

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 3rd June 2024 at Magelake

Meeting Open – 19:02

24.06.01 Apologies for absence

Chairman: P Cornish

Present: R Kingdom M Bodger R Keeling P Hallchurch
T Edwards S Lane P Blackman

Apologies T Pointing (Sabbatical) A Logue (Holiday)

24.06.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2024

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

24.06.03 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 20th May 2024

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

24.06.04 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Radford provided a report ahead of time (appended). The Councillors expressed their thanks for Councillor Radford's involvement with recent road repair works. There were no questions raised in regards to the report.

Councillor Edwards raised that there were markings added within Ashill to highlight highways issues. Clerk advised that remedial patching works would be carried out towards the end of summer. Clerk to request NHO speak with Councillor Edwards when next visiting locally to discuss these works further.

24.06.05 District Councillor's Reports

Councillors Connor, Bradshaw and Clist were not in attendance and did not provide a written report. Councillors Glover and Poynton did not provide report ahead of time, however, raised the following:

Councillor Glover:

- 1) Hedge maintenance near the school was raised by a Parishioner and is due to take place
- 2) Grass cutting has also been raised as outstanding – this has been halted to allow for “no mow May”, to contribute towards Biodiversity net gains, and will be taken care of in due course
- 3) An updated report has been requested in regards to detail satellite imaging and services to survey water levels, in respect of the water levels in neighbouring Parishes. This was last carried out in 2015. It is thought that this may be impacts due to the local Biodigester Plant. Updates will follow when available.
- 4) Councillor Glover is confirmed as the Chair for Broadpath Liaison Group, in addition to the Traveller and River Tester's Groups.

Councillor Poynton:

- 1) Road markings in the Square are to be referred back to DCC/Highways for assistance.
- 2) The Bike to the top of Markers that was raised, as part of the Annual General Meeting, is to be investigated further as believed to have been abandoned.

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24.06.06 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that there were still 3 vacancies currently and that there was interest in the role. Councillors encouraged to spread the word to increase Councillor numbers.

24.06.07 Finance

24.06.07.01 To approve May Financial Statement

The May financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

24.06.07.02 To approve Audit Declaration – Section 1

The AGAR Section 1 was approved as official council minutes.

24.06.07.03 To approve Audit Declaration – Section 2

The AGAR Section 2 was approved as official council minutes.

24.06.07.04 Magelake Repairs

The Council received the latest Magelake Working Group minutes, as a report of repairs required for Magelake (appended). Items as follows:

Car park works - £1500. Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Keeling, all in agreement

MUGA carpet, boards and fencing (appended) – Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Lane, all in agreement.

MUGA Lighting (appended) - Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

Hearing Loop (appended) - Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Lane, all in agreement.

24.06.07.05 Tree Works – Denners Way

Clerk advised that there is a fallen tree in Denners Way that requires attention. Quotation sought (appended). Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

Councillor Bodger to ask Allotment Association whether they would like the waste chippings for the allotment site.

24.06.07.06 Grant Request – Coldharbour Mill

Grant request received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Lane, all in agreement.

24.06.07.07 Public Toilet Repairs

Item deferred as quotation not yet received.

24.06.07.08 Flags

Item deferred as quotation not yet received.

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24.06.08 Business Arising

24.06.08.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

Councillor Edwards advised that a meeting had taken place (minutes appended). Parish Council concerns are being brought to the table. Clerk advised that a planning application has been received for the site which is to be discussed during the next Planning Meeting. Any Councillors wishing to visit the site to request a visit directly and will be arranged. Working Group meeting to be arranged for the Parish Council representatives to confirm membership and to collate Parish concerns ahead of the next liaison meeting.

24.06.08.02 Mole Valley Feed Mill

No updates were provided. Clerk advised that an issue had been raised by a Parishioner in regards to noise from the mill. Councillor Pointing liaising directly with the mill in regards to this.

