

Uffculme Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held
Monday 2nd December 2024 at Magelake

Meeting Open – 19:05

24.12.01 Apologies for absence

Chairman: P Cornish

Present: R Kingdom S Lane A Logue P Hallchurch Peter Cornish
R Keeling P Blackman S Levick M Bodger K Poynton

Apologies None

24.12.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 4th November 2024

The minutes were agreed as an official council record, with a slight amendment (manually updated) to 24.11.07.03 to amend Councillor “Keeling” to Councillor “Edwards”. All in agreement.

Public Session

There were no members of the public present.

24.12.03 County Councillor’s Report

Councillor Radford was not in attendance and provided a report ahead of time (appended). No questions were raised for Councillor Radford.

24.12.04 District Councillor’s Reports

The Lower Culm Ward Councillors were not in attendance and did not provide a report ahead of time.

Councillors Bradshaw and Clist were not in attendance and did not provide a written report.

24.12.05 Parish Council Vacancies

The Clerk advised that there is 1 emerging vacancy, once the notice of vacancy has been advertised and MDDC advise no request for election.

Councillor Keeling requested a 6 month sabbatical from January 2025. Proposed by Councillor Lane, Seconded by Councillor Phil Cornish, all in agreement. It was agreed to reallocate groups as follows:

Maintenance – Councillor Poynton (majority in agreement)
Bowling Club – Councillor Lane (all in agreement)
Uffculme United Charities – Councillor Bodger (all in agreement)
Community Crisis – Councillor Levick (all in agreement).
Clerk to circulate new group allocation list to all.

24.12.06 Finance

24.12.06.01 To approve November Financial Statement

The November financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

24.12.06.02 Grant Request – Christmas Hampers

Grant request received (appended). £500 grant approved and £500 budget allocation to the 2025-2026 budget. Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

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24.12.06.03 Grant Request – Coldharbour Mill

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

24.12.06.04 Grant Request – Ashill Village Hall

Grant request received (appended). Allocation of budget for the provision of instructing “George” Proposed by Councillor Bodger, Seconded by Councillor Hallchurch, all in agreement. Agreed to be paid within this current financial year.

24.12.06.05 Grant Request – Green Team

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

24.12.06.06 Maintenance – Extra Cut

Quotation received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Blackman, Seconded by Councillor Bodger, all in agreement.

24.12.06.07 Magelake – Tree Survey

Quotation received (appended). Proposed by Councillor Lane, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

24.12.06.08 Defib Project - Craddock

Quotation received from non-electric only. Defer to future meeting – all in agreement.

24.12.07 Business Arising

24.12.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath

A meeting took place, with 11 people attending a visit on site. Positive feedback received from the event.

Erosion of the bridleway has been previously raised against footpath FP50, owned by DCC, and the Council will continue to raise this with Aggregates.

24.12.07.02 Mole Valley Feed Mill

No updates were provided. Concerns have been raised regarding the size of vehicles. This is to be raised with contacts at Mole Valley.

24.12.07.03 Uffculme Men’s Club

No updates were provided.

24.12.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club

The AGM recently took place – a new Chair is needed. Approximately £2-3k/annum loss reported for the last 3 years. The new Treasurer has requested an External Auditor review the accounts.

24.12.07.05 Green Team

A report was provided from the Green Team (appended). A question was raised as to whether The Green Team were aware that 1 x concrete planter is missing from The Square. Councillor Hallchurch to raise for discussion.

24.12.07.06 Allotments

No updates were provided.

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24.12.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update

Weeds and brambles within the parish were raised. Weeds to be cleared by R&R and brambles have been raised with the NHO. The Clerk will continue to chase.

24.12.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch

The clerk advised that there were still no updates regarding the next joint parish meeting. Councillor Hallchurch to look at 20MPH sign locations in the rural areas for best placement and advise.

24.12.07.09 Schools Update

No updates were provided.

