

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held**  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at Magelake**

**Meeting Open – 19:02**

**24.09.01 Apologies for absence**

<b><u>Chairman:</u></b>	P Cornish		
<b><u>Present:</u></b>	R Kingdom	R Keeling	T Edwards S Lane (19:05)
	M Bodger (19:06)	P Blackman	A Logue
<b><u>Apologies</u></b>	T Pointing (Sabbatical)		P Hallchurch (Sick)

**24.09.02 To approve of the Minutes of Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

The minutes were agreed as an official council record.

**Public Session**

There were 3 members of the public in attendance. Queries raised were as follows:

- 1) Vehicle movements within the village
  - a. Larger Vehicles
  - b. Longer
  - c. More often than previously

Query as to what can be done. Clerk to raise with Cllr Pointing to ask to include in discussions with Mole Valley Feed Mill.

- 2) Length of vehicles using Chapel Hill
  - a. Another instance of damage

Advised that evidence needs to be provided to Devon Highways in order to progress with the length restriction. Members of the public again encouraged to provide details in order to support the concerns.

- 3) Crime Levels
  - a. Interest in youth provision

Advised that this was something that Uffculme Parish Council was trying to initiate.

**24.09.03 County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Radford was in attendance and provided a report ahead of time (appended). No questions were raised for Councillor Radford, although thanks given again for the continued updates received. No further update regarding the 20MPH speed changes although still in progress.

**24.09.04 District Councillor's Reports**

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

- 1) Cullompton relief road now has funding
- 2) No funding is available currently for the railway station at Cullompton
- 3) Grand Western Canal consultation is due to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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Councillor Poynton did not provide report ahead of time, however, raised the following:

- 1) MDDC's Corporate plan (for 2024–2028) received 800 replies, providing feedback on the strategic vision for the Council.
- 2) Antisocial behaviour reported via Facebook. Cllr Poynton advised poster and readers to report to the police all instances and advised a youth provision was being considered.
- 3) Issues surrounding school traffic currently

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

Councillor Clist did not provide report ahead of time, however, raised the following:

- 1) The third grant application for the relief road in Cullompton was successful, and is in collaboration with the Local Plan requirements
- 2) National Planning Policy Framework consultation is ongoing. Highlighting a necessity for affordable offerings.
- 3) The MDDC Housing Plan includes as goal of 500 builds in 5 years
- 4) There were an average of 106 applications for each Devon House Choices property that was made available
- 5) The Household Support Fund has been extended from September 2024 until March 2025
- 6) Recycling targets are currently at 60%
- 7) There has been a lift on on-shore wind development restrictions
- 8) Councillor/MDDC newsletter to be issued monthly

**24.09.05 Parish Council Vacancies**

The Clerk advised that there were still 3 vacancies currently. Councillors encouraged to spread the word to increase Councillor numbers. Social Media also to be used to raise awareness. Member of the Public interested in becoming a Councillor – encouraged to submit a precis before the next meeting.

**24.09.06 Finance**

**24.09.06.01 To approve July Financial Statement**

The July financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

**24.09.06.02 To approve August Financial Statement**

The August financial statement was approved as official council minutes.

**24.09.06.03 Magelake Repairs**

There were no new requests received in respect of Magelake Repairs.

**24.09.06.04 Tree Works – Marker's Pond**

This item was deferred in anticipation of quotation to be received for decision during the October meeting.

**24.09.06.05 Tree Works – The Square**

Quotation received by Tree Surgeon for proposed work to the tree in The Square (appended). Option 2 Proposed by Councillor Kingdom, Seconded by Councillor Blackman, all in agreement.

**24.09.06.06 Public Toilet Repairs**

Quotation received for repairs (appended). Proposed by Councillor Keeling, Seconded by Councillor Lane, all in agreement. Locality Budget to be approached towards some of the costs of a time lock, if option is explored, to prevent further instances of vandalism post repair.

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**24.09.07 Business Arising**

**24.09.07.01 Hillhead/Broadpath**

No updates were provided. Councillor Edwards to arrange for a Working Group meeting to take place and to arrange for the next visit to site for Councillors.