24.06.08.03 Uffculme Men's Club

Councillor Kingdom advised that Steve raised concerns at the Annual Parish Meeting (clerk to action). An email has been sent to request the meeting calendar going forwards.

24.06.08.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

Councillor Cornish advised President's day had received positive feedback. No further updates were provided

24.06.08.05 Green Team

Councillor Hallchurch to be added to mailing list going forward, in order to attend future meetings.

24.06.08.06 Allotments

No updates were provided. Councillor Bodger to raise with the Association regarding whether they'd like the wood chippings from Denners Way.

24.06.08.07 Parish Maintenance Update

It was raised that the tree in the square may need a crown lift/attention as the lower branches are quite low. Clerk to contact tree surgeon to take a view on this.

Issues were raised in regards to the tarmac repair to the bend after square corner. Clerk to raise with NHO.

24.06.08.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

No updates were provided. Next meeting TBA.

24.06.08.09 Schools Update

Primary school has a banner in place to further raise awareness of zig zag markings. Signs and boards are also in use.

No update from the Secondary school.

24.06.08.10 Uffculme Village Hall

Councillor Cornish advised that an application for grant funding is taking place currently. New committee members are still needed. Events planned include 11/08 – treasure hunt, 09/11 – beetle drive, 05/10 – Harvest Supper and 07/12 – coffee morning. There is a twinning meeting also due to take place soon.

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24.06.08.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs

A working group meeting took place (minutes appended). Council received minutes as a report.

24.06.08.12 Youth Working Group

No updates were provided.

24.06.08.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

No updates were provided.

24.06.08.14 Play Areas

No updates were provided.

24.06.09 Police Report

No updates were provided.

24.06.10 Clerk's Report

24.06.10.01 Culm Valley and Pippins Field Play Area Leases

Clerk advised that queries had been reviewed by MDDC and that negotiations are ongoing in regards to lease wording. Brambles to the pathway next to Pippins Field were again raised. Clerk to raise with NHO.

24.06.10.02 Cemetery

Clerk advised that there were no updates, however, plans to tidy up the cemetery (of non-authorised memorabilia) would be added to the next edition of Spotlight. It was also suggested that regulations be added to the website – Clerk to action. A query was also raised in regards to allowed memorials. Clerk to receive request in due course and confirmed that the Burial Board would continue to consider all requests on an individual basis.

24.06.10.03 HATOC Requirements

Clerk advised that the requirements had been raised with the NHO and an update requested. Next HATOC meeting scheduled for 25/06.

Meeting Close: 20:26

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 1st July 2024, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

June Report

1 message

Councillor Ray Radford [REDACTED]

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 3:17 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Gemma & Members.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend your meeting, it clashes with another meeting I have in Templeton, this meeting comes up every 2 months, so please accept my apologies. I am always here if any issue arises that I can deal with

It appears I have not got much to report this month, we all know now about the extra money DCC is putting to road maintenance by prudent management of all the County budgets, this has meant that our highways budget will be £72m, where as other years it has been well below £60m, this will help. We are all pleased that the Ashley to Penslade road has had major repairs.

As I have nothing much to report, I thought it might be useful to show you a comprehensive reply I received from the Highways Officer, I always meet him every month, which gives me/us opportunity to overhaul all burning issues, it is also a good time for me to raise local issues, please contact me if you have any.

This is the reply I referred to; Devon County Council follows what is known as a preventative maintenance strategy which has been shown to reduce long-term costs. What has been carried out on Hunters Hill is called Surface Dressing and is the largest preventative maintenance programme that is carried out in Devon and comprises 100+ sites every year.

A preventative maintenance approach does not always select the repair of the worst roads first as a "worst first" approach has been demonstrated to be more costly in the long run and it would allow roads in a reasonable condition, or roads that can be brought to a reasonable condition with some pre patching, to deteriorate further to the stage where they would need prohibitively costly resurfacing or full reconstruction. The surface dressing will restore the surface texture and seal the road improving skid resistance and slowing water penetration thus prolonging the life of the asset.