24.12.07.10 Uffculme Village Hall

No updates were provided.

24.12.07.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs

Clerk advised that annual figures had been provided to Magelake with spends to date, to enable use of funding before the close of the financial year. A working group meeting was cancelled due to sickness and will be rescheduled in due course to discuss the structure of the Magelake building and maintenance concerns.

24.12.07.12 Youth Working Group

Report provided (appended).

24.12.07.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)

No updates were provided.

24.12.07.14 Play Areas

The Clerk advised that vandalism that took place is in the hands of Devon and Cornwall Police. Areas affected included the bins in the playparks and the public toilets (fire).

24.12.07.15 Community Road Warden Scheme

Councillor Lane advised that the online course had been completed. Clerk advised that it had been requested from DCC as to whether we could use 5 volunteer spaces, as opposed to 3, as the total cost is the same – awaiting feedback. Dates are to be confirmed for the Chapter 8 training.

24.12.08 Police Report

A report was provide (appended). No questions were raised. The Clerk advised that discussions had been had with Devon and Cornwall Police regarding the vandalism and support that could be provided to the parish. PC Steve to be invited to the next meeting. Survey to be raised, by way of public consultation, to gather information on the parishioners' views regarding CCTV and village safety.

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24.12.09 Clerk's Report

24.12.09.01 Financial Regulations

Document review still in progress, in order to align the existing regulations with the model financial regulations from NALC.

24.12.09.02 Cemetery

Clerk advised that a sign is to be arranged to fix to the main gates of the cemetery to advise of items of memorabilia which are restricted, and to advise of removal of such item. The date of initial removal is to align with the removal of seasonal memorabilia. A notice will also be included in Spotlight, social media and the noticeboard.

24.12.09.03 HATOC and Highways

Clerk advised that the NHO had been chased multiple times (in excess of 3) for an update on outstanding issues. It was advised that Ashill has a fallen drain – this needs to be raised with Devon Highways. Clerk to request from NHO if a temporary sign can be used in the meantime for areas where there are missing markings on the roads.

24.12.09.04 War Memorial

The Clerk needs to arrange a meeting with the outgoing Clerk (Francis) in regards to the bank accounts and other details, as these are currently still assigned to them. The Charity Commission record is now accessible by the Council so it is possible to update information once in hand.

21.10.09.05 Budget 2025-2026

The budget for 2025-2026 was reviewed, with the following additions/amendments suggested:

Cemetery - £3k
CCTV/Safety Allocation – TBC
Footpath - £1k
Hampers - £500
Youth – no further allocations (outside of EMR)
Magelake - £5k
Lights - £1.5k
Uffculme Show - £7.5k
Community Fund - £7.5k
Village Hall - £5k
Allotments – TBC (Councillor Bodger to liaise with Allotment Treasurer)
Increase of expenditure 5%

Budget to be circulated prior to the next meeting for approval in January's meeting.

Meeting Close: 21:00

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 13th January 2025, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.

Dec Report

1 message

Councillor Ray Radford [REDACTED]

Mon, Dec 2, 2024 at 9:19 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Dec Report

Dear Gemma & Members.

Please could I give my apologies, your meeting clashes with Burlescombe

Because of Storm Bert, the Network Operations Control Centre have had almost 400 inbound calls today (Sunday 24th), totalling over 560 across the whole weekend. In total there have been around 230 call outs passed to Milestone our contractor since yesterday morning:

With the winter season about to kick off in earnest the Devon Highways team have ensured that all the Gritters have had their annual service and calibration and the salt barns are well stocked.

There has been a massive effort across the summer and autumn to spend the additional funding identified by Cabinet for serviceability patching. This has resulted in more than 28,500m² of additional patching across 600 sites, with a further 228 sites in the forward programme. The team have experimented with route based treatments in an effort to minimise disruption to residents and the travelling public and improve value for money.

In addition to this patching, the team have delivered nearly 12,500m² of Elastomac patches across 140 sites.

