

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2025 Meeting held at the Village Hall, Upper Heyford

Present: Chair: Paul Weaver, Councillors: Derek Burrows, Chris O'Malley, Mark Hiles, Bryony Johnson, George Stevenson,
Parish Clerk: Sarah Morgan-Harris

Apologies: None

Code of Conduct: The Chair reminded Councillors of the code of conduct requirements under the Localism Act of 2011.

1. Consideration of Disputations: None

Approval of Minutes: Council approved the minutes of the November meeting.

2. Standing Agenda Items: None
3. Public Liability Review: Mill Lane Road Sign, Lime Trees, High Street require some maintenance work
4. Public Forum: None

5. Matters Arising:

- a. Allens Lane—Since, the PC agreed to the funding request to improve the sluice in Allens Lane. There has been no further update
- b. Damage to pylon, The Green—It has been confirmed that this is scheduled for repair, but a date hasn't been confirmed as yet.
- c. Parking Signage, The Green—Signage details agreed and sign to be ordered asap. Still ongoing.
- d. Traffic Calming/\$106 money—Jo Allen has been in contact with Cllr Ian Corkin regarding accessing the funds.
- e. The previous plan and costs have been resented for consideration. There is no further update to date.
- f. Nipiklin Cottage—The PC are awaiting further details from Ms Davy and her Solicitors regarding the purchase of land. Parish Clerk to chase. No updates have been received and this will be placed in the deferred items.
- f. Heat Upper Heyford—Some successful meetings have taken place and the heat camera is currently being utilised and passed around the village. There has been good feedback along with a good take up of materials.
- g. Somerton Rd Trees—The funding has been received into the PC bank account. Bicester Tree Services have agreed to do the planting sometime in March. Cllr O'Malley and Jo Allen to visit Bunkers Hill Nursery to purchase the trees.
- h. Neighbourhood Plan—There is no further update on the plan.
- i. Cemetery fountain water—The tank has started to fill up again and the PC are monitoring the situation.
- j. Electric vehicle points—The PC approached the Village Hall Amenities Committee regarding the EVC details and the Amenities Committee have agreed not to take the project further at this time.
- k. Green Scythe Contract—Cllr Burrows to liaise with Nigel at Green Scythe with a view to obtaining quotes to include other areas of the village. Ongoing
- l. Speeding in the Village—Continue to monitor. The PC to send out a call for speed watch volunteers.
- m. Reading Room Maintenance—A review of the roof is needed. The PC to contact a local builder to take a look Ongoing
- n. Strategic Rail Freight Interchange Project—There is no further update. The PC agreed to place this into the deferred items list.
- o. 25 Bus Route—The PC have urged everyone who uses this service to keep a log of any issues with the reliability along with sending a letter from the PC to report issues as a group and how it can be resolved. Still ongoing and the PC are monitoring the situation.
- p. MCNP Development Site—Upper Heyford are now a Category B village (eligible for village development) within the proposed local plan. There is no update at this time with regards to the proposal of a suitable development site within the category.

6. Correspondence:

Blandford Fly—The PC have received correspondence regarding a treatment plan to alleviate the issue of the Blandford Fly and have requested more information and costs.

7. **New Business:**
 Parish Clerk Vacancy – The Parish Clerk will be stepping down from the role and the position will be advertised following a review.
 Village Green Fencing – The fencing is broken and Cllr Burrows to look into acquiring more posts.
 Dogs on Leads Signage, Village Hall – The current signs are weathered and need replacing on both gates.
 Mill Lane Noticeboard – The PC to look into quotes for replacing.

8. **Current Financial Position:**
 The Parish Clerk updated Councillors on invoice payments to date.
 The Budget was signed off.

9. **Planning:**
 Mr & Mrs Stenitford, Tarramina 25/00065/TCA – works to tree.

10. **Deferred Item Review:**

Ardley Rail Freight Terminal
 Village Parking
 Puy De Fou
 Fibre broadband
 Nipikin Cottage
 Football Pitch Hire/F/A Funding
 Village/Community Orchard

11. **Any Other Business/Discussion Items**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 21:05

Meeting dates: 13th Feb, 13th March, 10th April, 15th May, 12th June, 22nd May (AGM & APM), 10th July, 11th September, 9th October, 20th November.

Meeting closed at 21:05

Signed: 
 Paul Weaver
 Chair

Sarah Morgan-Harris
 Parish Clerk