

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2012
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, J Burrows; L Van Kesteren and J Wilkinson. Clerk Jane Cove.

4 Members of the public.

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr Crowther and DCllr Spencer

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: None

4 Phil Ward - WRCC presentation on Housing Needs. Cllr Tayler introduced Phil Ward, who had visited Ufton in April 2010. Mr Ward gave a presentation on the process of undertaking a Housing Needs Survey. Cllr Tayler thanked Mr Ward for his very clear presentation and taking the time to visit Ufton again. Any decision on this issue will be taken at the next Parish Council meeting in May.

5 Open session

5.1 Public participation:

i) Mr Shepherd mentioned the Speed Gun. Cllr Burrows reported that after several emails to the Police, he has been advised that it was sent for calibration and then repair and now Ufton is due to have it again, for a period of six weeks.

5.2 WCC Report: Cllr Stevens reported the following:

i) A resident had contacted him regarding the state of the pathways in Ufton.

Highways has responded that work will be carried out to infill various potholes and depressions and all 'give way' markings along Ufton Fields will be renewed. Arrangements will be made to include areas of White Hart Lane in future patching. There is an ongoing programme for slurry seal treatment to footpaths and some areas of Ufton have been included in this - however it is unlikely this particular work will be undertaken until the next financial year.

ii) The next Biffa meeting will take place on 19th April. Cllrs Baldwin and Wilkinson will attend.

iii) A judicial review has been launched regarding HS2 and the County Council encourages this. Talks are being held with HS2 to get the best for the people of Warwickshire.

iv) Community Forums are being re-vamped and the Parish Council will be asked how it thinks they should be run.

v) The Health Act has now been passed which moves funding away from Primary Care Trusts to General Practitioners.

6. Minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2012 – the Minutes of the meetings were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Wilkinson and seconded Cllr Burrows.

7. Matters arising:

7.1 Speeding: covered in 5.1 i) above

7.2 Jubilee Beacon: Cllr Tayler advised that:

- the Beacon will be lit between 1015 and 1030 pm on Monday 4th June
- the venue is changed to the waste ground at the rear of the pub

- the immediate neighbours have been consulted - the beacon will be a safe distance from their properties and its size and contents will be restricted
- it will not be lit unless a group consisting J Tayler (PC), T Read (Publican) and M Ablitt (Fire Safety Advisor) agree it is safe to do so (due weather)
- tickets may be sold for refreshments in the pub and the Village Hall Committee will be involved in this planning.
- there will be a cost to the Parish Council for insurance for this event. It is estimated this will be £125.00. Cllr Tayler sought the approval of the Parish Council to proceed with the arrangements and this was proposed by Cllr Van Kesteren and seconded by Cllr Burrows.

7.3 Housing needs. A decision will be taken regarding this issue at the May meeting.

7.4 Neighbourhood Watch - Any relevant information received from the Police will be put on the website. Cllr Tayler will speak with Mr Ingham about this matter.

7.5 HS2 - Cllr Baldwin thanked WCC for organising a superb day regarding HS2. He also reported that while two dates were given for a meeting with HS2 Ltd - no advice was received as to which date the meeting would be held. Clerk to advise HS2 and copy WCC.

8. Planning:

8.1 New Planning Applications: None

8.2 Planning Decisions:

9. Correspondence -

9.1 for information –

i) LCR Magazine

9.2 or discussion -

i) SDC Waste Core Strategy - Cllr Tayler will review this document and advise of any planned impact on Ufton.

10. Finance – the following accounts were approved for payment. Proposed, Cllr Tayler seconded Cllr Burrows and all agreed.

10.1 Ufton Village Hall - Room Hire 11-12		£120.00
10.2 G Ingham – Ufton News April		£22.68
10.3 J Cove Mar Salary + Office Equipment/Storage	£130.30	
10.4 J Cove Exp 4th Qtr - Stamps £4.32/Tel, Internet £17.00/ Refreshments AVM £11.75/Stationery £5.00	£38.07	£168.37
10.5 HMRC 4th Qtr		£89.20

11 Councillor Vacancy - two applications had been received for the vacant position and requests were made by Cllr Baldwin for both applicants to be co-opted. As the constitution of the Parish Council does not allow for more than 7 Councillors, this is not possible. A ballot was taken, which resulted in the vacancy being offered to Philip Sheepy. Mr Sheepy will commence his duties as Parish Councillor at the meeting on 1st May 2012.

12 Clerk Vacancy - no applications have yet been received for the role as Clerk. Discussion took place and Cllr Van Kesteren will contact The Courier with a view to placing the advertisement in the newspaper. Additionally, those who applied for the last vacancy, will be contacted.

13 Members' Reports - Items for next meeting:

14 Meet & Greet: a family has moved into the Whyte's house and Cllr Van Kesteren will officially 'meet and greet' them.

15 Date of next meeting and AGM: 1st May 2012

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 1st May 2012