

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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Minutes of the Meeting of
Ufton Parish Council
held in The Village Hall , Ufton
at 8.00pm on Tuesday 3rd September 2013

- 1 **Record of members present** Parish Councillors: Cllr. Crowther, (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Tayler. Cllr Burrows, Cllr Lesley Van Kesteren, Cllr Wilkinson
Cllr Sheepy, Cllr Stevens (WCC) Cllr Spencer (SDC)
Members of the Public: 4
- 2 **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Colin Baldwin (The chair was taken by Cllr Crowther in his absence)
- 3 **Acceptance of Apologies** Yes
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** None.
- 5 **Open Forum**

Mr David Shepherd mentioned the continuing problem of some dog owners not 'picking up' after their dogs.

Mrs Gillian Ingham told the meeting that the waste Ivy in Ufton Fields had not been collected by the district council and that the 30 mph sign in Ufton Fields had not been replaced after being knocked down.

Action
Clerk to chase-up relevant authorities.

WCC/SDC Representative reports.

Cllr Bob Stevens (WCC) told the meeting that a 24 hrs Fire Fighters strike was planned within the next two weeks. However, this should not affect the cover in the Southam area as the strike will not affect retain fire fighters.

Southam school recently posted their best ever exam results and they had applied to the Sports Council for a grant to provide a tennis court.

Opposition to HS2 appears to be gaining momentum, in fact he felt that it would be difficult to find anyone who supports it and parliament will now re-examine the business case as estimated costs are escalating.

The next HS2 forum will be held on 11th Sept '13 at Ladbroke.

He recently had a meeting with local police officers and spoke about the effect of budget cuts for the Stratford area. He was told that savings had been made by sharing some administrative services with West Mercia Police and that the Southam police area should not feel the effects of these spending cuts.

A community grant of £5000 is available for small groups and organisations to apply for by 11th October. These grants are available to Parish Councils for local community projects.

Cllr Crowther had asked Katriona, the local PCSO at the last Harbury Community Forum if a speed camera was available for use by the parish once more; since then Cllr Baldwin had informed them both that that the one loaned to us previously was still in his possession, but needed recalibrating. Katriona was working towards making one available again for use.

Cllr Chris Spencer (SDC) informed the meeting of a recent spate of crime in the Long Itchington area. Homes are being burgled and car keys stolen in order for the offenders to take the car. He asked that this be mentioned in the Ufton News.

SDC Core Strategy consultation period ends on 13th September '13 but is extended to 27th September for villages affected by proposed development of a new village. Cllr Wilkinson asked if additional medical facilities had been incorporated into the plan as there seemed to be no mention of this vital service within the plan. Cllr Spencer agreed to research this issue and report back at the next meeting.

The proposal to reduce the number of council wards within the Stratford district will soon be put to the Election Commission with a recommendation that the three wards of Ufton, Long Itchington and Stockton will form one ward with about 3000 voters. He spoke about provisions within the core strategy that applied to travellers and Cllr Tayler asked how will we find out about decisions made by Warwick District Council that may impact on the Ufton parish. He suggested we make contact with Cllr Mike Doody at Warwick for the latest information. The clerk also reminded the meeting that Ufton Parish Council is part of an e-mail cascade but that no information had yet been received from Warwick District.

6 Approval of Minutes

All minutes of the meeting set out in the agenda of 3rd September were signed and approved.

7 Matters Arising

7.1 Gypsy site consultation. Cllr Crowther informed the meeting that feedback from the survey collection point indicated the about 2000 replies had been returned by areas affected by the proposals.

7.2 Broadband update. Nothing new to report

7.3 Housing needs survey. Cllr Sheepy had nothing new to report and asked that it be dropped from the agenda.

7.4 Inconsistent road signs at Harbury end of Ufton Fields. The clerk informed the meeting that WCC Highways Dept had looked at the signs and they felt that the signs gave accurate information and no changes would be made.

7.5 Street Lighting update. Cllr Crowther informed the meeting that after consultation with EON, he was now satisfied that we are only charged for the maintenance of 15 columns and not 16 as was previously believed. This matter can now be closed.

Action
Remove from agenda
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8. Planning Matters

8.1 Notification as an adjoining parish. 13/01558/FUL Dallas Burston
No comments

8.2 Applications. 13/01762/FUL Part demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new bungalow to side.

The meeting was adjourned at 2042hrs to allow members and the public to study the plans of the above application.

The meeting reconvened at 2045hrs

Cllr Tayler asked the applicant Mr Shepherd if he was aware of any reactions from neighbours. Mr Shepherd told the meeting that he had spoken to neighbours likely to be affected by the application with no negative comments. Mr Shepherd went on to inform the meeting of his reasons for making this application. Cllr Tayler proposed to support this application which was seconded by Cllr Sheepy. A vote was called for and all members present were in favour of supporting the application.

Actions

Clerk to post relevant comments on the SDC planning web site

9. Finance

9.1 Invoices - presented for payment and approval.

All invoices presented for payment were approved by the members.

10 Correspondence

10.1 HMRC

Cllr Crowther made the meeting aware of recent correspondence from HMRC and the actions taken on behalf of the parish council

10.2 Commercial Estates Group

No action required

10.3 HS2

No action required

11. Items for the next agenda

Gypsy site consultation.

Broadband update.

The Donkey Field (land adjacent to the White Hart public house.)

Cllr Crowther said Cllr Baldwin had asked that this item be placed on the next meeting's agenda as he had received complaints from five parishioners about the donkey field, whereas Cllr Crowther had received a considerable number of positive comments. Cllr Taylor questioned the necessity for this item to be considered by the parish council at a time when legal advice was being sought by the landlord of the public house into the use of the land. Cllr Taylor felt that the correct time to address the issue would be after the legal position has been clarified. Cllr Wilkinson said this should not be discussed further as it was not on this meeting's Agenda. It was agreed to hold the matter over until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2105 hrs.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 1st October 2013