The weather this autumn has been relatively kind with limited rain and no frost (yet) as such, the number of public reports remain low and the team are managing to keep on top of the demand.

Over 3,500 grit bins are strategically placed for public use during severe weather. Towns and parishes should be encouraged to check grit bins before the winter season starts rather than during it. Once winter service starts the amount of resource that can be diverted to filling grit bins is limited

Where there are no options to re-site existing bins, and we're content a new bin is justified then then this needs to be funded through the local councillor budget (where locality budgets are not available then funding may need to come directly from the Parish or Town Council). The cost remains at £350 which covers the installation, filling and ongoing maintenance costs for the life of the grit bin.

Interesting! Recent analyses by the [National Farmers' Union \(NFU\)](#) have raised significant concerns regarding [the government's proposed changes to Agricultural Property Relief \(APR\)](#). Contrary to official estimates suggesting that only 27% of farms would be affected, the NFU's findings indicate that approximately 75% of commercial family farms will surpass the £1 million threshold, thereby facing increased inheritance tax liabilities.

The NFU's report highlights that many medium-sized farms may find the ten-year tax payment window insufficient, as the annual instalments could exceed their average returns. For instance, an average cereals farm, with a typical profit of £34,000, could face annual inheritance tax payments of £53,000 under the new APR threshold, significantly surpassing its earnings. This financial strain threatens the viability of these farms, potentially leading to the sale of assets or cessation of operations.

You might be interested in this as well.

Number of potholes recorded across the Devon network per month/year 17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	Avg	
April	3,411	9,504	3,630	6,372	3,834	2,924	4,600	8,424	5,337
May	4,219	6,164	3,289	4,704	4,190	3,451	4,161	5,817	4,499
June	3,151	5,043	3,673	5,070	5,688	2,910	3,711	4,840	4,261
July	3,081	5,161	2,651	3,994	4,270	2,749	3,458	4,974	3,792
August	3,273	4,366	2,011	3,037	3,822	2,329	3,739	3,600	3,272
September	2,714	3,345	2,672	3,265	2,814	2,107	3,633	3,352	2,988
October	3,651	3,076	2,940	2,407	2,493	1,467	2,793	3,650	2,810
November	4,230	3,371	3,847	3,267	2,664	2,619	4,857		3,352
December	3,689	3,459	3,339	2,410	2,670	2,418	3,530		3,074
January	7,194	5,641	6,576	5,083	3,448	7,287	5,533		5,823
February	7,512	5,007	5,177	5,515	2,941	4,282	6,852		5,327
March	8,278	6,529	7,777	6,065	4,853	4,855	6,684		6,434
Total	4,403	60,666	47,582	51,189	43,687	39,398	53,551	34,657	48,387

The total number of asylum seekers in the Southwest has been steadily rising since the General Election.

Current figures show that there are currently **4,202** asylum seekers living in the Southwest (+ 161 from last month):

If you have anything that I can help with, by all means, let me know.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division

Email:



