift for each Community Libraries to support their invaluable work across the county
- A fund to provide free travel voucher booklets for unemployed veterans valid for bus transport
- A £100,000 revenue and £100,000 capital pot to implement safety improvements at pick up and drop off around schools.
- 300k for natural flood alleviation schemes with 150k to allow residents affected by flooding to access Government grants

**Departmental Budgets**

- CYP Revenue: £1.9m for more children's social care staff to reduce caseloads and use of agency workers; £2.8m for additional staff to support SEND work to cope with 132% increase in requests for EHCPs since 2019.
- Adult Social Care Revenue: 1.9m for activities to improve hospital discharge by investing in additional adult social care and community-based reablement capacity; £4.2m to account for demographic growth pressures; £5.1m for activities to improve Market Sustainability and

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Workforce through uplifts for ASC providers including, domiciliary care, as well as nursing and dementia bedded care providers.

- Public Health Revenue: £4 million into sexual health; £6.1 million into supporting people to recover from drug and alcohol use; £2.7 million into supporting people to have healthier lifestyles and prevent disease. £8 million is invested in supporting people at risk of homelessness and in preventing and addressing domestic abuse; We continue to support over 600 Ukrainian guests and over 180 people under other government resettlement schemes with £3 million spent or committed so far; £12.1 million total into children and young people's wellbeing and healthy development (including health visiting and school nursing services)
- Infrastructure Revenue: £310,000 to secure a spray injection patcher 6 months; £300,000 for the Highways Transformation Fund; £60,000 for winter treatment of cycle routes; £200,000 for Community Speedwatch phase 3; £500,000 for developing Mass Rapid Transit; £114,000 for A417 Maisemore - Flood Alleviation - Business Case Development; £2.1m continued investment in flood alleviation projects; £500,000 contribution to progress the Chepstow study to WeITAG stage 3.
- Adult Social Care Capital: £8.6 million Disabled Facilities Grant to support people with a disability to make adaptations to their homes.
- Corporate Capital: £116,000 Coroners Court Refrigeration Replacement; £3.8m IT upgrades; £2m for solar panels all grant maintained schools
- Schools Capital (2024/25 costs only):
  - £171,000 Heart of the Forest, 20 additional SEMH places
  - £79,000 Brook Academy New 80 place SEMH School
  - £87,000 Sladewood Academy new Special School
  - £7m The Wheatridge Special School, new 200 place MALD school. Total cost £16.5m
  - £685,000 Berkeley Primary expansion (S106 monies)
  - £6.4m Greenacres Primary – new 2FE school
  - £1.5m Southfields Semi-Independent Accommodation