In preparation for surface dressing the road will be assessed for patching of the worst areas, and areas unsuitable for dressing such as junctions. This is what Cllr Bradshaw may be referencing below with the works taking place last year. This is an essential step in the surface dressing process to provide a smooth surface onto which to tar and chip. If we were to not seal in these patches the rest of the road would deteriorate further, and the joints between the patches and the existing surface would create a "failure point" into which water could penetrate and cause deterioration.

Regarding concerns about dressing on a steep hill as I am sure we can all appreciate Devon is a very hilly county and therefore we dress on steep hills regularly. In our experience, the dressing seems to hold and does what we expect which is to seal the road. Some stripping of the chippings may be noted however as long as the majority of the carriageway underneath is covered and sealed the treatment will prolong the life of the asset.

Following surface dressing, and a period to allow embedment of the chippings via vehicle traffic, sweeping will occur to remove the majority of loose chippings. There will always be a small amount left and there will be a noticeable difference between areas which are trafficked most and those areas trafficked least such as the middle of the carriageway. In our experience you may get a small number of chippings which end up in gullies however this is

usually negligible and is not enough to cause a blockage. It can however look like a gully is full of chippings because of how the chippings may rest on top of the material which is already in the gully. Where gullies have become blocked by an excessive number of loose chippings this will be raised with the surface dressing contractor for remedial action.

Any wet sections missed are noted by the surface dressing contractor for attendance at a later date when the road is hopefully dry. As has been stated by Cllr Bradshaw this is a wet road and is therefore imperative we seal it to prevent the ingress of water and further deterioration.

While there may be some chipping loss in wet areas, as above as long the majority of the surface is covered and sealed against the water ingress this will prolong the life of the road.

Regarding concerns about vegetation growth, this is a rural road where vegetation growth is to be expected. Vegetation growth down the centre of the carriageway is a common occurrence on Devon's rural network and does not affect the surface dressing.

Several roads have been identified for some repair with Station Road, Coombe Hill and Catherine Wheel junction in Hemyock being marked recently by myself for what is known as serviceability patching. This is patching carried out to ensure the road remains serviceable and is done as and when contractor resource allows therefore no exact timescale for the delivery of these works can be provided with the serviceability programme being put on hold at the current moment due to the number of safety defects that our contractor is having to attend.

I do appreciate that it can be difficult to manage public perceptions when it is seen certain roads are being done whereas other local roads are perceived to be in a worse condition. I hope this has explained why we choose to treat certain roads and any assistance councillors can provide in getting this often difficult message across is much appreciated.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division

Magelake Working Group
Minutes of meeting held
Friday 31st May 2024 at Magelake

Present: M Halse T Pointing R Kingdom G Cole (Clerk)

M24.05.01 Apologies for absence

A Logue P Cornish

M24.05.02 Finance

M24.05.02.01 Charity Accounts

The figures that were circulated previously were discussed. All in agreement (MH abstain) that a correct record. Figures to be submitted to MH to formally upload with the Charity Commission. MH advised also that War Memorial Charity figures also overdue. GC to investigate further.

M24.05.02.02 Car Park Repairs

MH advised a volunteer has been made available for the resurfacing of the carpark at no charge. Additional items required would be the hire of the plant equipment. GC advised that does not believe insurance covers volunteers for this purpose. GC to email insurers to confirm. MH advised that Coldharbour could possibly provide the volunteer and insurance, along with the plant hire for a donation. Workings to be investigated further. Spend of £1500 to be allocated to this project from budget. GC to add to Full Council meeting for allocation.

M24.05.02.03 MUGA Repairs

MH advised of repairs needed. Fencing and kickboards, and also quotations for lighting (x2 due to be received). MH to provide these ASAP. Quotation received for carpet repair from specialist company (appended). Request budget spend be made to cover these items. GC to add to Full Council meeting for allocation.

