

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2011
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, I Crowther and D Egging
J Cove (Clerk). District/County Councillor R Stevens

2 Apologies for absence: Parish Councillors Van Kesteren, Wilkinson and Burrows

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: None

4 Open session

4.1 Public participation – Parishioners’ Concerns:

Cllr Baldwin expressed his thanks to Dave Shepherd for attending the recent Biffa liaison meeting. Mr Shepherd reported the Mary Tappenden has apologised about the lack of grant money and hoped by the next meeting, Biffa may determine if they can help with funds for the pond. They have agreed to provide the puddling clay required.

4.2 WCC/Stratford District Council – Cllr Stevens reported the following:

- There will not be a District Council Election as there is only one candidate. Chris Spencer, who lives in Long Itchington, will represent Ufton from 9th May 2011, as District Councillor
- The AV referendum will still take place on 5th May 2011
- All existing regional strategies will remain until the Localism Bill is finalised, which will not be until the end of the year. The Bill has been written to give more authority at local level.
- Lots of consultations are taking place, including the Libraries, Youth, HS2 and Waste Core Strategy
- 17 out of 32 schools have opted to become Academies. Southam has not yet decided. It is believed an Academy will benefit schools and pupils, as it will be funded directly from the Government.
- A large number of staff left the County Council with effect from 1st April and the new organisation has now begun.
- Changes to the NHS may not be exactly as first thought
- At the Biffa liaison meeting, it was reported that plans for the tip are still the same and it will finish in about 5 years time. They are tackling the smells and do ask anyone to contact the Parish Council Clerk immediately, if a bad odour is detected in the village.
- There may be money available in the next financial year to help build the Ufton to Harbury cycle-way

5. Minutes of meeting on 1st & 24th March 2011 – the Minutes of both meetings were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. All agreed.

6. Matters arising:

6.1 Speeding: Cllr Crowther reported that the speed training course had taken place and included videos and training with the speed gun. ‘Safety’ was impressed upon the volunteers i.e. not to stand in the road or block pathways. Each volunteer was given a letter authorising them to take part in the programme. A record will be kept of the number of vehicles that are targeted. Concern was expressed that the speed gun

has not yet been used and it was suggested this should be put in action at least 2 and possibly 4 times a week.

6.2 Gamages – History of Ufton. Cllr Tayler had thought some progress was being made and will hopefully have a positive update by the time of the next meeting.

6.3 White Hart Lane: The Clerk reported that the potholes in White Hart Lane will be filled as soon as possible. Warwickshire County Council is also aware of the broken drain and has advised that this will be replaced in the next 2-3 months. Cllr Crowther reported that Cllr Baldwin has kindly offered to provide a specification plan for the steps from the Church and then he will set about obtaining some quotations for the work.

6.4 Budget Cuts: The Clerk advised that there will be a reduction in the number of grass verge cuts the village receives. At present, Warwickshire County Council has funded six cuts while Stratford District Council has funded an additional three. Due to budgetary constraints, the verges will now be cut only 5 times per annum.

7 Planning:

7.1 New Planning Applications

7.1.1 Mr J Rea – 7 Ufton Fields, Ufton – replace existing detached garage with a double garage with first floor accommodation and link to main dwelling house. Erection of sun-room to rear. 11/00339/FUL.

7.2 Planning Decisions:

7.2.1 Mr P Barrett – 1 St Michaels Close – erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (revised design following previous approval) 10/01998/FUL – **Pending**

7.2.2 Acumen Waste Services – Ufton Hill Farm. Retrospective change of use of agricultural storage yard to commercial vehicle storage area for up to 7 HGV wagons and 7 flat bed trailers and 10 '35 yard' skips 09/01563/FUL **Refused**

7.2.3 Dr D Burston – Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Stoneythorpe Estate. Outline planning permission is sought for a hotel, new spectator facilities, including corporate boxes, refreshment and sanitary facilities. Business space for equine related business, replacement dwelling for Home Farm, re-siting of stabling, and arena building, incorporating grooms/players accommodation at first floor level, players pavilions, completion of All Weather arena, and players pavilion. Alterations to accommodation within existing scoreboards to form 4 no. 2 bedroomed accommodation for players and visitors. Areas for car parking and re-configuration of existing access on to A425 09/00873/OUT **Pending**

7.2.4 Mr R Skelcher – Appleton House, Southam Road, Ufton – two storey side extension and first floor extension over existing garage. Insertion of no.2 dormer windows to the south elevation and insertion of dormer window with associated balcony area to the north elevation **Granted**

8 Risk Assessment – Cllr Egging advised that the Risk Assessment is nearly completed after various questions have now been answered.

9 Quiet Country Lanes/CPRE. Cllr Tayler advised that CPRE has been in touch after Ufton Parish Council decided not to subscribe to the organisation any more. Discussion took place about the effectiveness of CPRE and Cllr Tayler proposed that Ufton's membership should not be renewed. This was seconded by Cllr Baldwin and all agreed.

10 Correspondence -

10.1 for discussion

10.1.1 Waste Core Strategy Consultation

10.1.2 HS2 Consultation. Discussion took place regarding HS2 and it was agreed that the Parish Council view should be representative of the majority of the village. It was proposed that a tear-off slip be printed in the next Ufton News, asking residents for their views – for or against. This could be returned to any Councillor. Additionally, it was agreed to ask if residents would like to attend a Village Meeting to discuss HS2. The Parish Council will present arguments and information on what is known from both sides n.b. this will not represent a Councillor’s personal view but will be to state the case and let people have their say.

10.1.3 Bicycle Project – for information

All three documents will be circulated. Comments regarding HS2 and the Waste Core Strategy should be forwarded to the Clerk, to enable Ufton Parish Council to respond to the consultations accordingly.

10.2 for information

10.2.1 LCR Magazine

11 Finance – Cllr Tayler proposed the following accounts were approved for payment, seconded Cllr Crowther:

11.1	G Ingham – Ufton News April + Stamps	£24.00
11.2	Jane Cove – March Salary	£139.95
11.3	Jane Cove – Storage/Internet/Tel 3 rd Qtr	£36.00
11.4	Jane Cove – Stamps £3.84/Refreshments APM £15.84; Stationery £4.50; CiLCA training contribution £30.00	£230.13
11.5	E-on Street Light Maintenance	£64.63
11.6	WALC subscription renewal	£84.00

12 Items for next meeting: HS2, Gamages – History of Ufton, Speeding

13 Meet & Greet – Cllr Egging highly commended Mrs Strachan and Mrs Van Kesteren on the work that has gone into the ‘Welcome Pack’. A lot of the information needs to be regularly updated. Discussion took place and it was agreed that all the information can be placed on Ufton’s website. Cllr Egging will make personal contact with new residents as they move into the village and ‘Meet & Greet’ will remain on the Agenda for any updates. Cllr Tayler will liaise with Cllr Egging to decide how best to transfer the information to the website where necessary.

14 Clerk’s Salary Progression: the Clerk’s annual salary increase was discussed and it was agreed that she can proceed to scale SCP18 with effect from 1st April 2011.

12 Date of next meeting: 3rd May 2011 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 3rd May 2011