**Ufton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 1st November 2016**

**1. Record of Members Present:-**

Cllrs Baldwin (Chairman), Wilkinson, Tayler, Leeman.

Meeting Commenced 8.00 pm

**2. Apologises for Absence: -** Cllr Crowther. No apology received from Cllr Mrs Van Kesteren

Cllr Baldwin advised the meeting he has spoken to Cllr Mrs van Kesteren and she has indicated she wishes to resign from the Parish Council, Cllr Mrs van Kesteren is aware she needs to put this in writing to the Clerk.

**3. Acceptance of Apologies: -** Cllr Crowther

**4. Declaration of Interests**

Councillors are reminded that they **must** act solely in the public interest and should never

improperly confer advantage or disadvantage on any person to act or gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associate. None received

**5. Dispensations -** None

**6. Open Forum - (15 minutes)**

Mrs Ingham will step down from being the Editor of Ufton News as from 31st December 2016; the Parish Clerk will take it over as from the January 2017 edition, which has a copy edition deadine of 16th December 2016. Cllr Tayler thanked Mrs Ingham on behalf of the Parish Council and the village for all of the work she has done over the years.

Mrs Ingham queried the amount of money currently being held in reserves by the Parish Council. A general discussion followed and a number of projects were put forward for consideration: - “fake gate wings”, or a sleeping policeman on the entrance to Ufton when travelling from Harbury, a programme to replace the streetlights. It was agreed an article will be put in Decembers Ufton News asking villagers for their ideas, comments to be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 01.01.17.

Mr Shepherd asked about the repairs to the road – Ufton Fields, particularly by the entrance to Broad Close and around the manhole/inspection covers. He also asked by the grass cutting outside Northcroft, Cruck House and up to Field Close.

 **ACTION – Clerk to write to Warwickshire County Council (WCC)**

The grass verge outside Horley House up to the entrance of Reeds Park and then outside Stone Cottages has not been cut for a number of weeks.

**ACTION – Clerk to write to Stratford District Council (SDC)**

Some of the “Diversion” signs, which have been put up due to the closure of the Fosseway, appear to have gone missing, others have fallen over and residents have been putting them back up again.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan

**ACTION – Clerk to invite Matthew Neal, SDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer to the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on 6th December 2016.**

**Representative Report**

County Councillor Stevens – Budget discussions are due to conclude by the end of November 2016. WCC is looking to save 20% over the next 3 years.

District Councillor Riches SDC. Is currently consulting about a reduction to the Local Council Tax Scheme, it is likely a cap will be introduced, reports due to go to Cabinet w/c 7th November 2016. Tourism in Stratford has increased and the area has one of the lowest number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance. 54% of workers within Stratford are legitimate migrant workers. If these people choose to return home, due to a lack of understanding with regards to Brexit this could cause a problem with insufficient workers being available

**7. Minutes of Last Parish Council Meeting**

Cllr Wilkinson proposed, Cllr Taylor seconded and it was

**RESOLVED:** the minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October

2016 are signed as a true record of the meeting.

**8. Matters Arising**

**8.1 Dog Fouling**

Nothing to report. There is an item re dog fouling in the November Ufton News. Item to remain on the Agenda

**8.2 Highway Issues**

As discussed in the Open Forum.

**8.3 HS2 –** Lydia Smith is the new HS2 liaison person and will be attending the Community Forum due to be held on 30th November 2016 at Southam College. It is likely HS2 will receive Royal Assent in December 2017.

**8.4 Eon**

Defer to next meeting

**8.5 Parish Council Notice board**

The Clerk provided details regarding a number of boards, with the preferred one being lockable and made of aluminium. The new board will need to be mounted on two aluminium posts. Cllr Baldwin will speak to the owner of Tithe Barn regarding the new board and if the new board can be put in the same position. Dependant on permission being given, it was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cll Wilkinson and

**RESOLVED, a new notice board is purchased costing £370.00 for the board and £180 for the aluminium posts.**

**9. Planning**

No new applications

 Planning Application 16/00775/OUT is showing on SDC Planning Portal as “Pending Consideration”. Cllr Riches agreed to chase this up.

**10. Finance**

**10.1** It was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Tayler and

**RESOLVED** the following payments be made.

Clerks salary for November £

November Ufton Newsletter £19.80 + £3.96 vat

Postage £6.60

It was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Leeman and it was

**RESOLVED,** two additional payments to be made,

Eon – electricity consumption £223.38

Royal British Legion Armistice Wreath £25.00

**10.2** The Clerk provided all Councillors with a copy of Income/ Expenditure against the budget up to and including 22.10.16.

**11. Correspondence received**

HSBC Bank statement, WCC Gritting Schedule for 2016/2017, WCC information regarding Volunteer Drivers and Health Transport.

**12. Items for next Agenda**

Dog Fouling

 Highway Issues

HS2

Street Lights

Neighbourhood Plan

**Additional Item**

Cllr Baldwin asked if the Parish Council Meeting is being held at the most suitable time. The general consensus was the first Tuesday in every month at 8.00 pm is what people are used to and there was no desire to change the day or time.

**13. Date of Next Meeting – 6th** December 2016

 Meeting ended 9.15 pm

 **Signed Date**

 **Mr C Baldwin (Chairman)**