Uffculme Parish Council
November 2024 Income and Expenditure Summary

Current Account

Balance at 31 October 2024 **999.30**

Income Received

05/11/2024 Elaina Dunn	Burial Fees - Shere (ZZ05)	500.00	
			500.00

Expenses Incurred

04/11/2024 G Cole	November Wages	911.40	
04/11/2024 Sonova UK Limited	Magelake - Hearing Loop	3,852.74	
04/11/2024 JD Skelhorne	Maintenance - Public Toilets	150.00	
04/11/2024 JD Skelhorne	Maintenance - Play Park Fencing	345.00	
04/11/2024 Clear Councils	Insurance - Skate Park	64.03	
04/11/2024 Countrywide GM	Magelake - Maintenance - 09/24	64.80	
04/11/2024 Complete Connectrix	CCTV Servicing	240.00	
04/11/2024 Uffculme Village Hall	Grant - Tables and Flooring	3,282.70	
11/11/2024 Ashwood Trees	Maintenance - Tree - Square	600.00	
11/11/2024 Pickerings	Community Fridge - October	121.72	
11/11/2024 Jess Lucas	Extras - New Parks - October	110.00	
11/11/2024 Jess Lucas	Litter Pick - October	258.30	
11/11/2024 Jess Lucas	Extras - Bins - October	50.00	
11/11/2024 Bradfords	Maintenance - Play Park Fencing	85.46	
11/11/2024 Tamar Security	Magelake - Fire Alarm	724.95	
25/11/2024 Tamar Telecom	Clerk's Phone	13.87	
27/11/2024 Jess Lucas	Grass Cutting Contract	1,545.00	
			12,419.97

Transfers to/from Reserve Account

11,500.00

Balance carried forward to 1 December 2024 **579.33**

Reserve Account

Balance at 31 October 2024 **187,035.93**

Income Received

11/11/2024 Lloyds	Interest	167.35	
			167.35

Expenses Incurred

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Transfers to/from Reserve Account

- 11,500.00

Balance carried forward to 1 December 2024 **175,703.28**



UFFCULME COMMUNITY FRIDGE



4th November 2024

Christmas Hampers 2024

Yes, it's that time again.....when we start the ball rolling for the Uffculme Community Fridge (UCF) Christmas Hamper Appeal.

In 2023, UCF collected & assembled over 20 Christmas Hampers for families here in Uffculme for whom the Festival poses challenges. We understand that our efforts contributed something tangible for these families who would otherwise have lacked some of the essentials & pleasures that Christmas implies.

And here we go again. But, we need help to assemble the “goodies” that make up these much-appreciated Christmas Hampers. That's why we are writing to you to ask for your help to contribute either the appropriate food or Christmas extras or the means of buying these goods. Are you willing to support us?

We plan to organise collections over the coming weeks and this letter is an invitation to you to make a modest contribution. Examples of what we are looking for include: non-perishable foods of any description, sweets, chocolates, toiletries & any Christmas extras.

Our means of collecting include:

- The Uffculme Community Hub at the Uffculme Doctors' surgery between the hours of 9.30 & 11.00 weekdays;
- Uffculme Doctors' surgery;
- The Ostler public house;
- No 11 Café, The Square;
- Vale Veterinary Centre, 7 Fore Street;
- Wendy & Mike, Milkwater House, Yondercott Farm, Uffculme;

Or,

- We are prepared to visit to collect from you.

Are you willing to make a difference for 20 families & the 50 - 60 children & babies who would otherwise not enjoy quite so much the spirit of the season? Christmas, after all, is about sharing & fun.

Please get back to us to find out more.

With gratitude and fellowship, we greet you.

Mike Warren
Wendy Bond

Phone: 
Email: 



Fwd: Funding Request for Parish Council

1 message

Martin 

Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 9:05 AM

To: 

Good morning Gemma,

Please find attached our regional funding request with regards to The Museums and Estates Development Fund.




The Trustees are extremely grateful to councillors for their donation of the first £5000 towards these projects, Councillors have been kind enough generally to support the Charity with about £5000 annually and we would like to request in the current financial year £5000 as a second match funding contribution as requested in the letter attached dated 21st November 2023.

Thank you in advance for the councillors consideration.

Kind regards

Martin

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Martin Halse (Chief Exec)" 
Subject: Funding Request for Parish Council
Date: 22 November 2023 at 12:24:22 GMT
To: Gemma Cole 
Cc: Peter Holdway-Bradley 

Good Afternoon Gemma,

Please find attached request for support from the Chair of Coldharbour Mill Trust Bryher Mason for Councillors consideration.
Also attached for Councillors information is the Coldharbour Creative hub feasibility study, Councillors have already received Coldharbour Mill Vision 2032 which followed the consultation survey of more than 1100 residents and supporters.

