**Minutes of the Uley Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October 2024, commencing at 7pm. The meeting was held in the Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.**

PRESENT: Councillors: Cllr Melanie Paraskeva (Chair), Cllr Tony Mills, Cllr Tracy Mason-Fayle, Cllr Geoff Keen, Cllr Sean Sage

IN ATTENDANCE: County Cllr Wendy Thomas, District Cllr Martin Pearcy, Footpath Officer Bill Bramley

Approx 35 members of the public, main speakers – Kate Morgan, Nikki Clarke, Lee Cooper, Thoss Shearer, Peter Randall

02/10/2024 1. To receive any apologies for absence
Cllr Juliet Browne (Vice Chair), Cllr Jo Dee,

02/08/2024 2. To receive any declarations of interest.

Cllr Mason-Fayle. Uley Toddlers Group.

02/08/2024 3. Land behind Green Close

Mr Cooper provided an update, since the group had been formed there had been an excellent response and £40,000 had been raised to date. Mr Cooper had been receiving updates from the land agent involved and he had been advised there were several parties who were going to offer, the 30th September had been confirmed as the deadline to submit offers. The land agent has confirmed now that an offer has been accepted but they could not disclose to whom and what the plans for the land was. Mr Cooper advised that he would provide further updates via their Facebook page.

03/08/2024 4. To receive any representation from Members of the Public

 Most residents were here to talk about the proposal to discuss nominating the Old Crown an asset. The chair brought forward item 15 accordingly.

 Kate Morgan & Tom Dooley presented a statement to the parish council, which is noted below, the chair asked Kate Morgan to either read it out or cover some of the main points during the meeting. See appendix 4

The chair confirmed that the Parish Council had received an email requesting that the Old Crown be nominated as an asset of community value, the email was on behalf of a number of residents in the village. The email was triggered by a social media post from the Old Crown in relation to using your local pub or losing it.

 Ms Nikki Clarke stood and raised points and concerns as below –

 We can all agree that a healthy, welcoming, accessible public house in a community is of tremendous value. As our own village shows we’ve had plenty of them in the past and we are very fortunate to have the beautiful Top Crown - thanks to Kate and Tom for running it so well.

Pub trade is however notoriously volatile and a pub that is trading well over one year may go into rapid decline the next.

Registering a pub as an Asset of Community Value is an insurance policy to guard against any unforeseen developments. But not a magic bullet, as we’ve seen with the back fields the market can move very quickly and having a safety measure in place could be prudent.

I’ve come to ask the PC to carefully and fully consider making an application to the SDC to assign the Top Crown as and Asset of Community Value.

This would
- [ ] Prevent the pub being sold without knowledge of the local community
- [ ] P resent an opportunity for the community to bid and raise funds if wished, but would not be obliged to
- [ ] Prevent quick sales to property speculators, of which the community is unaware
- [ ] Also may be regarded by planning authorities as ‘material consideration’ especially against applications for change of use
A number of us feel the PC would be best placed to make this application in the first instance. A good case example is Nympsfield PC who may provide assistance in the level of detail needed for the business plan (a requirement of SDC application).

Ms Morgan spoke and discussed that she was against the proposal and that her family had been in the pub since the 1980’s and they didn’t want to sell and have had a busy week. Ms Morgan stressed that the key point was they didn’t want to sell, and they wanted to retain the pub as it is doing well and there is a misconception in the village about how the pub is doing, they had 50 people in last night. Other key points Ms Morgan covered were –

* They do not want to sell; Ms Morgan grew up in the pub and care very much for it.
* If they did sell it would be to a hospitality professional with solid experience.
* Registering the property as a community asset can hamper a sell.
* Ms Morgan & Mr Dooley do not want to sell the pub to Uley/Community Group.
* They have plans for the pub, there is the shed at the back to be developed and they have plans to put a log burner in.
* If the pub was proposed as an asset of community value, they would legally oppose it and that would be expensive and distract them from running the pub, the last thing they wanted was a legal battle.
* The pub becoming an asset of community value doesn’t actually give the village any ownership or rights and it could just delay any sale by 6 months.