M24.05.02.04 Lighting Repairs

MH advised of emergency lighting faults. Request electrician attend to quote for the works. Unsure of budget to allocate – GC advised that additional meeting of Full Council can be called if needed prior the scheduled meeting, to decrease any delays in works taking place.

M24.05.03 Business Arising

M24.05.03.01 Repairs

MH advised that it would be good practice to get a structural building inspection carried out in order to help budget for repairs going forward. Quotations for this to be sought by MH.

M24.05.03.02 Charity Commission – Structure, Trustees and Requirements

It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

M24.05.03.03 Additional Items

The EV charge point application has received no further updates. TP to follow this up.

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

Magelake Meadow
 Uffculme
 Cullompton
 EX15 3DP

QUOTE date 20/05/2024

QUOTE expiring

19/06/2024

Reference

Name

Replay Maintenance Ltd
 13 Roseland Business Park
 Long Bennington

NG23 5FF

Company number

01416487

VAT

Description	Quantity	Unit price	Amount £
**REPAIRS	1	9995.00	9,995.00

Carry out 28no. patch repairs to the worst affected areas, including approx. 77.5m² of new turf, 26m of inlaid lines and 0.75m² of pad.

**Cure times of repairs can be up to 10hrs, the repaired area/s should NOT be used until fully cured. New carpet is always used for patches so we are unable to match exactly, the existing carpet for play dynamics, colour, height and type.

All works and prices are subject to our standard T&C's which are available on request. Prices EXCLUDE VAT.

REPLAY Maintenance 13 Roseland Business Park, Long Bennington, NG23 5FF





Estimate

Estimate No: [REDACTED]

Date: 3/06/2024

,
Taunton

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

For: Uffculm Parish Council
[REDACTED]

Replace repair chain link fence and kick boards

Wire mesh 12m

Kick boards 20m

Code	Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Wire mesh fencing	Supply and fit green wire mesh fencing, repair as necessary - est 12m	12	£30.00	£360.00
Heavy kick boards	Supply and install heavy duty kick boards. Est 20m	20	£25.00	£500.00

Subtotal	£860.00
20% (VAT on Income)	£172.00
Total	£1,032.00

Hard of Hearing System for Pavillion

Quotation prepared for

Magelake Hall and Recreation Ground

14 May 2024



Gordon Morris
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Unit 21 Wessex Park
Somerton Business Park
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QUOTATION



Quotation Number [REDACTED]
Quotation Date 14 May 2024
Valid Until 13 June 2024

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Somerset
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Hard of Hearing System for Pavillion

Quotation For:	Installation Address:	Quotation Prepared By:
Magelake Hall and Recreation Ground [REDACTED]	Magelake Hall and Recreation Groun [REDACTED]	Mark Birch [REDACTED]

Qty	Description	Price
Main Equipment/System		
1	Univox PLS-X3 (UK) Hearing loop driver, incl. rack mounting kit	
0.5	0.75mm Twin Round Flex (White) 100m	
0.15	Audio cable GREY FST 100m	
1	Microphone/Line Input Box	
1	System 10 Pro Single Unipak System	
1	Omnidirectional lavalier microphone, HRS	
1	XLR Lead 1m	
	Running SubTotal	£1,589.24
1	Radio Microphone NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL COST (Optional)	£418.34
	System 10 Pro Single Handheld System	
	XLR Lead 1m	
1	Loop Tester NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL COST (Optional)	£93.43
	Univox Listener Loop receiver/testing device, incl. neck strap, AAA batteries	
Total price to supply (excluding VAT)		£1,589.24



Hard of Hearing System for Magelake Hall

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Qty	Description	Price
Main Equipment/System		
1	UniVox PLS-X5 Loop Amplifier	
1	2.5mm Single Tri Rated (White)	
0.15	Audio cable GREY FST 100m	
1	Microphone/Line Input Box	
1	System 10 Pro Single Unipak System	
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Re: Fire alarm quote

1 message

Martin @Magelake 

Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 2:11 PM

To: Gemma Cole 

yes a bit.