Should you need any further background information for councillors please do let me know.

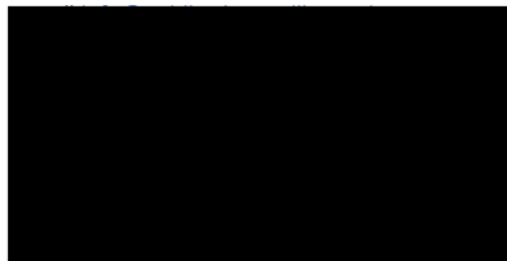
Best wishes

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



Ashill Village Hall painting

1 message

Terry Edwards [REDACTED]

Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 9:40 AM

To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Gemma

Hi I enclosed 3 quotations for the painting of Ashill Village hall

I would be grateful if you could present this to the next meeting of the full council please.

The lowest quote is from George Little who can start in April 2025.

The other 2 companies can start in January 2025.

We would be pleased to accept the lowest quotation as long as the finances carry over to the new financial year.

King regards

Terry Edwards

GIBBS

Interior & Exterior Renovations

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

FAO Terry

Ref: Ashill Village Hall

6th November 2024

QUOTATION

Price to completely redecorate the interior of the Village Hall,
such as:

The main hall, entrance hallway, communal toilets, office space,
bar area,
kitchen and fire door.

Description of work, as follows:

To prep and carry out general repairs and make good where
necessary to all
ceilings, walls, skirtings, door frames and fire door.

Apply 2 coats of emulsion to ceilings

Apply 2 coats of emulsion to walls

Apply 1 coat of undercoat and 1 coat of gloss to all skirting, door
frames and
fire door

All paint to be like for like with colours

Customer supplying tower to enable painting of ceilings

LABOUR & MATERIALS

£5750:00

ALAN NATH.

Estimate for painting the interior of the Community Hall in Ashill.

All materials from hardware, Cullumpton (Johnstones) in white and Magnolia.

Approx 75 LTRS @ £38.90p PER 5 LTRS inc VAT. £2,917.50p
with my 20% Discount = £2,334.

Approx 20 LTRS of undercoat and top coat for Woodwork = £451.28
with my 20% Discount = £365.82p

Estimate 15-20 days @ £110 per Day. = Approx £2,800
Labour charge.

HSS TOWER HIRE FOR 7 Days = £ 204 inc VAT.

TOTAL Estimate

£5,703.82p.

Client

Terry Edwards
Ashill Village Hall

Estimate

Date 03/10/2023

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Village hall interior decoration. Price for 2 coats of white ultra matt to ceilings, 2 coats of tinted Armstead durable matt to walls in meeting room, toilets and hallway, 2 coats of magnolia Armstead durable matt to walls of main hall, 2 coats of tinted acrylic eggshell to walls in kitchen and bar, 2 coats of white diamond satin on white wood work, minor repairs to walls, ceilings and wood work, all preparation work and all materials.	1	£0.00	£0.00
Main hall	1	£1,970.00	£1,970.00
Meeting room.	1	£475.00	£475.00
Kitchen.	1	£380.00	£380.00
Bar.	1	£380.00	£380.00
Hallway.	1	£500.00	£500.00
Mens w.c.	1	£360.00	£360.00
Womens w.c.	1	£360.00	£360.00
Disabled w.c.	1	£255.00	£255.00
To change Armstead durable to Dulux diamond matt	1	£160.00	£160.00

Payment instructions

Total £4,840.00

Green Team 10th anniversary grant request

1 message

Rachael Kneale
To: Gemma Cole

Fri, Nov 15, 2024 at 10:19 AM

Dear Gemma

We would like to submit a request for a few of the larger expenses incurred for our Green Team 10th anniversary event back in May - we have just got round to collating all the information and costs related to the event hence the delay in sending this request to you.