 Ms Morgan proposed a happy medium/compromise and promised the

 Parish Council complete transparency and will make sure that the parish

 council will be fully informed. Ms Morgans other request was that the Parish Council not to listen to the gossip from a certain contingent of the village regarding the pub.

The chair then invited questions from the residents who had come along to discuss the pub, Ms Mason stated the post about the Tetbury pub closing down had raised concerns and the proposal was not a hostile act, and the Old Crown was the last pub in the village and things change. Ms Morgan wanted to stress two points again – 1. She is passionate about hospitality and there are problems in the UK facing pub landlords. 2. Ms Morgan stated she can legally oppose the Old Crown being an asset of community value. Ms Mason disagreed that could be done. Cllr Martin Pearcy’s view was that it could be challenged. A local resident asked the question as to there being any other assets in the village, the chair confirmed the village shop is. There were general comments made from all around community assets in the area and examples of where pubs had been reverted back to residential dwellings and Cllr Pearcey confirmed there was a reluctance from Stroud Council to do this, an example of their recently was the former Ford garage and sales room on Bristol road in Stroud, planning to residential had been declined as there in an intention for the premises to remain commercial and provide jobs for local residents. Ms Morgan noted she did not want a change of use to residential for the pub. There were general comments about the pub closing. Ms Mason pointed out that anyone can register the pub with Stroud Council, and you just need a plan, this had happened with the pub in Nympsfield . There was a general conversation the village shop took 2 years to get a plan together. Ms Morgan wanted it noted that the rumour for change of use was untrue and that wasn’t the plan.

A general question to Ms Morgan was in regard to the pub closing over the winter, Ms Morgan confirmed that ‘Dry’ January means a quieter time and they may close but to be agreed. Ms Morgan confirmed they are booked up and open for now. Ms Davies wanted to raise the point that we shouldn’t listen to all the rumours that we hear in the village, and it doesn’t help. There was a general agreement and Ms Morgan re-iterated the point. The chair asked about some form of amnesty with local people that have been banned from the pub and Ms Morgan stressed that was a separate matter. Cllr Mills asked if there were any other possible things to register as community assets in the village and Cllr. Paraskeva asked Cllr Martin if it would be possible to register the car park to the rear of Raglan Way, and stop it being sold off, Cllr Martin said it might be as it was used for the playground which was leisure, but it was not up for sale by SDC yet. Cllr Paraskeva asked Cllr Martin to keep the carpark in mind for us.

The chair summarised and confirmed the Parish council would not make any decisions tonight and consider what had been discussed and the pubs statement.

Thoss Shearer raised the planning application (S.24/1581/FUL) in regard to the land adjacent to 33 Green Close and that there was a covenant on the land in general but did the Parish Council want to consider commenting that Stroud Council should add a restriction on development for the plot, for example it would stop a proposal for a new dwelling being built or provide access to the main piece of land for many more dwellings. Thoss Shearer also noted another piece of land that now had a trampoline on it and already had been sold before the main piece of land which is now under offer. It would need a change of use application from agricultural use.

The chair invited Peter Randall to read through a communication he had sent prior to the meeting, see below –

“The Randalls support the Parsh Council’s interest, and their action, in the development of new homes in the village. The Randalls remain committed to addressing the need to ensure new lifetime homes for current older residents as well as to retain, and attract, young families. This will enable us all to continue to have a viable future in this vibrant village whilst maintaining our excellent amenities. The Randalls have responded to the needs in the GRCC survey recommending the need for more homes and amenities, to help to enable downsizing families and young families to remain in the village and not be forced out on price. As the Parish Council review sites for new housing the Randalls, currently the only landowners offering a site, remain willing to be part of that process.

 The Randalls were asked to take any further questions.

There were no further questions from the room.

02/10/2024 5. Matters Raising form the Previous Meeting Not on the Agenda

 No matters arising.

