**Ufton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 5th March 2019**

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

Cllrs Baldwin, Crowther, Leeman, Bryne, Cllr Tayler, County Cllr Stevens and Clerk Mrs J Chapman

Meeting Commenced 8.00 pm

2 members of the public

**2. Apologises for Absence: -** Cllr Mrs Kemp and Cllr Wilkinson

**3. Acceptance of Apologies: -** Cllr Mrs Kemp and Cllr Wilkinson

**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.

**5. Dispensations –** None

**6. Open Forum**

A resident spoke to the Parish Council regarding planning application 18/03636/FUL. The plans have been amended at the request of the District Council. The District Council have indicated it is likely they will refuse the application. The Councillors considered the new plans and stated they would still support the application. If the application goes to Committee, Cllr Tayler stated he would attend to give the Parish Council’s point of view.

A resident raised the issue of the damage to the verges within the village following large vehicles entering the village from Harbury due to the road closure at Bascote.

**Representative Reports**

County Councillor Stevens advised the County Council has been relatively quiet. Warwickshire Fire Brigade has been inspected and an action plan is due to go to Cabinet. Most of the areas of concern relate to administrative and HR areas. The fire prevention and operations are rated Good. A new chief fire officer joins next month, and his first major task will be to sort these areas out. The County Council held a public interest debate at the end of last month about combined working between health and Adult services This topic has been on the national agenda since Public Health was transferred back to local government nearly 10 years ago. The county’s Revenue finances are in a Healthy state with enough contingency reserves to cover any foreseen events. Future income streams are unknown as the movement away from government grants towards Business rates as a source of funding is continuing with pilot schemes in some authorities. Council Tax continues to be capped although ring-fenced increases are allowed to meet specific budgets. The County Councils responsibility with respect to education, has been diluted since the introduction of Academies and free schools. It is the counties responsibility to ensure there are enough school places to meet the needs, that pupils can access their local school and that there is enough provision of “Good” education for those with Special education needs. We all have noticed the incredible number of road closures and traffic disruptions that are presently taking place. Not only are HS2 early works creating problems between Wormleighton to Long Itchington (as well as the rest of Warwickshire to the North) but the large number of housing developments, all requiring additional utility services and road improvements, are adding to the congestion.

Stratford District Council Councillor – Cllr Riches – not present.

**7. Minutes of last meeting**

it was agreed to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th February 2019 as a true and complete record.

**8. