**Ufton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 4th April 2017**

**1. Record of Members Present: -**

Cllrs Baldwin (Chairman), Leeman, Tayler, Wilkinson and Clerk Mrs J Chapman

Meeting Commenced 8.00 pm

**2. Apologises for Absence: -** Cllr Crowther, Cllr Riches

**3. Acceptance of Apologies: -** Cllr Crowther, Cllr Riches

**4. Declaration of Interests**

Councillors are reminded that they **must** act solely in the public interest and should never

improperly confer advantage or disadvantage on any person to act or gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend or close associate. None received

**5. Dispensations -** None

**6. Open Forum - (15 minutes)**

A resident of the village asked about the Annual Village Meeting and expressed a desire to see one of the planning applications.

**Representative Report**

County Councillor Stevens said currently it is very quiet, as Warwickshire County Council (WCC) approaches elections in May.

District Councillor Riches did not attend the meeting. However, Cllr Baldwin advised on Cllr Riches behalf, Stratford District Council went up by £5.00 per year as opposed to 2.2%, £5 being the lesser increase.

**7. Minutes of Last Parish Council Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2017 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

**8. Matters Arising**

**8.1 Dog Fouling**

Cllr Tayler confirmed he has been in touch with the Parish Clerk for Kineton, they are still waiting to see what action Stratford District Council take, so it was agreed Cllr Tayler will update the Parish Council again in June 2017.

There was a general discussion regarding the lack of action taken by Stratford District Council in relation to Dog Fouling.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to Stratford District Council to ask if we can have a copy of

Dog Warden’s Job Description and be advised what level of service we can expect from the Dog Warden.

**8.2 Highway Issues**

Speed Gun – Cllr Baldwin spoke to PC Cramp at the last Community Forum, PC Cramp stated he would retrieve Ufton’s speedgun from Long Itchington Parish Council.

Speed Monitoring Radar – The Clerk advised the person she has been dealing with at

Warwickshire County Council has taken early retirement and our request will be dealt with once the new person starts at the end of April.

**8.3 HS2**

The computer which was given to Ufton Parish Council by HS2 Limited has been collected by HS2, following their request.

Cllr Baldwin stated he will try to arrange a meeting with the two HS2 Community Liaison Officers, to discuss the Pelican Crossing as this need to be in place before HS2 traffic starts coming through the village on the A425.

**8.4 Street Lights**

Awaiting the results of the consultation with the village.

**8.5 Village Projects**

Awaiting the results of the consultation with the village.

**8.6 Church Tower Lighting**

Cllr Baldwin has obtained a quote to reduce the size of the Holly Tree and the Yew Tree on the corner of White Hart Line/Ufton Hill. The land and therefore the trees belong to WCC Highways.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact Forestry Officer at WCC for permission to trim the trees. The Clerk will also ask the Forestry Officer to look at the trees/bushes on the righthand side of the A425, opposite the White Hart junction.

**8.7 Great Get Together: Letter request from Sayed Javid M.P.**

The Great Together is due to take place over the weekend 17/18th June 2017 to remember Jo Cox M.P.

**ACTION:** Clerk to pass the information on the Fete Committee to see if this can be incorporated into the fete.

**9.0 Planning**

**9.1 Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council

a) 15/03618/OUT Lower Farm, Southam Road, Stoneythorpe, Warwickshire CV47 2DL Outline planning application for an innovative zero carbon sustainable community of up to 800 dwellings. – Objection

b)16/02919/FUL Monkey Barn Farm, Southam Road, Ufton, CV33 9PP. Demolition of redundant cattle shed and use of land for storage of skips and associated vehicles. – Objection

c) 17/00740/FUL Orchard Rise, Ufton Fields, Ufton, CV33 9NZ. First floor bathroom extension to side to replace existing dormer window. – No Objections.

**9.2 Planning Decisions**

None

**9.3 Appeals**

None

**10.0 Finance**

**10.1**  **It was proposed by Cllr Wilkinson, seconded by Cllr Tayler and**

**RESOLVED the following payments be made.**

Clerks Salary April 2017 £

Reimbursement to Mrs J Chapman for March Newsletter printing £ 21.60

Reimbursement to Mrs J Chapman for postage £ 7.80

Bryne Landscaping and Tree Surgery £175.00

Eon Light Maintenance 01.01.17 – 31.03.17 £ 66.26

Notice It Ltd – new village noticeboard £411.00

The Clerk advised the payment to HMRC as shown on the Agenda is not to be paid due to a change in her tax code.

The Clerk advised following on from last month’s meeting, Diane Malley ATT has taken over the Parish Payroll.

**10.2 Financial Report**

The Clerk advised this will be presented to the meeting in May by way of the Annual Return.

**11. Correspondence**

HSBC Bank statement.

**12. Items for next Agenda**

Dog Fouling, Highway Issues, HS2, Street Lights, Speeding, Church Tower Lighting.

**14. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 2nd May 2017. There will be two meetings, the Annual General Meeting, followed by the monthly Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed 9.22 pm

Signed Date

Cllr C Baldwin

Chairman