

**UFTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011**  
**in the Village Hall**

**1 Present:** Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, J Burrows, I Crowther and J Wilkinson. Clerk – Jane Cove.

1 member of the public

**2 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Egging & Van Kesteren, CCllr R Stevens & DCllr Spencers

**3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item:** None

**4 Open session**

**4.1 Public participation:**

a) Mr Dave Shepherd said that he is anxious to know when the speed checks will recommence, as the volume of traffic is increasing along Ufton Fields. Cllr Burrows will call Sally Rolfe to ask when the speed gun will be returned.

b) Mr Greg Byrne explained about his recent planning application. This is to enable him to become an approved firewood seller. The purpose is to keep the wood dry. Cllr Crowther asked for assurance that the noise of the machinery would not disturb people walks in this area and Mr Byrne confirmed that the machinery will be running for a maximum of 4 hours per day – but not every day. Mr Byrne also suggested he could provide some form of screening to reduce noise levels on the footpath.

c) Mr Dave Shepherd asked if the Parish Council knew the reason for the recent Police activity in Ufton. The exact cause was not known but it was noted that there has been a recent spate of burglaries in outbuildings in the area.

**5. Minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011** – the Minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Baldwin, seconded Cllr Crowther.

**6. Matters arising:**

**6.1 Speeding:** Cllr Burrows will ask Southam Police when the laser gun will be returned to Ufton again.

**6.2 Queen’s Jubilee Celebration – Beacon** – Cllr Wilkinson explained that it was proposed to light a number of beacons throughout the country in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. He had looked into insurance requirements and had been advised that for 100 expected guests the cost would be £125.00. Cllr Tayler proposed that this idea is taken forwarded and this was seconded by Cllr Baldwin. Cllr Tayler will set up a sub-group to work on the idea.

**7. Planning:**

**7.1 New Planning Application:** 7.1.1 11/02280/AGNOT: Lean-to No 1 – opensided barn and Lean-to No 2 – opensided extenstion too existing steel portal framed building. Lower Fox Farm, Bascote CV47 2DN. Mr G Byrne. The Parish Council agreed to support this application as it is in keeping with rural and sustainable business in the area.

**7.2 Planning Decisions:** None

## **8. Correspondence -**

8.1 for information –

8.2 or discussion –

- a) Stratford Area Committee Briefing note – Road Safety (emailed 24/10/11). It was agreed to place this document on the website and refer to it in the next Ufton News.

## **9. Finance –**

**9.1 the following accounts for payment were approved.** Proposed Cllr Tayler and seconded Cllr Burrows:

9.1.1 G Ingham – Ufton News November	£20.16
9.1.2 EON – unmetered electricity supply 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr	£126.78
9.1.3 PCC – Ufton Parish - mowing	£1000.00
9.1.4 PCC – Ufton Parish reimbursement to Jeff Markham for extra step	£50.00
9.1.5 Shires Oak – oak handrails for steps	£147.60
9.1.6 Banbury Blast Cleaning Ltd – refurbishment of gates	£375.00
9.1.7 Jane Cove – October Salary	£114.30

**9.2 Precept 2012-13.** The estimates for the forthcoming financial year were discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Burrows to keep the Precept at £6250.00. The distribution of the individual budgeted figures will be amended and reviewed at the next meeting.

## **10 AOB - Items for next meeting:**

- a) To discuss new ideas to combat speeding in Ufton

## **11 Meet & Greet**

**12 Date of next meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed:  
Chairman

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011