

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes

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DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of
Ufton Parish Council
held in The Village Hall , Ufton
at 8.00pm on Tuesday 7th May 2013

1 **Record of members present** Parish Councillors: Cllr. Baldwin, (Chairman)
Cllr. Ian Crowther (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tayler, Cllr. Wilkinson,
Cllr. Van Kesteren, Cllr. Burrows, Cllr Sheepy.
Members of the Public: 6 Cllr Stevens (WCC)

2 **Apologies for Absence.** None

3 **Acceptance of Apologies** N/A

4 **Declarations of Interest** None

5 **Open Forum**

Mrs. E. Scrivens reported problems with the correct identification of her address. She and her husband experience problems with people calling at their home looking for the Wedding Barn or Ashgrove Farm. They have even experienced an assault from callers at their home. Mrs Skrivens postal address is 40 Leamington Road, Ufton, CV33 9PQ yet this part of Leamington Rd is known as Ridgeway Lane and asked if a street name sign (Ridgeway lane) could be placed in such a position as to assist the public when visiting the area.

Action

Clerk to contact relevant authority and copy in Mrs Scrivens and Cllr Stevens.

Mrs G. Ingham asked for planning notices to be posted on the village notice board. The council thought this was not necessary as good access to planning notices already exists. She added her positive thoughts on the council remaining a member of WALC and was assured that this would be discussed later in the meeting. Mrs Ingham informed the council of waste Ivy had been dumped in Ufton Fields close to Field Close.

Clerk to contact SDC Waste Management and request removal of the Ivy.

Cllr Van Kesteren reported problems with street lighting on behalf of local resident.

Clerk to identify and report faulty lights.

Cllr Baldwin, on behalf of a local resident, raised concerns about work being carried out on a barn at Posher Farm, Leamington Rd CV33 9PQ which appeared to be a conversion from a barn to a residential property. As the council are not aware of any such planning application, Cllr Baldwin felt it was prudent to make enquiries into the planning aspect of the works at Poher Farm.

Clerk to contact SDC Planning Dept and report back at next meeting.

Report from WCC Cllr Stevens

Cllr Stevens started by thanking Cllr John Tayler for all his hard work during his tenure as Chairman of the parish council. He also thanked voters of Ufton for returning him to office at the county council. He explained that the Conservative councillors at the county council do not have overall control and will need the support of other parties in order to get anything done.

As for HS2, he recently met with Jeremy Wright MP who was awaiting the Queens Speech (8th May 2013) before he could know the way forward. The next HS2 forum would not be before September 2013.

Cllr Stevens had also recently met with the National Farmers Union and was struck by how their concerns about rural crime, fly tipping, river dredging and more were very similar to the concerns of the parish council. In the absence of Cllr Chris Spencer (SDC), he spoke about how SDC's core strategy should be before the government by July 2013 and how, without a policy at present, it was a field day for developers.

- 6 **Approval of Minutes** It was resolved to approve the minutes for April as true records of the meeting.

Matters Arising

- 7.1 **Letter to bank re change of address of clerk.**
Approved and signed by the chairman

Action

Clerk to present to bank with signed minutes of this meeting

- 7.2 **Precept referendums Bill**

Cllr Tayler reported that recent legislation capped council precepts at 2% and our precept appeared to have risen by 4% this year. Cllr Baldwin explained that an accounting anomaly led to us receiving a larger precept than expected by about £260. It was agreed by SDC that this money could be used on parish projects and it was proposed by Cllr Tayler and seconded by Cllr Sheepy that this was how the additional money should be spent. It was agreed to do so. Cllr Crowther was assured that no residents had received a larger tax bill as a consequence.

- 7.3 **New Grit Bin**

Cllr Burrows suggested various locations for placing the grit bins and it was proposed by Cllr Burrows and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson to have the yellow, 400 litre grit bin placed in an appropriate location in Broad Close.

Action

Cllr Borrows to bring grit bin literature to next meeting for the clerk to place an order.

- 7.4 **IVC Odour complaints**

Cllr Wilkinson attended a meeting at BIFFA and was informed by them of their operations over the last twelve months and their plans for restoration of the site over the next eighteen months. Restoration of the site includes the planting of 2 mature oak trees and 4,000 other young trees. He discovered that only 2 complaints had been made to the Environment Agency however, complaints received by BIFFA are not passed on to the Environment Agency. BIFFA are looking at further methods of reducing smells. Cllr Tayler offered to collate complaints that we are made aware of and to that end it was decided to publish the Environment Agency help desk number in the village news letter and ask that complainants give information about time of day and wind direction.

Action

Clerk to provide Mrs Ingham with details of Environment Agency contact details.

- 7.5 **Housing needs survey**

Cllr Baldwin spoke about a recent meeting he attended in Wilmcote where he hoped to gain guidance on how to disclose information about the location of land for building without causing distress to the community. He discovered that Harbury are faced with a similar situation and Cllr Baldwin will liaise with them.

- 7.6 **Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Crowther reported that information from the police to the public about local crime is now slowly filtering through and the system is now up and running. Current crime trends indicate the catalytic converters fitted to 4X4 cars and large vans are being targeted by criminals. Cllr Crowther asked for this item to be removed from future agenda as he will report to meetings when information becomes to his attention.

Action

Clerk to remove from future agenda

7.7 **Highways issues in Ufton**

Cllr Tayler reported that recent ditching work on the A425 generated a large amount of rubbish which has now been removed by WCC. This ongoing issue is now closed.

8 **Planning Matters**

Decisions received. Application 11/02870/FUL was found not to in our parish and was not discussed.

Action
Clerk to make suitable comment on SDC web site.

Applications. Application 13/00854/FUL was discussed and although Cllr Burrows proposed and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson, that there were no comments to make about the proposed conservatory, it was felt that as an existing garage should have been included in the plans and as it was not shown, the information provided to the planners was incorrect and the parish council would like to make SDC planners aware of the omission. Cllr Baldwin stated that information on planning applications should be correct.

9. **Finance**

The following Invoices were presented for payment -

Mrs M Croft. Hire of the village hall	£120.00
E-on (Maintenance)	£66.26
E-on (Supply)	£125.04
Mrs G Ingham Village newsletter	£28.44
WALC Annual membership	£90.00
Payments received	£25.00

Action
Clerk to send copy of E-on bills to Cllr Crowther inc map of street lights.

Membership of WALC was proposed by Cllr Baldwin and seconded by Cllr Crowther

10. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was placed before the council.

1. Grant Thornton - accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013
2. WALK - renewal of membership - 2013-1014
3. SDC Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest - Localism Act 2011
4. SDC Planning notification 13/00854/FUL (as at item 8 on this agenda)

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11. **Agenda items for the next meeting**

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| 1.HS2 Mitigation plans | 2.Plans of land at White Hart | 3.Broadband update |
| 4. Highways grant | 5. 20mph speed limit debate | 6.Inconsistent road signs at the Harbury end of Ufton Fields |
| 7. Dog mess | 8. Items carried over from AGM. (2012 minutes, Financial accounts and Annual Governance Statement) | |

Signed: Chair

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