**24.09.07.02 Mole Valley Feed Mill**

The next meeting is due to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Clerk has asked that it be requested that reports be provided as to whether vehicle parking in The Square is causing issues for the Feed Mill vehicles.

**24.09.07.03 Uffculme Men's Club**

The last meeting took place on 14/07, where 9 members (plus Councillor Edwards) were in attendance. Feedback was overall positive.

- 1) A camera system is to be set up
- 2) They no longer allow smoking on site
- 3) The snooker table and building painting is due to be done. Grant request to be issued to Uffculme Parish Council
- 4) There is currently £10,100 in the bank

**24.09.07.04 Uffculme Bowling Club**

Clerk advised that contact had been made in regards to the water supply at the public toilets and an enquiry has been raised as to whether there is a historical agreement in place regarding the payment of the supply. Members advised that toilet was built c.15 years ago. Clerk to investigate background further. Clerk also advised that no grant request had yet been received in respect of the kitchen upgrades.

**24.09.07.05 Green Team**

No updates were provided.

**24.09.07.06 Allotments**

Councillor Bodger advised that excess chippings from tree works within the Parish would be welcomed at the Allotments. To be located in the carpark for self-serve distribution.

**24.09.07.07 Parish Maintenance Update**

The Clerk advised that the bench had been repaired/refixed to the top of Coldharbour after vandalism took place.

It was once again raised that brambles and path overgrowth at Coronation Crescent needs attention. Councillor Poynton to raise internally with MDDC. Clerk to liaise with Councillor Hallchurch as to the extent of weed clearance and wildflower preservation that the Village Volunteers find manageable within the village and arrange for quotations, if necessary, for the remaining areas of the village centre to be cleared.

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**24.09.07.08 Traffic and Speeding Issues/Community Speed Watch**

A meeting is still to take place between the Parish Councils and this has been raised with the organising Clerk. It was raised that large vehicles were carrying out excessive movements within the rural areas of the parish, as part of an approved planning application. Large vehicles to be included as part of planning application consideration for future applications i.e. when works traffic can travel, in order to consider the needs of Parishioners during construction phases.

Parishioner query raised in regards to speed within Smithincott. Clerk to liaise with NHO to see when best appropriate to request a decrease in speed limit and to discuss alternatives in the meantime. All in agreement.

Ashill and issues with speeding vehicles – Adrian Legg advised to borrow Willand’s “speed gun” and to report to the police if vehicles are shown to be speeding.

**24.09.07.09 Schools Update**

No updates were provided.

**24.09.07.10 Uffculme Village Hall**

Councillor Bodger advised that prices for replacement chairs were being sought and thoughts given towards the use for the old chairs. Clerk advised that grant request will be included as part of October (as received after agenda for September had been issued) for tables and carpet tiles. Patio replacement is also being considered going forwards.

**24.09.07.11 Magelake Committee / Repairs**

The Clerk advised that charity figures were still now showing online with the Charity Commission. Clerk to follow up with Martin.

**24.09.07.12 Youth Working Group**

Councillor Logue advised as follows:

- 1) That a survey was needed with real numbers, in order to gauge a need within the Parish
- 2) Heads of the schools are to be met in order for their assistance to be sought with consultation
- 3) Assistance is also being sought from Space and Voice
- 4) A list of resources and interested parties is needed – Website to be expanded, to include community facilities online once in place

**24.09.07.13 Community Crisis (previously Ukrainian Crisis)**

No updates were provided. The Warm Space is due to return to Square Corner from November 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 on a Friday.

**24.09.07.14 Play Areas**

The Clerk advised that there was an instance of glass being broken within the play areas. All shards believed to have been cleared. The bins within Highland Terrace Skate Park are due to be reshuffled in order to utilise efficiently going forward. There are repairs needed to the new bin at Pathfields due to it being uprooted.

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**24.09.07.15 Community Road Warden Scheme**

Councillor Edwards advised that 5 volunteers (2 x Uffculme / 3-4 x Ashill) have come forward. Councillor Keeling also advised of an additional volunteer being interested. Working Group meeting to be arranged by Councillor Edwards – Clerk to be kept informed. Training is due to take place.