EIC NIC certificates (5 year) 1 day @ £300.00

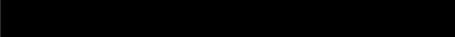
Investigate Muga Lights 1 day £300 (call out)

Emergency lights/fix stairwell lights 3 days estimated @ £300 (will include the fuse spur for fire alarm system)could be +/- 1or2 days unknown quantity plus the actually fittings.

Suggest we get EIC/NIC certificates done & MUGA lights investigated, they can then provide more accurate quote for Emergency lights etc once they ahve been onsite to do these.

So I would say £

Ta

On 3 Jun 2024, at 14:05, Gemma Cole  wrote:

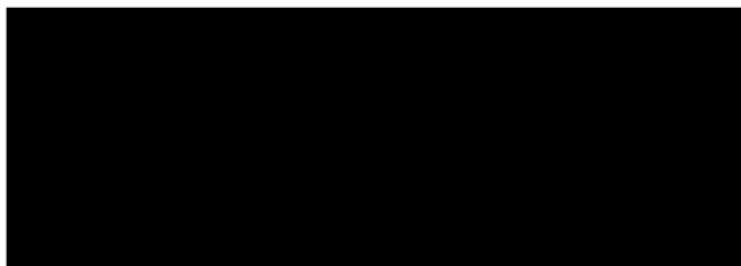
Perfect. It did ring a bell but couldn't find the actual report (it will be somewhere!).

Any luck on the electric quotes over the course of the weekend at all?

Gemma

Gemma Cole

Uffculme Parish Council Clerk



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On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 1:48 PM Martin @Magelake  wrote:

Yes, five years running, it was you who asked me to get them to quote. its in the specific project allocations in the councils budget. There will need to be electrical work which we can tie into the other electrics. But will still come in less than the proposed allocation of funds.

On 3 Jun 2024, at 11:24, Gemma Cole  wrote:

Thanks Martin - has this been previously raised? Presume picked up as part of their annual inspection?

Gemma Cole

Uffculme Parish Council Clerk



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On Mon, Jun 3, 2024 at 9:13 AM Manager@Magelake [redacted] wrote:

Hi Gemma,

Quote for fire alarms.

Thanks.

Martin



Sent from my iPad

Denners way

1 message

Olli Stevenson [REDACTED]

Mon, May 20, 2024 at 1:48 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Hi Gemma,

Just getting back to you with a price for the tree work discussed last week.

To fell the wind blown tree currently resting in neighbouring tree.

To remove broken branch on adjacent tree.

All waste to be chipped and removed from site with all wood also removed.

Subtotal - £480

VAT - £96

Total - £576

Please let me know if you would like us to proceed and the decision with regards to the conservation application. It is however my understanding that doing work to the fallen tree and removal of damaged branches does not require the application process, thank you.

Kind regards,
Olli

Coldharbour Mill support grant

1 message

Martin Halse (Chief Exec) [REDACTED]

Mon, May 20, 2024 at 8:52 AM

To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Cc: "Martin Halse" [REDACTED]

Good morning Gemma,

The Trustees would like to request further support for the Museum and Estates Development Grant (MEND) of £495,000 towards the £585,000 cost of replacing the fire escape, resurfacing the mill yard for accessibility, installing a new metal staircase and the replacement of a condemned bridge.

Councillors were kind enough to write in support of the grant application and to donate £5K in the last financial year with an indication this could also happen in 2024.

The bridge replacement has been completed, the Mill yard and fire escape works start in September, however to release the funds we need to ensure we proportionally raise funds to release the main grant.

We are aware councillors have been kind enough to potentially allocate £5000 this year for specific projects for consideration.

The MEND grant is vital to allow the mill to secure its future sustainability both in terms of access for its more than 100 volunteers, more than 10,000 visitors, and more than 3000 school children who access the Industry heritage and social history story the nationally significant Mill complex tells which is what the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sports along with the Arts Council and the National Lottery have allocated £495,000 to these projects.

