

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ulley Parish Council**

**held at the Village Hall, Ulley at 7.00 pm on 25th January 20232**

Members: Cllrs: R Robson (Chairman), S Hubbard, C Myers

Apologies: None

In attendance: Sarah Whitaker (Clerk)

 5 members of the public

A public session of 15 minutes was held prior to the formal Council meeting, in accordance with Section 3 of the Council’s Standing Orders.

1. **Resident** – Expressed concerns that a skip had been available in Ulley Village, however, residents had not been informed of this so missed the opportunity to utilise it. **Resolved – Cllr Hubbard to raise at the next CAP meeting.**
2. **Resident** – Requested an update on the state of repair of the pavements. – This will be covered in the Agenda, item 12.
3. **Resident –** Informed of an issue with drug paraphernalia while litter picking, this was informed to the Police who advised they would not take action.

**127/22 To receive and approve any apologies for absence.**

**Resolved:** **There were no apologies for absence.**

**128/22 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**129/22 To consider any matters to be dealt with in confidential session**

**Resolved: Agreed that Item 10 on the Agenda will be considered at the end of the meeting in a confidential session.**

**130/22 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th November 2022.**

**Resolved: The minutes of the meetings be approved as a true record.**

**131/22 To receive written applications and to co-opt candidates to fill the 2 existing vacancies for a Parish Councillor.**

No applications have been received.

**Resolved: Cllr Robson to advertise on Facebook and the Clerk to put an advert on the website and seek guidance from RMBC.**

**132/22 To receive a report from the Millennium Trust.**

1. **Loft Insulation.** All specification received, putting together a grant bid.
2. **Heating.** Exploring Infrared heating options which is more efficient and environmentally friendly.
3. **Building Maintenance.** 2 quotes have been received forrepointing between 15-18k which includes removing the chimney. Permission is needed from the Parish Council to proceed, and planning permission will need to be obtained. **– To be added to the Agenda of the next UPC meeting.**
4. **Security Lights.** An electrician is needed to sort out the security lights at the village hall. Permission is needed from the Parish Council **– To be added to the Agenda of the next UPC meeting.**
5. **Caretaker.**  There is a vacancy for a caretaker.
6. **Social Events.** These will take place throughout the year and will be advertised in the Ulley newsletter.

**133/22 – To receive an update from the Parish Plan Steering Committee (PPSC).**

1. **Play Area.** All information required by Hags has been sent, we now await a start date.
2. **Parish Plan**. No update, this has been placed on hold due to lack of resources.

**134/22 To consider any issues arising from the management of the Play Area.**

1. **Inspection report.** Continue to monitor, however, the equipment will be pulled out shortly.
2. **Installation of Equipment.**

**-** Concerns were raised regarding a start date, The first invoice needs to be received before the end of February. The project needs to be completed by the end of September.

**-** The need for signage in the play area was raised.

**-** ISO 14001 Form

**Resolved: PPSC to chase Hags for a start date. PPSC to check with Hags and the Clerk with Tim Archer, RMBC, regarding any necessary signs needed in the play area. Agreed there are no known issues with the soil at the play area and Clerk to sign ISI 14001 Form.**

**135/22 To receive an update on the Village Hall**

1. **Solar** **Panels.** Clerk struggling to obtain quotes, ongoing.

**136/22 To receive an update on speeding and highways matters.**

The speed survey has still not been carried out. There are still 20’s plenty wheelie bin stickers, to try to reduce speeding, available if residents would like them.

**Resolved: Cllr Hibbard to request an update from Marc Hill and Clerk to ask to advertise the bin stickers in the Ulley Newsletter.**

**137/22 To receive an update on Footpaths and Rights of Way**

The footpath along Main Street was reported to Grant Williams, RMBC, who advised that a safety inspection would be undertaken by the Highways inspector.

**Resolved: Clerk to request an update from Grant Williams with a timeframe for carrying out the inspection and for a copy of the report. Clerk to invite Highways to the next Parish Council meeting, a site meeting or suggest the Council members meet at RMBC offices to discuss further.**

**138/22 To receive an update on Greenspaces/Wilding Developments.**

Bradley Scott (RMBC) provided bulbs which were planted around the village. Bradley is also assisting with the planting of a tree with funding from the Queens Jubilee organised by the Millennium Trust, however, it is currently too cold to do this.

**139/22 To receive an update on the field at the back of the Royal Oak.**

The Clerk has written to the brewery to notify them of the need to access the village hall over their land to carry out quotations and repairs.

**140/22 To consider any Planning Applications received since the last meeting.**

No objections/comments.

**141/22 To receive a financial update including;**

1. **To receive a report to 31st December, including Bank Reconciliation and Payments for Authorisation .**

**Resolved: The following items were authorised for payment:**

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| 01/11/22 | Whitaker S | Clerks Salary Oct 22 |  £ 210.37  |
| 04/11/22 | HMRC | Clerks Tax Oct 22 |  £ 52.40  |
| 08/11/22 | RMBC | Play Inspections |  £ 409.68  |
| 30/11/22 | Whitaker S | Clerks Salary Nov 22 |  £ 321.04  |
| 01/12/22 | Scottish Water  | Water Village Hall |  £ 35.40  |
| 05/12/22 | HMRC | Clerks Tax Nov 22 |  £ 80.40  |
| 06/12/22 | Steve Winks | War Memorial Repair |  £ 378.00  |
| 06/12/22 | Graham Bailey | War Memorial Repair |  £ 477.60  |
| 06/12/22 | Hobsons Nursery | Ulley in Bloom |  £ 1,200.00  |

**Balance – Current £6,738.56 Reserve - £3,629.40**

1. **Budget Review & Precept 2023/24.**

**Resolved; The budget was agreed and the precept was increased by 8% for 2023/24 to £8,576.60.**

1. **To consider anti-virus software and backup facilities.**

**Resolved: Clerk to purchase at a value up to £50**

**142/22 To consider a review of policies, including:**

1. Co-option of Councilor Policy
2. Recruitment Policy
3. Health & Safety Policy

**Resolved: Agreed**

**143/22 To consider any general correspondence received, including:**

1. **White Rose Update** – No update.
2. **CAP Meeting –** Last meeting cancelled next meeting 23rd February 23.
3. **Annual Meeting** – changed due to Councillor availability.

**Resolved Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting will take place 17 May 2023**

1. **AOB** – None

**144/22 To consider any agenda items and arrangements for the next Meeting of the parish council to be held on 29th March 2023.**

**Resolved: The following agenda items will be added to the next meeting;**

* Chimney Village Hall

**Confidential – Part 2**

Consideration of the matters related to the following items:

**145/22 To consider a Memorial Bench**

The Councillors discussed providing a memorial bench in respect of the late Jeff Walker. Jeff was chairman and vice chairman of Ulley parish Council for many years, he was instrumental in refurbishing the village hall. He was committed to looking after the village in what is now known as the workabout group. He was an active member of the neighborhood watch and should be remembered for his outstanding contribution and commitment to the village.

* **Resolved: Cllr Hubbard to submit an application for a bench licence to RMBC and a sleeper bench to be sourced.**

The meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Signed …………………………(Chairman). Date: 29th March 2023