**Ufton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 2nd January 2018**

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

Cllrs Baldwin, Wilkinson, Crowther, Tayler, Leeman and Clerk Mrs J Chapman

Mrs Sarah Sheepy and Mr Greg Bryne were also present.

Meeting Commenced 8.00 pm

**2. Apologises for Absence: -** Cllr Stevens

**3. Acceptance of Apologies: -** Cllr Stevens

**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**

Nothing from the Public

**Representative Reports**

County Councillor Stevens was not present due to illness. Cllr Baldwin read out the brief report Cllr Stevens had sent. The budget statement came out typically late just before the Christmas shut down. The major area for debate is do we raise council tax by 3% or stick to the 2% planned and continue with our savings plans already announced. The extra 1% would raise about £2 million most of which would go on Adult care and children's services.

District Councillor Riches was not present, and no apologies had been received. Cllr Baldwin will write to Cllr Riches to express the Parish Councils concerns about his nonattendance and remind him the Parish Council is still waiting for information re dog fouling and Wi-Fi funding

**7 Minutes of last meeting**

**7.1** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2017 as a true and complete record

**8. Co-option of two Parish Councillors**

The Clerk has received notification of interest in becoming a Parish Councillor from Mrs S Sheepy, Mrs E Kemp and Mr G Byrne. Mrs Kemp was not able to attend the meeting due to family commitments, this meant the Clerk was unable to establish if Mrs Kemp “qualifies” to stand as a Councillor. Cllr Tayler advised if Mrs Kemp is eligible to become a Parish Councillor he is willing to stand down to allow Mrs Kemp to stand.

Both Mrs Sheepy and Mr Byrne fit the criteria to become a Councillor.

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

**RESOLVED** Mrs Sarah Sheepy and Mr Greg Byrne be co-opted to the two vacant Councillor seats.

**9. Matters Arising**

**9.1 Dog Fouling –** Cllr Riches was not present to advise if the Parish Council can undertake their own prosecutions for dog fouling, neither could he advise if he has arranged a meeting for the Chairman, Cllr Baldwin to meet with the Corporate Director at Stratford on Avon District Council with responsibility for dog fouling.

**9.2 Eon Street Lighting –** The quote from Eon for the replacement street lights were discussed at length.

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Crowther and

**RESOLVED** the Parish Council will ask EON if they will replace half of the lights in Option 2.

The Clerk will write to Eon, asking them:

* for a set price to replace half of the lights in Option 2, ensuring the lights in the worst condition are done first.
* To ensuring any Chapter 8 costs are factored into the price
* If they will hold the price to do the remainder of the lights in 2018/19

**9.3 Highway Issues** –

**Bus Stop Opposite Ashgrove Farm –** The quote for the work is still awaited.

**ACTION** Clerk to write to Cllr Stevens to see if any funding for the work is available via his Councillors grant

**Speedgun –** Cllr Baldwin advised he has retrieved the speed gun from Long Itchington Parish Council

**9.4 Church Tower Lighting** – No information received from Warwickshire County Council and no information from Cllr Stevens.

**ACTION** Clerk to write to Warwickshire County Council Joint Managing Directors to express the Parish Councils grave concerns particularly considering the trees which fell onto the A423 during the Christmas period.

**9.5 Internet/Broadband** – The Clerk advised BT Openreach were in the village today undertaking a survey for Broadband. It will be a minimum of 6 months before anything happens.

**9.6 Parish Boundary –** No information received from Land Registry

**9.7 Lengthsman Scheme –** deferred to next meeting

**9.8 Portfolio Holders –** deferred to next meeting

**10. Planning**

**10.1** No Planning Applications have been received

**10.2** No Planning decisions have been received.

**10.3 Appeal submitted** 16/02919/FUL Monkey Barn Farm, Southam Road, Ufton. The Parish Council submitted “no representation” therefore the Parish Council will not offer any comment about the appeal application.

**11. Finance**

**11.1 Monthly Budget Report**

Cllr Crowther and the Clerk have been unable to meet over the Christmas period, they will meet within the next two weeks, validate the budget and forward it to all Councillors.

**11.2 Payments made since last meeting**

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| **Name** | **£** |
| Section 137 Grant Ufton Parochial Church Council | 1200.00 |

**11.3 To authorise the following payments:**

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Leeman and

**RESOLVED** the payments be authorised.

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| **Name** | **£** |
| Clerks Salary – January 2018 |  |
| HMRC 06.10.17 – 05.01.18 | 5.20 |
| Reimbursement to Mrs J Chapman for January Ufton Newsletter | 21.60 |
| Reimbursement to Mrs J Chapman for parking (Clerks training session 14.11.17) | 3.00 |
| D M Payroll Services Ltd – second half of year 2017/2018 | 40.50 |
| Eon Maintenance for quarter ending December 2017 | 66.26 |

**11.4 Precept 2018 – 2019**

The Parish Council has not increased the village precept for many years and its reserves are not sufficient to cover the cost of replacing the village street lights.

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Leeman, seconded by Cllr Byrne and

**RESOLVED** the village precept be increased by 25% to enable the street lights to be replaced

**12. Correspondence Received**

None

**13. Items for next Agenda**

Dog Fouling

Streetlighting

Lengthsman Scheme

Parish Boundary

Portfolio Holders

Highways

Wi-Fi.

Highway Issues – Bus Stop opposite Ashgrove Farm, Speed Gun, Church Tower

**14. Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 6th February 2018

Meeting closed 22:05

Signed Date

Cllr C Baldwin

Chairman