As I am sure Councillors will remember, Coldharbour Mill has launched Vision 2032 which will see the benefits of the access and fire escape improvements open up more areas of the Mill and ensure its longterm sustainability and financial resilience.

Should councillors require more information please do let me know, we would be more than happy meet with councillors about these projects.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Kind regards

Martin

Martin Halse
Chief Executive

My normal working days are Wednesday and Thursday.

This account is not monitored outside of these times. If your enquiry is urgent please email [REDACTED]

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Broadpath Landfill Site & Hillhead Quarry Liaison Group Meeting

Held on Monday, 5th February 2024 at Hillhead Quarry Offices

Attendees:

Ray Radford (RR)	-	Devon County Council
Andrea Glover (AG)	-	Mid Devon District Council
Terry Edwards (TEd)	-	Uffculme PC
Trevor Emms (TE)	-	Uffculme PC
John Bell (JB)	-	Uffculme PC
Ester Hagelstein (EH)	-	Uffculme PC
Mike Deaton (MD)	-	DCC Mineral Planning
Emily Harper (EH)	-	DCC Mineral Planning
Matt Horne (MH)	-	Maen Karne – Uffculme Bagging Operations
Rod Noble (RN)	-	AIUK Quarry Operations
Brian Wiltshire (BW)	-	AIUK Quarry Operations
Anthony Allday (AA)	-	AIUK Quarry Operations
Clive Tompkins (CT)	-	AIUK Estates

Minutes

1.0	Introductions & Apologies
	<p>Introductions: For the benefit of new representatives attending the Liaison Committee meeting for the first time, the Group introduced themselves.</p> <p>Apologies: Grant Scott - Valencia Waste Management; Luke Trevelyn – Burlescombe Parish Council; Louise Robinson – Environment Agency; Martin Kidd - Maen Karne.</p>
2.0	Election of Committee Chair
	Cllr Andrea Glover (Mid Devon District Council) was proposed and appointed Chair of the Committee by unanimous vote.
3.0	Election of Committee Vice-Chair
	Cllr Ray Radford (Devon County Council) was proposed and appointed Vice-Chair of the Committee by unanimous vote.

4.0	Operations Report – Broadpath Landfill
	<p>Unfortunately, due to unexpected circumstances there was no representative present on this occasion from Valencia Waste Management.</p> <p>In terms of issues relating to Broadpath:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Importation of Soils onto the Landfill – MD mentioned that an investigation was currently ongoing in respect of the quantity of soils Valencia has imported and placed on the Landfill site to reinstate it back to its permitted restoration profiles/levels. MD explained the original restoration concept of restoring the Landfill to 'Downland' which DCC accepted was unrealistic given that the original soils would not support this habitat and hence approved the revised restoration scheme of grassland and woodland. 2. Landfill compliance with its approved Environmental Permit – TE mentioned that requests for a site visit to the Landfill has been ongoing; however, TEd confirmed that he has visited the Landfill Site. MD referred to monitoring obligations and agreed that he would ask the EA, who he is working with, for an update. TE asked if MD could obtain a breakdown of the leachate drawn-off from the Landfill. 3. Solar PV Scheme – JB enquired when the solar farm development was likely go ahead. CT advised that the solar permission approved in the restored fields to the east and south east of the former IVC Facility is a protected, as sufficient work had been carried out to have implemented the development scheme. CT explained that planning permission for the solar scheme had been granted by Mid Devon District Council which has been implemented and therefore the permission is protected meaning that the solar scheme could go ahead at any time Valencia wished.
5.0	Operations Report - Hillhead Quarry and Aggregate Bagging Plant
	<p><u>Hillhead Quarry: Report given by Anthony Allday – Assistant Hillhead Quarry Operations Manager:</u></p> <p><u>Sales:</u></p> <p>Total saleable production of 329kt in 2023 Sales budget for 2024 is 352kt</p> <p><u>Houndaller:</u></p> <p>Since the last report (July 2023) extraction has continued from Phase 7 which we expect to be exhausted by May / June 2024.</p> <p>Work to prepare Phase 8 for extraction was commenced in September 2023 with two areas being stripped of soils. The most notable archaeological finds were two cremation urns, one of which is believed to be Bronze Age.</p> <p>DCC are still awaiting the final report from our archaeological consultants Thames Valley Archaeological Services (TVAS) for Phase 7 but this is due to a back log of specialist analysis work on the artefacts found. TVAS expects this report to be completed within the next two weeks.</p> <p>The issue with ponding water in the floor of Phase 6 persists and this is slowing efforts to restore the area to final contours. JB inquired the depth of working – AA responded that the planning permission restricted the depth of excavation to 102mAOD which corresponds to up to 20m below ground level. RR asked what reserve life does the current Quarry have; AA responded approx. 4 years (2028)</p>

