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| **DRAFT**  **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF UBLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  **held on Thursday 12 January 2023** |

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|  | ITEM | ACTION |
| Present | Councillors – P. Collins (PC) - Chairman, M. Smart (MS), J. Croot (JC) – Vice Chairman, G. Nettleton (GN), A. Cole (AC).V Pritchard – District Cllr.  Clerk – C. Witchard (CW) |  |
| **1** | **To receive and accept apologies for absence**  N.Waterman (NW), E. Scourse (ES). |  |
| **2** | **To receive declarations of interest in the agenda**  None |  |
| **3** | **Open session to receive comments from the public**  None |  |
| **4** | **To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 December 2022 and go through the follow-up actions**  The minutes were duly approved by Council and signed by the Chairman.  **Matters Arising**:  No response from the invitation to Wessex Water to attend the February meeting. | CW |
| **5** | **Report on Clerk items: To discuss and approve further actions where needed**   1. Unity Trust Bank Account – JC successfully registered for online banking. GN still in progress. | GN |
| **\*\* 12** | **To receive an update from the Ward Councillor**  This item was moved up to allow the district Cllr to leave early.  The Cllr reported that B&NES have announced a 4.99% increase in Council Tax for the coming year 23/24 and will also be increasing parking charges. |  |
| **6** | **Finances**   * 1. The finance report was reviewed and approved by the Council unanimously. A copy is attached to these minutes.   2. To confirm payments (see financial report). These were unanimously agreed.   3. The quarterly bank declaration was approved and duly signed by GN   4. The budget for the coming year was approved and the Precept set with no increase. It is felt that the Council has a surplus of reserves due to savings on grounds works though community volunteering over the previous 2 years and that this will cover any deficit in the budget as well as any additional village maintenance, and that in the current cost of living crisis these funds should be used rather than increasing the financial burden on residents through any increase in the Precept. It is noted that this position is limited only to the coming financial year and that an increase will likely be required for 2024/25.   A longer term budget against reserves will be considered for village maintenance including The Cross, the Hall carpark and work on the entrance to The Glebe. | CW  CW |
| **7** | **Village Maintenance**   1. The Cross.   -Stonemasonry. Still awaiting further quotes. The one quote received is very high but includes work that is surplus to requirements.  - Telephone box. Awaiting better weather for painting to be done.   1. The Glebe.   -Noticeboard. In progress. Old one to be removed shortly. Installation date TBC.  - Repairs and Maintenance. Play area in good condition since Rhino carried out the repairs. Drainage needs to be considered.  - Benches: Awaiting better weather for installation.   1. Churchyard – No updates. 2. Hall surrounds   - Surrounds. PC still working on getting land registry sorted.  -No updates from the Hall Committee on electrics or path   1. Walnut Tree Close. Woodchips need to go down as soon as possible as the matting is lifting in strong winds. 2. Innicks Close gifting – no updates 3. Flooding. Residents in Innicks Close are experiencing significant flooding. PC has chased Curo on their behalf and will encourage them to contact Curo themselves. 4. Other   -None | NW  PC/JC/MS  PC  PC  MS  JC  PC |
| **8** | **Reports from Councillors**  -PC reported on the CVAF-C&NEWG meeting celebrating their 2 year anniversary and a presentation by Avon Needs Trees. One bid has been received for the Dynamic Demand transport service for the Valley.  -Neighbourhood Watch. No updates | PC  MS |
| **9** | **Community Support.**  **-**Many thanks to the many residents who have offered their support including lifts to medical appointments and financial advice.  -A monthly coffee morning will be run alongside Valley Feeding Friends from the end of January. Dates TBC. | PC  ES/PC |
| **10** | **Planning**  **Updates on Previous Applications:**  - 22/02243/FUL– Lakewood House The Sidelings. Awaiting bat survey – scheduled for May 2023.  - 22/04175/FUL – Long Meadow. Permitted  **New Planning Applications:**  23/00072/TCA – Briarsway. No objection. |  |
| **11** | **Parking at the entrance to Tuckers Lane.**  Complaints have been made about irresponsible parking on the junction of The Street and Tuckers Lane causing obstruction. The Council have directed these complainants to the police and provided the PCSO’s contact details. |  |
| **12** | **To receive an update from the Ward Councillor**  See above. |  |

**UBLEY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MEETING** **12 January 2023**

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**PAYMENTS approved at the 12 January 2023 meeting of Ubley Parish Council**

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| Date | **Cheque number** | **Amount** | **Description** | **Signed/ Authorised** | **Spend to date** |
| 04/01/2023 | STO | £191.28 | Sweeper Salary | Pre authorised | Within Budget |
| 04/01/2023 | STO | £304.21 | Clerk’s salary and expenses | Pre authorised | Within Budget |
| 12/01/2023 | BACS | £36 | MS for Christmas tree decs |  | Within Budget |
| 12/01/2023 | BACS | £240 | WCGC (October churchyard cuts) |  | Within Budget |

Bank statements report the following closing balances -

* Unity Bank Current Account at 31 December 2022 £24,717.85