05/08/2024 6. Chair’s Update

The chair has been in touch with Sarah Walker, Rural Housing Enabler and Ms Walker has requested the HNS (Housing Needs Survey) needs to be taken down from the parish councils’ website as it’s not a public document and is copyrighted. This has been actioned. Ms Walker can also help with any other potential sites in the village for social housing and in particular the diocese, and with running a consultation event for all available sites in the new year.

The Knoll is likely to come up in December’s SDC housing committee meeting and Alison Fisk is happy to come to our PC meeting to discuss the development report prior to this. SDC are still in the process of completing surveys and reports. Cllr Pearcey to provide a further update in his update and report.

The parish council have received 2 further applications for the Clerks position, interviews will take place on October 11th. The chair and Cllr Mills (now acting Clerk) have attended a GAPT training webinar on how to use the new GAPT website as members.

06/08/2024 7. To receive any representation from County and District Councillors

Cllr Pearcy (SDC) submitted a report prior to the meeting, see appendix 1

In addition, Cllr Pearcy added that £8,000 funding has been approved in regard to the Greenway Cycle Path project. All agreed this was good news.

GCC have accepted the preferred consultants used by Greenway.

In regard to the Knoll architects have been appointed, no consultants yet, ground investigations were to be completed by the end month and ground investigations were to be extended into the school. The council were also in contact with the tenants and owners of the properties around the council re-housing and purchasing the remaining properties.

There had been a recent warden’s event with a focus on improving the service and covering rural areas where more support is needed.

Cllr Pearcy confirmed several Uber vehicles had been spotted in Stroud with flags of Panama on them and this was being addressed.

Cllr Thomas (GCC) submitted a report prior to the meeting, see appendix 2 –

Cllr Thomas also reported there is an initiative to force utility companies to make sure the ‘making good’ work done following any work done should be to the same standard as to how they found it, a particular focus will be on areas that are AONB.

Cllr Paraskeva reported to Cllr Thomas that the Fop St works had evidently blocked access for the farmer and the landowner was concerned about his wall after trenches were dug (see last month’s minutes)

The chair commented that the Robin bus service to Stroud was positive, and Cllr Thomas noted that they are looking to extend the service to the evenings, subject to finding additional drivers.

02/10/2024 8. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024

 The minutes were signed as a true record.

08/08/24 Land Behind Green Close

 See 3.

09/08/2024 9. To receive an update on highway and footpath matters.

Mr Bramley reported Gloucestershire PROW department have now agreed to supply the materials that the Cotswolds wardens need to repair the footpath above Uley washpool.

Kissing gate post rotten and being repaired, Mr Bramley has metal stakes to do the repair, and they can also be used for the gate post at the playground.

The parish council have had an email in from Gillian Holmes in regard to a pathway being blocked near Garns Close, its near path number 56 which is not on the list for Robin Coates to maintain, all agreed we would ask Robin to go and cut it back and clear the footpath and we are to ask the landowner to clear his/her tree.

Fly tipping had occurred by the bridleway to Lampern View, this had been reported to the council.

Fop street crosswords, work was due to start next week.

An issue of a broken gutter was raised at the last meeting and Cllr Mills had investigated this but couldn’t see any problems and felt that someone had fixed it.

Cllr Mills discussed the speed signs and had been in touch with Gary Wilson at highways, they had asked the question to see if were happy with the faces rather than what we currently have, Cllr Mills to go back and confirm yes, we are as confirmed previously.

10/08/24 Proposed Knoll Development

See previous comments from Cllr Pearcy.

11/08/2024 10. Playground

Cllr Sage reported that the bars had been installed at the playground along with the safety matting. The wooden play blocks have also just arrived.

02/10/2024 11. Ash Die back replanting scheme

A message to the PC had been received from Gloucester CC asking the PC to consider planting tree saplings in spaces within hedgerows and woodlands where gaps have arisen due to the felling of Ash Dieback diseased trees. The saplings (plus protectors and supporting stakes) would be supplied free. The planting season is October - March.

