**Ufton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 6th March 2018**

Cllr C Baldwin (Chairman) invited Cllr I Crowther (Vice Chairman) to chair the meeting.  Cllr Baldwin explained that he thought it was a good idea for Cllr Crowther to chair the meeting to obtain experience.

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

Cllrs Baldwin, Crowther, Tayler, Leeman, Byrne, Cllr Mrs Sheepy and Clerk Mrs J Chapman

County Councillor Stevens and District Councillor Riches also present.

Meeting Commenced 8.00 pm

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

**3. Acceptance of Apologies: -** Agreed

**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**

The following matters were raised

* Residents offered their thanks to Cllr Tayler for co-ordinating calls on elderly villagers during the snowy period; it was very much appreciated.
* Street Light outside September Lodge is still not working. The Clerk will report it.
* Planting, hedging around the solar panels on the fosse which can be seen from Ufton Fields – what is the planting meant to be. Clerk to ask for planting details from Planning Department.
* Venue for Ufton Fete, Cllr Bryne, offered the use of his land/yard.

 **Representative Reports**

County Councillor Stevens advised WCC has set its budget which has enabled local authorities to set theirs. WCC have used some reserves however this is only a short-term measure. Most savings have been made via staff redundancies or retirement. A memorandum of understanding has been signed between West Midlands Fire Service and Warwickshire Fire Service. Secondary School places will be announced on1st March 2018, Southam College has 270 places. Cllr Stevens paid credit to the Highways Gritting Teams for their 24-hour operations during the recent snow. Cllr Stevens asked for pot holes to be reported, although it may take a while for repairs to be effected.

District Councillor Riches advised SDC has set an increase in the Council Tax of 1%, following a larger than expected settlement from Government. A recent resident survey has shown residents do not wish to see services reduced to achieve a reduction in Council Tax. The new Environmental Health Department appointed to deal specifically with dog issues is Phil Rafferty; he has been given Cllr Baldwin’s details and asked to make contact. Cllr Riches request for £50K discretionary grant to fund Broadband investigations/alternatives for remote villages has been approved. SDC are now bidding for half a million pounds to provide wireless hi-fi.

**ACTION:** Clerk to write to David Platts at SDC to request names of the 3 private firms (WISPS) who provide wireless internet access.

**7 Minutes of last meeting**

**7.1** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018 as a true and complete record

**8. Matters Arising**

**8.1 Eon Street Lighting –** Following a long discussion

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

 **RESOLVED** considering the previous agreement EON will be asked to replace 10 bracket lights completely at a cost of £789 each. The lights to be replaced first are White Hart Lane and Ufton Fields as per schedule to be supplied by Cllr Baldwin.

 **ACTION** Clerk to place the order with EON

**8.2 Highway Issues** –

 Trees on the corner of White Hart Lane and the A425 and trees on the bank opposite White Hart Lane on the A425 will hopefully be done in March, if not it will be the Autumn.

**8.3 Bus Stop Opposite Ashgrove Farm –** a quote for £75.00 has now been received to lay three slabs in the verge by the bus stop on the A425 opposite Ashgrove Farm.

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

 **RESOLVED** the quote be accepted.

 **ACTION** Clerk to confirm acceptance of quote in writing

**8.4 Internet/Broadband –** as discussed under District Councillors reports.

**ACTION** Clerk to chase up response from PCC re request to put wifi aerial on the Church Tower.

**8.5 Parish Boundary**

The Clerk advised the Parish Councillors that the results of her research suggested the situation was not as simple as first thought. The Chairman instructed the Clerk to write to Land Registry to seek clarification.

 **ACTION** Clerk to write to Land Registry.

**8.6 Stratford District Council, New Councillor Code of Conduct**

The Clerk advised she wished to pull this agenda item as she is awaiting further information.

**8.7 Annual Village Meeting**

Due to take place at 7.30pm on 10th April 2018.

**ACTION** Clerk to include the date in the Ufton Newsletter, invite all the groups within the village to the meeting and ask them to give a brief report, invite Environmental Health Officer, Phil Rafferty, ask Village Hall Committee to provide tea and biscuits 15 mins before the meeting is due to start.

**HS2 –** Cllr Baldwin advised he has received an email from Warwickshire County Council regarding the proposed Pelican Crossing in Ufton. It transpires HS2 have no legal right to make the crossing permanent. Cllr Baldwin believes what was agreed by the House of Lords can be found under IPE 27. Cllr Baldwin informed the meeting that WCC are aware of the situation and are working to get the designation changed.

Cllr Tayler advised he has received a letter from HS2 which stats the signage which has appeared on the edge of Ufton Woods and the fencing along the Bascote Road has not been installed by HS2. HS2 believe Ufton Woods is still owned by Dallas Burston.

**9. Planning**

**9.1** No Planning Applications have been received

**9.2** No planning decisions have been received.

**9.3**  Other planning information – None

**10. Finance**

**10.1 Monthly Budget Report 23.01.18 – 22.02.18**

Noted

**10.2 To authorise the following payments:**

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

**RESOLVED** the payments be authorised.

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| **Name** | **£** |
| Clerks Salary – March 2018  |  |
| Reimbursement to Mrs J Chapman for March Ufton Newsletter | 20.70 |

**10.4 Bank Account transfer**

Cllr Crowther advised that he was still waiting for a new set of documents to arrive for signing; in future it will be “any two to sign”.

**11. Correspondence Received**

Bank Statement

**12. Items for next Agenda**

New Councillor Code of Conduct from Stratford District Council

Streetlighting

Parish Boundary

Wi-Fi.

Highway Issues – Bus Stop opposite Ashgrove Farm, Church Tower

HS2

Parish Council Bank Account – transfer to an alternative bank

Telephone Hotline

**13. Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 3rd April 2018

 Meeting closed 21.56

Signed Date

Cllr I Crowther

Vice Chairman