Collapsed road in Ashill marked for repair and levelling of road. The Uffculme to Ashill road is due to be dressed and markings redone. Missing markings raised by Councillor Blackman directly with Devon Highways – response to be investigated. Clerk to raise with NHO. Craddock House and bridge flooding was raised – drain clearing necessary/taking place. Yondercott Stream repairs to be arranged. Neighbourhood Highways Officers liaisons are ongoing, with a new Officer due to take over the position.

**24.09.07.16 Dog Bins**

Clerk advised that repairs are necessary to the dog bin by Coldharbour – raised with Street Scene. Opportunity to request further provisions within the Parish. Parishioner raised a lack of provision to the top of Ashill. Options to be put forward for costing include Ashill, Culm Walk (on the Bridge) and Highland Terrace to school footpath (at the Highland Terrace entrance).

**24.09.07.17 Broadpath Solar Farm**

Councillors considered information received in respect of the proposed Solar Farm at Broadpath. No concerns were raised in respect of the current proposals at this pre-consultation stage.

**24.09.08 Police Report**

Councillor Logue advised that a database was being created, in order to compile information from reports received. It is anticipated that a summary report will be available for the October meeting.

**24.09.09 Clerk's Report**

**24.09.09.01 Culm Valley and Pippins Field Play Area Leases**

Clerk advised that final draft approved and with MDDC for signature. Delays due to annual leave at MDDC.

**24.09.09.02 Cemetery**

Clerk advised that planned removal of memorabilia was still underway and that this will be carried out, with notifications being issued, in the near future.

**24.09.09.03 HATOC and Highways**

Clerk advised that double yellow lines in The Square had been requested from the NHO, along with white protect lines at each instance of the dropped kerbs. It was also advised that detailed reports regarding instances of long vehicle incidents still needed to be fed back to the NHO for further consideration (none had formally been received). NHO raised a query in respect of an overhanging tree within Uffculme United Charities' Land causing an obstruction on the Highways. NHO to contact directly.

**24.09.09.04 CPR and Defib Training**

Clerk advised of free training opportunities with Devon Air Ambulance. Sessions to be arranged in both Ashill and Uffculme, with Craddock to follow once Defib in place. All in agreement.

**Meeting Close: 20:52**

**The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024, subject to confirmation by the Clerk.**



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## Sept Report

1 message

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Councillor Ray Radford 

Mon, Sep 2, 2024 at 2:34 PM

To: 

Dear Gemma & Members

This is just a few things that are happening at County. Not fully into the budget for next year yet, but it is on going and more development in the next month or so.

I am not aware of too many problems within Uffculme, I am sure there are some somewhere.

Kyle Walker is moving to other department within Devon, he will be missed. I will be meeting our new Highways Officer, Ed Polding (NHO) on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept, I am sure he will be as good as Kyle. If any problems arise, I will be able to raise them with him

Most DCC service areas are performing well, but it is the usual areas of concern that continue to cause concern i.e. children's and adult services, not least with a trigger point approaching rapidly re the SEND Safety Valve plan

### Waste Update

Detailed design is progressing on the new Tavistock

The current Household Waste Recycling Centre. (HWRC) contract terminates on 31March 2026. A service review is currently being undertaken including future service delivery models and a report will be brought to Cabinet later this financial year.

The Devon authorities collaborate under the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee chaired by Cllr Croad. The draft 2023/24 performance statistics for Devon are encouraging with the recycling rate across Devon increasing to 54.5% with more than 190,000 tonnes of waste recycled. In 2022/23 DCC was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league table of county councils and expects to be similarly placed this year. Only 1.4% of Devon's household waste is landfilled now. East Devon District Council exceeded the 60% mark with a recycling rate of 60.5%.

In the last year the Waste Team, through various contracts, engaged with 10,400 school children in schools, 38,000 householders through social media and 6110 on doorsteps, hosted 41 visits to the Energy from Waste facilities and supported more than 60 community groups, working with them to reduce, reuse and recycle. The UK wide Big Fix coordinated by DCC

brought 163 repair cafes together who between them mended more than 3000 items over the month of May, saving around 100tCO2e.