DL reported that the Land Manager of the Woodlands Committee (the one which Uley PC withdrew from earlier this year) Terry Fenton has said in past discussions of this that the 'glades' that arise from the Ash felling in the SDC woodlands have their own environmental benefit, new species self-seed and grow there, so he felt there is advantage in not replanting these glades with tree saplings - just let them naturally regrow. No doubt he would advise replanting if too many felled spaces arose. With regard to Hedgerows DL reported that he has recently been on a hedge-laying course sponsored by GCC, as part of their project to plant a million trees by 2030. DL said that the team of CUCAN volunteers (Coaley Uley Climate Action Network) who planted Rowden Copse in Feb 2023 and Mill Farm and Blacknest Copses in Feb this year would be happy to plant more saplings this coming season in hedgerows with gaps in them, and in selected wood glades, so the PC could respond positively to the recent message from GCC. There would be a request in the Village News for landowners wanting to plant/replant hedgerows to contact David Lungley.

02/10/24 12.To Consider the Following Planning Applications

S.24/1581/FUL - Land Adjacent To 33 Green Close - Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden (C3 Use). **02/10/2024 Parish Council to comment that Stroud Council should add a restriction on development for the plot, for example it would stop a proposal for a new dwelling being built or provide access to the main piece of land for many more dwellings.**

S.24/1614/TCA - 39 The Street - T1 - Fell. T4 - Fell **02/10/2024 No comment.**

S.24/1651/TCA - 54 The Street - Scotts Pine (T1) - Crown reduce by 1 metre whilst retaining natural shape. Two limbs growing outside property into neighbouring gardens. Both limbs to be reduced by approximately 2 metres. **02/10/2024 No comment.**

S.24/1652/TPO – TPO 179, Marsh Saw Mills - Ash (T4) - Removal of all large limbs leaving a standing 6 metre monolith. **02/10/2024 No comment.**

S.24/1653/TPO - 2 Shadwell - Ash (T6): Removal of major limbs most significantly affected by ash dieback. Removal of climbing rose. Rose to be reduced to 4 metres. **02/10/2024 No comment.**

02/10/2024 13. To receive any Planning Decisions/Updates

None.

02/10/2024 14. Finance

**September2024**

*Summary*

            Cashbook and Bank balances reconcile and the Precept/Reserves Available ratio remains stable at 11.2 months which is acceptable.

            Overall spend remains within budget.

*Precept Budget*

September’s financial situation show all expenditure remains under control. The Clerk’s salary line item is below expectation as expected in the absence of an employed Clerk.

We have received the expected second instalment of the Precept payment.

Overall, the Precept Budget spend stands at 39.95% of the total budget which is below the pro rata spend rate for the year.

*General Reserves Budget*

There was no Earmarked or Non-Earmarked reserve spend in September.

*Looking forward*

Invoices for approval are within budget. These include £75.30 for the metal bars in the Playground. This with the previous payment leaves £184.71 remaining from the agreed £500 limit.

Grant application process – Cllr Mills confirmed we have had grant applications in from Uley Pavilion, Toddlers Group, Church (wall fund), CV Talking Newspapers and and Millenium Green. We were still expecting several more applications.

02/10/2024 15. Village/Community Assets

 See 4.

15/08/2024 To receive any reports from PC Representatives.
Cllr Mason-Fayle reported in regard to Patients Participation group, see **appendix 3**.

 Cllr Keen reported that it was Uley Society’s anniversary, and they held an event which was very well attended, and they sold out of food so the event was a great success.

 Cllr Mills reported that the PFC had their AGM in November.

16/08/2024 Submit Articles to the Village News

 Cllr Sage to provide some text in regard to the playground and new equipment.

 Include an update on Ash Die back. And ask for landowners who wanted to replant hedgerows to contact the clerk or Mr Lungley.

17/08/2024To confirm the time and date of the next meeting.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the next scheduled meeting will be the Wednesday 6th November at 7pm at Uley Village Hall, The Street, Uley.

The meeting closed at 09.45pm.

 ………………………………………………………..Chair of the Parish Council

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**Actions:**

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| 02/10/2024 | Cllr Sage to provide text to the clerk for the village news in regard to the playground new equipment. | Cllr Sage |
| 02/10/2024 | Parish Council to continue considering the pub being registered as a village asset  | ongoing |
| 02/10/2024 | Parish Council to add a comment to the planning application as noted under point 12. *(S.24/1581/FUL - Land Adjacent To 33 Green Close)* | Acting Clerk |
| 02/20/2024 | Add Ash Die/ Hedges request back information to the Village News | Clerk |
| 02/10/24 | Add and authorise payments online | Clerk/councillors |
| 02/20/24 | Ask Robin Coates to do the work in the passage behind Green Close and find out who owns the Elderberry tree over hanging, then ask them to cut back. | clerk |
| Spring 2025 |  The Council to request the views and feedback of local children on the playground via the VN | Cllr Mason- Fayle next Spring 25 |

**Appendix 1**

**District Councillor Report – Sept 2024**

**Council meetings**

[**Development Control Committee - 10th Sept**](https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=1501)

* Bristol Street Ford, London Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire S.24/0826/FUL
	+ Demolition of existing car dealership & ancillary servicing facility & redevelopment of the site for 35 dwellings
	+ Numerous reasons for refusal and indeed it was refused
* Barn, Mill Lane, Cranham, Gloucestershire, S.24/0535/FUL
	+ Demolition of existing agricultural portal barn and erection of agricultural barn. Permitted.
* [Video recording](https://www.youtube.com/embed/VYEhOluh41k)

[**Housing Committee - 17th Sept**](https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=142&MId=1513)

* Policies extended and adopted including; Gas & Electrical Safety, Aids and Adaptation & Private Sector Housing Renewal
* Budgets monitored (HRA and General Fund)
	+ Revised programme for Bradley Street (Wotton) following an extended tender process. Anticipated to start before April 2025
* Depooling rents and service charges. [SDC to consult](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/housing/depooling/); Will improve transparency, fairness, choice and improved service
* Agreed to accept a further £1.2m (from central Govt.) for temporary housing for people fleeing conflict in Ukraine & Afghanistan
* Future of Council Housing. Long debate. Chair will write to our three MP's to emphasise the committee's support for the report which effectively kills Right to Buy.
* Creation of a Housing Oversight Board and terms of reference to scrutinise and improve service delivery.
* New Homes Programme: The exchange of contracts has been delayed with the 3 units in Symn Lane car park as a result of outstanding works due by the contractor. Following exchange of contracts completion will take place 5 weeks later.
* [Video recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFyX2OAf0Nc)

[**Environment Committee - 19th Sept**](https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MId=1508)

* Budget Monitoring: Underspend of £116k and the report was noted.
* Antisocial Behaviour Policy: Prevention and Community Involvement, Early identification, Supportive intervention, Enforcement
	+ Have to work in partnership. So work closely with [SOLACE](https://www.gloucester.gov.uk/community-living/community-safety-crime/solace/) , Counter Fraud and Enforcement Unit & One Legal.
	+ Community Wardens work closely with Neighbourhood Police teams, other councils and service partners.
	+ Recognises that ASB is important to the victim. More enforcement powers coming.
	+ Next steps; Case Management System, sharing information with partners, training is key.
	+ CCTV stock around district is old and needs upgrade.
* Feedback from various member/officer reports:-
	+ Stroud Town Regeneration Committee. Merrywalks. Secure bike lockers on Dransfield land.
	+ Climate Leadership Gloucestershire.
	+ Stroud Valleys Project Board. Much work on SDC land. Great case of environmental and social work.
	+ Cotswold National Landscape. [Annual review](https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CNL-Annual-Review-2023-24.pdf) just published.
	+ Gloucestershire Resource & Waste Partnership. SDC leading stats on recycling etc. New tax on incinerator emissions, SDC may benefit.
* Electric Vehicle Charge Point Rollout
	+ Two 7kw charging bay destined for Potters Pond, Wotton
	+ There have been delays but keenness to commence installation as soon as possible
* [Video recording](https://youtu.be/sRxEfDRG10g)

[**Audit & Standards Committee - 24th Sept**](https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=1484)

* Counter Fraud and Enforcement Unit Update:
	+ Council is required to proactively tackle fraudulent activity.
	+ The core group consists of attendees from Gloucestershire Constabulary Economic Crime Team, Trading Standards, Victim Support, NHS and colleagues from Gloucester City and County Councils. Standalone web site in progress for signposting.
	+ Workplan focus on polygamous (multiple jobs) working. High risk.
* External Audit. Expected to sign imminently. Mostly positive. No issues.
	+ Interesting discussion on whether replacement doors and windows are capital items. :)
	+ SDC in a good place with Audit compared to many of local authorities.
* Statement of Accounts
	+ Draft accounts previously approved now approved along with auditors opinion.
* Treasury management: Cash flows, banking, money market and capital market transactions.
	+ Questions on the return expected from the Lothbury investment and loaning to other local authorities.
* Corporate Care Standards Performance discussed along with Work Program and Risk Register update.
	+ Cyber attack. Risk not updated. Cautious of discussing in open session. SDC IT Team assisting Tewkesbury and learning lessons.
* [Video recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kr3Nvio91gw)

[**Community Services & Licensing Committee - 26th Sept**](https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MId=1489)

* Committee to write to MP to voice concerns about online gambling.
* Taxi & Private Hire licencing: Noted that Uber vehicles coming into area. Taxis registered in Wolverhampton seem to be flying the flag of Panama. However, amended policy approved.
* Anti-Social behaviour policy: See comments re Environment Committee much repeated here. Lack of OPCC budget due to £7m. blackhole. PCSO's not being replaced is a concern.
* Cultural Strategy: Approved £250k to support the Action Plan. Arts & Culture in Stroud & district is thriving but needs targeted support. About support and enabling and a tribute paid to Norman Kay's work.
* Various reports from outside bodies were taken as read.
* [Video recording](https://www.youtube.com/embed/NXS8TDgb-eY)

**Other news**

* It’s extremely important that residents do not dispose of batteries, vapes and electrical items in their household waste or recycling containers. [More info here](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/news/stroud-bin-lorry-fires-linked-to-discarded-batteries/).
* From Friday 1 November, SDC will be taking over the management and running of the leisure centre in Stratford Park, Stroud.
* Stroud District Council Tenants. We are [conducting a consultation](https://www.stroud.gov.uk/housing/depooling/) on the depooling of rents (separating the costs of specific services from the overall rent) and we want to hear your views!

**Appendix 2 – District Councillor Report**

**Wendy Thomas, County Councillor, Dursley Division**

**Report for Uley Parish Council, October 2024**

**Highways**

Footpath near the Washpool: I am happy to support raising this again with Highways, but it would help to be forwarded any previous correspondence on this. (what three words location is: ///viewing.elections.marble

**Transport**

**The Robin:** Please do continue to promote the Robin’s Berkeley Vale service. The list of locations is here: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/where-can-i-travel/berkeley-vale/> Full info: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/the-robin/>

**GCC News**

**Handing back mobility equipment:** The county council, in partnership with the NHS, provides the Gloucestershire Equipment Loan Service, which lends free equipment to people for as long as they need it, for example, after a hospital visit or to maintain their independence. Equipment ranges from hospital grade beds and wheelchairs, to crutches and perching stools.

Gloucestershire residents return around £500,000 worth of equipment each month, freeing up council funding to help more people get back on their feet. However, the Gloucestershire Equipment Loan Service thinks there could be even more equipment and daily living aids in people’s homes that aren’t being used. Equipment handed back to the council is cleaned and fully refurbished before being loaned to anyone else, and anything damaged beyond repair is recycled.