The costs we would like to request a grant for, cover the following:

- Room hire at Square Corner for 8 preparation/planning meetings and 1 litter pick event (2 invoices) £85
- Room hire for the village hall on 11/5/24 for our special anniversary day £60
- Musical entertainment from Peck n Peck £100
- Refreshment costs for the delicious food and drinks put on by the warm space team £63.26

Total being requested **£308.26** - all invoice/expense receipt copies attached for your reference.

We would like to thank you for the support so far for our big anniversary year and hope that this request can be approved to further appreciate our continued work in the community.

Kind regards, Rachael
Treasurer of Uffculme Green Team
Also on behalf of GT Officers Jeni and Tony

Jess Lucas Garden Maintenance

Tel: [REDACTED]

QUOTE

14.11.2024

For the Attention of **Gemma Cole**

For the following Additional works to be carried out in November/December:

Extra cut at:

Cemetery - £330

Playparks/Path fields park - £160

Ashill- £80

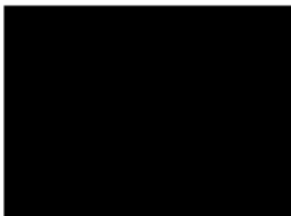
Denners day - £80

College Green/Russett Close- £60

Culm valley park - £30

Pippins field park - £60

Total Amount: £800



Fwd: Tree Survey

1 message

Martin @Magelake [REDACTED]

Thu, Oct 31, 2024 at 2:21 PM

To: Gemma Cole [REDACTED]

Hi Gemma,

You may have noticed that several of the trees lost big branches into the car park area over the last month or two.

We had the same trees at the golf club and one sheered and went through a car roof there prompting works.

I have asked Alex Forster for a quote to complete the legally required tree survey with an action plan for works. As you seen he expects this to be around £300.

Can I get this done with general maintenance money?

Thanks

Martin

Begin forwarded message:

From: Alex Forster [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Tree Survey**Date:** 9 October 2024 at 14:48:59 BST**To:** "Martin @Magelake" [REDACTED]

Hi Martin,

To tag 20 trees, produce a map and report with recommendations would be around £300.

Do you have any previous reports you could send me and also a boundary map please?

Is there a deadline for when you need it by?

Many thanks,

Alex

On Wednesday 9 October 2024 at 07:55:24 BST, Martin @Magelake [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Alex,

I think there are about 20 trees.
Initial survey and recommended works [REDACTED]

Thanks

Martin

On 2 Oct 2024, at 07:21, Alex Forster [REDACTED]

Hi Martin.

Yes good thanks - sorry been away at a conference for work.
Yes - happy to help with this - price would depend on number of trees in the survey, and the scope of survey required. Do you have any more details please?

Many thanks,

Alex

On Tuesday 1 October 2024 at 09:33:57 BST, Martin @Magelake



Hi Alex,

I hope you are well?

I am smoking for a quote to do tree survey work at Magelake Parish Pavilions in the village, is this something you would be able to help with?
If so can you give me a cost?

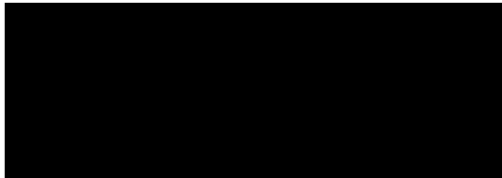
Many thanks

Martin

Martin @Magelake



Managed by:



Notes for Polly for December 2024 Parish Council Meeting



Festive Hampers

The festive hamper collections are now under way in the run-up to the Christmas season for families and households who may need some extras. We haven't had as good a response with donations of goods this year – whether it's everyone feeling the pinch we're not sure. We have had a pretty good response from some local businesses with both goods and money so we will be able to purchase enough to fill goodie-bags for households. Just a reminder that if any Parish Councillors are aware of other households which might benefit from a hamper, please ask them to contact us with details (subject to the family's permission of course). We've had requests for an increased number of hampers this year.