I'm sure none of you - particularly those who serve on district councils - will have missed [Angela Rayner's announcement](#) of widespread reform to the planning system and the re-introduction of mandatory housing targets as part of her pledge to build 1.5 million new homes over the next five years.

We'll see whether the housebuilders have the capacity and a sufficiently-trained workforce to deliver these ambitious targets.

The Government has cancelled the A303 Stonehenge tunnel and ended the Restoring Your Railways programme. Individual Restoring Your Railway projects will now be reconsidered in a new transport review.

We will be supporting Mid Devon District Council in lobbying for the funding for Cullompton Station which is key to unlocking housing development.

At year end the total Locality Budget underspend for 2023/24 was £147,069. It has been confirmed that this amount has been carried forward into 2024-25. There will be no roll over of unspent Locality Budget funding into the 25/26 financial year due to Local County Council elections, therefore all available funds must be used by March 2025.

I have a share in this amount and as stated, has to be spent by March next year, or it will be lost. I have already supported some application and still have some available. Just apply to DCC `Locality Budgets`, when it's gone, it is gone.

Regards,

Ray

Ray Radford

Devon County Councillor

Willand & Uffculme Division

Email: 

**Uffculme Parish Council**  
**July 2024 Income and Expenditure Summary**

**Current Account**

**Balance at 30 June 2024** **1,191.24**

**Income Received**

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**Expenses Incurred**

01/07/2024	G Cole	July Wages	911.40
08/07/2024	Close Invoice Finance	Public Toilet Cleaning - June	288.00
08/07/2024	Bradfords	Maintenance - Bench Fit Commercial Road	50.85
08/07/2024	Bradfords	Maintenance - Bench Fit Commercial Road	31.37
08/07/2024	Pickerings	Community Fridge - June	105.84
08/07/2024	J Lucas	Extras - Bins - June	100.00
08/07/2024	J Lucas	Litter Pick - June	295.20
08/07/2024	Uffculme Green Team	Square Planters (Q2)	150.00
08/07/2024	DALC	AGM and Conference - 2023	54.00
08/07/2024	Countrywide GM	Magelake - MUGA Maintenance - 05/24	115.20
08/07/2024	Close Invoice Finance	Public Toilet Cleaning - May	312.00
08/07/2024	South West Water	Magelake Water (Jan24-Apr24)	333.87
08/07/2024	NJT	Magelake - Gas Boiler and Testing (2023)	366.84
08/07/2024	Uffculme PTFA	Grant - Laptops	1,600.00
08/07/2024	Brightpay	Payroll Software 2024-2025	94.80
08/07/2024	WIX.com	Website Hosting 2024-2027	259.20
08/07/2024	WIX.com	Business Email 2024-2025	999.36
08/07/2024	G Cole	Wages Underpayment - July	0.20
08/07/2024	HMRC	Tax and NI (April - June)	147.28
24/07/2024	Tamar Telecom	Clerk's Phone	13.87
29/07/2024	J Lucas	Grass Cutting Contract	1,545.00

**7,774.28**

**Transfers to/from Reserve Account**

**9,000.00**

**Balance carried forward to 1 August 2024** **2,416.96**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance at 30 June 2024** **173,466.96**

**Income Received**

09/07/2024	Lloyds	Interest	179.53
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**179.53**

**Expenses Incurred**

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**Transfers to/from Reserve Account**

**- 9,000.00**

**Balance carried forward to 1 August 2024** **164,646.49**



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**August 2024 Income and Expenditure Summary**

**Current Account**

**Balance at 31 July 2024** **2,416.96**

**Income Received**

23/08/2024	Coldharbour Mill	Contribution - Bus Stop	305.00	
30/08/2024	Fine Memorials	Memorial Fee - Cowley (DD21)	150.00	
				<b>455.00</b>