Residents can return equipment at multiple locations around the county, or they can arrange a free collection from their home. Call 01452 520438 or fill out a short form on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/return-equipment](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/return-equipment)

**Streetlight replacement project**: The council have completed an LED replacement project after working in partnership with Milestone Infrastructure for the last nine years. The modernisation has resulted in a more reliable service, reducing lighting outages by 50%. It has also significantly reduced energy consumption and carbon emissions by up to 70%.

**Support for people affected by historic forced adoption:** Gloucestershire County Council is working in partnership with Adoption West to ensure any mothers, or children who are now adults, impacted by forced adoption practices have access to readily available support:

[Adopted Adults - Adoption West](https://adoptionwest.co.uk/adopted-adults/) or telephone 03303 550 333.

**Links:**

**GCC Highways Fix My Street:** [www.fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Highways info on planned road works, planned resurfacing, patching and pothole repairs:** <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/>

**Watch Council meetings**: [Home - Gloucestershire County Council Webcasting (public-i.tv)](https://gloucestershire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home)

**Submit questions to County Council meetings**: stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Members of the public may submit written questions about matters within GCC’s powers and duties. The deadline for this is usually 10 days before the meeting date.

**Appendix 3 –**

PATIENTS PARTICIPATION GROUP PPG

Cam Parish Council Strategic Development Plan. Proposal for Cam Health Hub.

The practice does not provide sufficient facilities or car parking to support the current list of

about 11,000 patients, which is expected to grow to more than 15,000 patients within the

foreseeable future, due to increased population from the new housing developments.

The PPG supports the Practice and Cam PC in their efforts to undertake a Feasibility

Study in FY 2025-26 and subsequently a full Business Case in later years.

Premises

Sarah Bryant confirmed that Cllr Ian Hamilton had visited Cam and Uley Family Practice

(CUFP) to discuss his idea about a Health Hub to be built within the Cam area in

conjunction with the Glos ICB plan which currently includes a new surgery for CUFP to

replace the current buildings at Fairmead.

Uley Surgery

It was confirmed that CUFP were currently awaiting a visit by the District Valuer to agree

the Rental Price for FY2024-25. It was further confirmed that a purchase price assessment

had also been requested to enable CUFP to discuss the purchase of the property with Dr

Steve Alvis (previous GP) who owns the building

Telephone system

The new phone system is working well. During September, the Reception Team at Cam

will run a trial with one Receptionist on the front desk whilst there was increased staff in

the back office to take calls

 This will improve confidentiality – less opportunity for patients overhearing phone

call discussions.

 Increased call handling

 Note – It is not possible to reduce the overhearing of other patient conversations at

Uley Surgery due to the space available.

Prescription Reordering by Phone

Sarah Bryant confirmed that Cam and Uley Family Practice (CUFP) initially discussed this

change in autumn 2023 but decided against requiring patients to re-order medication via

the methods below. It is purely coincidental that CUFP have now decided to encourage

patients to reorder medication by:

• CUFP website

• NHS App

• Using the re-order slip for those attending Uley Dispensary or in person at either

surgery.

NHS England have encouraged practices to make this change, which is primarily to

improve safety – there have been issues related to patients not knowing the name of the

drugs, their colour or the strength of the tablet/capsule.

It was confirmed that for those patients without any other valid means of requesting

medication, a note would be applied to their medical records confirming that they may reorder by phone. It is anticipated that the number of patients without any other means of

requesting of medication other than by telephone is very small.

Cam and Uley Family Practice (CUFP) intend to provide at least two (2) months’ notice of

this change with multiple routes to inform patients including:

• CUFP Website.

• Targeted text messages.

• In-Surgery notice.

• Uley Village News (UVN) / Uley Parish Council website / Cam Parish Council

website.

• Target date for introduction is 1 Dec 24, which should enable all patients to be

informed about the changes.

• Note – It is hoped this change will also reduce the number of calls to the Practice,

subsequently making it easier for all other callers to get through more quickly.

Some patients were able to speak to Dursley Family Pharmacy and inform them

when they need their next delivery – this would then be requested direct from CUFP

by the Pharmacy. This change does not affect this process.