Planters in the Square/The Shambles

Thanks to the Parish Council for giving permission and funds for Phase 3 of the Planter Project (two more small wooden planter surrounds on the other side of the Shambles where the current small concrete ones are). Our lead on this has been in touch with MDDC re putting up signage about the Shambles (a listed monument) following advice from the Parish Clerk. The small information board will be put up adjacent to, but not fixed onto, the Shambles and the board has been prepared in conjunction with Uffculme History Group.

Uff Comm Fridge

The fridge continues successfully thanks to the continued input of so many volunteers – front of house and behind the scenes. With the nights darker and more wintery weather, we salute our daytime and out-of-hours teams for their commitment to preventing food waste and making connections across the community.

Warm Space

The Warm Space team continue the popular fortnightly sessions at Square corner, every other Friday. Again, everyone is welcome to attend and please encourage Parish Councillors to drop in if they can, especially to the Christmas lunch on Friday 20th December (please contact us to book so we have an idea of numbers).

Wildlife Pond and Commercial Road

Volunteer sessions continue every Sunday morning at the pond, only hampered by the extreme weather on a couple of occasions recently. You'll see from the WhatsApp group, Polly, that there is a lot of work going on and much enjoyment from all sorts of interesting – and quirky! – nature finds around the pond. New approaches are being successful in controlling the excessive vegetation on the pond itself which we hope is being noticed. Has the Parish Council had any news of the Station Garage wall re-build and what the arrangements are for purchase of replacement planting? Similarly, is there any news of the removal of the two unsafe trees behind the pond?

We have some ideas about 'reparations' R&R could make following the erroneous 'blitz' on our managed wildflower area along Commercial Road. Who should we talk to about this?

Repair Cafe

Next Repair Cafe is on Saturday 11th January 2025.

Annual Volunteer Celebration

As previously mentioned, the date has been set for Saturday 18th January in the Garden Room at the Village Hall, from 6.30pm. Please ask Parish Councillors to put it in their diaries! We will be inviting them individually by email shortly and hope that as many as possible will be able to join us for drinks and a light buffet supper.

Thanks for your support and please contact us if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Notes for Polly Hallchurch, Green Team liaison with Uffculme Parish Council
UGT Officers
December 2024

Councillor Andrew Logue

Council Meeting Report

Date: 02/12/2024

Youth working group update

Awaiting feedback from the headteachers of Uffculme Primary School and Uffculme School. Possibly coordinate with Councillor Hallchurch to meet with them in person if preferred.

Aim to get suggestions/feedback on potential youth provision projects and see if they're willing to distribute a survey to students and/or parents directly through school channels. If they're partial to physical surveys, will need to tap into youth working group project budget to cover printing/envelopes.

Police working group update

Crime data updates continue to arrive regularly and I'm updating the spreadsheets for Uffculme and adjacent Mid Devon parishes to compare data and trends. I will work on a full report for January/February 2025 when all data for 2024 is available and I've settled on suitable graph formatting. Once that's in place, it should be straightforward to plot up the data for the prior years for comparison and discussion.

I've approached Constable Adrian Legg regarding the best source of speeding- and vehicle-related incidents that could be compiled and mapped for discussions with Highways/Mid Devon Council. I'm hoping to find official records of damage to property (as we've seen with heavy vehicles passing through the village), but we should still put out a request for parishioner statements (details/time/place) if they've not reported it, or if a single report accounts for multiple incidents.

Need to discuss how to structure a request for public input on potential CCTV in or around the central park area and public toilets – including cost for installation/maintenance and handling of data (e.g. police access only in the event of an incident/how long is stored for).

It's worth noting several issues that impact the police data: 1) Court outcomes from June 2019 onwards are still unavailable. Police working with the MoJ to rectify this. 2) Implementation of new record management system in November 2022 means some outcomes data are unreliable. 3) Antisocial behaviour issues are often not handled directly by the police, so there is no reported outcome data.