**Expenses Incurred**

01/07/2024	G Cole	July Wages	911.40	
14/08/2024	TVF UK Ltd	Magelake - Fire Extinguishers	547.87	
14/08/2024	NJT	Magelake - Gas Boiler and Testing (2024)	247.80	
14/08/2024	Ashwood Trees	Maintenance - Tree Works - Markers Pond	816.00	
14/08/2024	Countrywide GM	Magelake - Maintenance - 06/24	115.20	
14/08/2024	J Lucas	Extras - Bins - July	100.00	
14/08/2024	Pickerings	Community Fridge - July	121.72	
14/08/2024	Close Invoice Finance	Public Toilet Cleaning - July	336.00	
14/08/2024	J Lucas	Litter Pick - July	369.00	
27/08/2024	J Lucas	Grass Cutting Contract	1,545.00	
27/08/2024	Tamar Telecom	Clerk's Phone	13.87	
30/08/2024	Ashwood Trees	Maintenance - Tree Works - Denners Way	576.00	
30/08/2024	Replay Maintenance	Magelake - MUGA Repair	11,394.00	
30/08/2024	Ken White Signs	Maintenance - Replacement Bus Shelter	1,134.00	
30/08/2024	Countrywide GM	Magelake - Maintenance - 07/24	115.20	
30/08/2024	JD Skelhorne	Maintenance - Cemetery	116.94	
30/08/2024	South West Water	Magelake Water (Apr24-Jul24)	287.43	
				<b>18,747.43</b>

**Transfers to/from Reserve Account**

**17,000.00**

**Balance carried forward to 1 September 2024** **1,124.53**

**Reserve Account**

**Balance at 31 July 2024** **164,646.49**

**Income Received**

09/08/2024	Lloyds	Interest	164.16	
				<b>164.16</b>

**Expenses Incurred**

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**Transfers to/from Reserve Account**

- **17,000.00**

**Balance carried forward to 1 September 2024** **147,810.65**



## Re: Tree Requirement

1 message

Olli Stevenson

Wed, Jul 3, 2024 at 9:18 AM

To: 

Hi Gemma,

Having been to see the tree yesterday, please see below the two options/quotes.

In a perfect scenario I believe option 2 would be the most beneficial but this is the more 'involved' job and would probably engage more interest from the local community.

1. To crown lift the birch tree to 4m from ground level to maintain a more suitable distance from obstacles, cars, pedestrians etc. Also to shorten back the limb over growing the flag pole.  
All waste chipped and removed.

Subtotal - £320  
VAT - £64  
Total - £384.00

2. To crown reduce the birch tree by 1/2m in places with the inclusion of a crown thin and crown raise to 4m from ground level.  
All waste chipped and removed.

Subtotal - £500  
VAT - £100  
Total - £600

I will await to hear your thoughts on this and we can go from there, thank you.

Kind regards,  
Olli

On Mon, 1 Jul 2024 at 15:03, Gemma Cole  wrote:

Hi Olli,

As discussed, please could you take a look at the tree located in the main square when you are next passing? It is located next to the Shambles in the middle of the village.

The tree is a much loved one and, as such, you may be approached when there by members of the village.

We believe a crown lift may be needed - the branches are at a height currently that is too low and is causing a risk of danger to passers by. It is thought that this is all that will be required, however, we are not experts in this field.

Please let me know your thoughts on this, when you have the opportunity to visit, and we can then hopefully get something sorted, in order to ensure no harm comes of the dangerously low branches.

Kind regards,

Gemma

**Gemma Cole**



# JDS Maintenance Services



DATE  
11/07/2024  
  
TOTAL  
GBP £691.60

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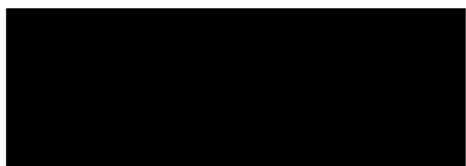
**Gemma cole**



DESCRIPTION	RATE	QTY	AMOUNT
Heavy duty child changing unit 250+vat	£300.00	1	£300.00
Drop down disabled handle 80+vat	£96.00	1	£96.00
Back rest support with cushion 113 +vat	£135.60	1	£135.60
Consumables Screws, bolts, sealant etc	£10.00	1	£10.00
Estimated day labour	£150.00	1	£150.00*

\* Indicates non-taxable line item

<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	£691.60
<b>TAXABLE</b>	£451.33
<b>VAT (20%)</b>	inc £90.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>GBP £691.60</b>



DATE SIGNED  
11/07/2024