**Appendix 4 \_ Statement from Kate Morgan and Tom Dooley, The Old Crown, ULey**

2nd October 2024

RE: Nominating the Old Crown Uley as an asset of community value

Pubs are normally nominated as assets of community value if there is a danger that there would be a sale or change of use put forward. I can very much assure you that neither of these things are happening. The pub has been in my family since the 80s when my parents first came here as tenants for Whitbread and then subsequently bought the freehold. I grew up in the pub as a child and I love and care for the pub very much. We have no intention of selling the pub at all and believe strongly that the Crown is a pub that shall very much continue to be a pub. The rumours in Uley can sometimes be detrimental but to be very clear – we have zero desire to turn the pub into a house! That would genuinely be awful and will never happen whilst the pub belongs to us.

We do think that sometimes there is a big misconception in Uley with some people, usually people that are not actually visiting the pub, about how we are doing which creates worry, however to be clear we are busy and doing well. Which is so great with the current difficulties that the hospitality industry is facing nationwide. We have carefully developed a solid food trade over the years with a loyal following and are happily on our way to being a destination food pub which is vital to the revenue needed not only to operate but also to maintain such an old building that constantly needs attention. We have had yet another lovely busy summer with positive mentions in some great publications including the Times, Waitrose Weekend, Walk and Cotswold Life and we continue to be busy into the Autumn. It’s so great that we are busy, and we deeply appreciate our customers and the support that we receive.

Being an asset of community value doesn’t actually give the village any ownership or rights as all it means is that it gives a community group 6 months to delay any potential sale, so a community group then has time to raise the funds to be able to potentially buy the pub. And there are two clear points on this:

Firstly – Like I said we have no intention of selling.

Secondly – Let’s say something crazy did happen and we looked to sell the pub quite simply if that ever happened, we would prefer to sell to a hospitality professional with solid experience in the industry therefore doing as much as we can to secure the future of the pub. We would never want to sell to a community group rendering the only point of the community asset order worthless. You would be able to delay a sale by 6 months to raise funds, that’s fine, but there is no first refusal or obligation for us to sell to a community group. Especially a community group that has been so problematic for us.

Just to explain then, why are we so opposed to being nominated as a community asset. Whilst it would essentially hold no value to the village, it could potentially be a problem to us. It has been known in the industry as a negative for independent pubs and it could potentially affect our licencing, planning and finances. Essentially hitting us where it hurts so we can only assume that if this course of action was taken there is a malicious element to it as it would give a community group nothing but could potentially affect us. Given that the Crown is currently a successful little pub with no indication of closing or being sold etc there is no need for anyone to take this course of action of nominating the pub as a community asset unless there is another agenda.

So, if this was something that went ahead, we would fight it legally as we are able to oppose and challenge the nomination. This is absolutely not the way we wish to spend our time, energy and money as we would rather be fully focussed on operating our business but feel very strongly about this matter. We have taken legal advice on this in the past and more recently and we have been advised that we have a very strong case to oppose a nomination.

For us to legally challenge a nomination could also potentially take away resources from the pub which would not be in the best interests of the property. It is a very old building which needs a lot of care and repair. We have renovations planned during the winter including vital works to the chimney which would enable us to finally get a much-needed wood burner in place. If we had to divert our finances to a legal matter this work would need to be postponed. And it’s also worth mentioning that if this was something that went ahead, we believe that it would only add to the divide currently in the village which is surely the opposite to what you wish to achieve. A long lasting village pub which is enjoyed by everyone?

We do have a lot of support and lovely regular customers; we work very hard and care so much about the pub and its future.

The happy medium, compromise and promise to you that we would like to offer is that although we have no intention of selling if that ever changes, we would offer complete transparency and co-operation. We will make sure Uley parish council is aware, and we will keep the parish council fully informed of our plans.

We do think that to push for the pub to be nominated as a community asset at this point is unnecessary and disruptive. Please can we all just peacefully co-exist and can we please just peacefully operate our business?

Many thanks for your time, Kate Morgan & Tom Dooley