To assist with the site drainage a Non-Material Amendment application was submitted to Devon County Council to vary the working plan for Phase 8. Rather than working the Phase from east to west an amendment was submitted which will enable us to excavate a narrow area to the western side of Phase 8 (Phase 8A). This will allow surface water to be directed through this area and towards Houndaller Pond. Once Phase 8A has been completed extraction will revert to working in an east – west direction. Due to the extent of the Phase 8, the decision was made not to strip the entire area.

Work is still ongoing regarding proposed revisions to the approved Working and Restoration Scheme. The removal of the ridge between Phase 8 and the old workings will enable improved site drainage (all contours will fall towards Houndaller Pond). All of the steep legacy faces will be removed as part of these revisions which will result in a better restoration scheme and safer final landform.

Penslade:

'Work in Progress' and continues on developing an acceptable development proposal – **TEd** asked if AIUK could present proposals to Uffculme PC. It was noted that the proposals would be presented to this Group and at Public Exhibitions prior to submitting a Planning Application to DCC.

Ready Mix Concrete Plant:

Work on construction anticipated to commence late February/early March.

Other Comments

Community tree planting completed in March with approximately 900 trees planted adjacent to the United Charities Land

Complaints:

Two noise complaints were received by the Environment Agency on 10th January. There was no activity on site at the hours this noise was reported (early hours of the morning) as was established by the pump records. The EA were satisfied that the Quarry was not the source of the noise. The noise may have been as a result of the Fire Brigades overnight presence at Uffculme feed mill following a fire earlier in the day.

JB asked if Sand Martin are observed at Hillhead Quarry. In response it was noted that Sand Martin frequent the north eastern corner of the stockyard as they nests in colonies, digging burrows in steep, sandy cliffs, usually around water – some 200 pairs have been recorded. **AA** advised that the Quarry manage stockpiles to deter nesting. **TE** mentioned the opportunities at the pond at Houndaller – **AA** responded that this naturally recolonised still water pond surrounded by reeds offered good foraging for sand martin.

Aggregates Bagging Facility – Matt Horne Kidd (Maen Karne)

MH reported that the market was currently very competitive and that Maen Karne were facing challenges from other competitors, in particular, Westcott Sand & Aggregates a family owned sand and aggregate supplier based in Uffculme. As an example, **MH** reported that the average of 40 loads per day out of Uffculme has reduced to 12 loads/day.

MH also reported that as far as he is aware, no complaints have been received during the past 12 months.

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	<p>TEd commented that one of the local residents, Graeme Morris wishes to progress an initiative to grow willow as part of a community project - the idea being that he will grow the willow, teach people in the community to weave the willow for basket making etc.).</p> <p>AI was asked to consider if this was something that we might want to facilitate on a piece of 'non-operational land on the basis that operational sites where there is Quarry plant don't mix with the public. Also, in the case of Houndaller Quarry it was noted that the site is owned by Valencia. This was request however, was something that AI would consider and report back on at the next meeting</p>
7.0	Date of next meeting
	<p>Monday, 10th June 2024 commencing at 4.00pm at AIUK's Offices at Hillhead Quarry.</p>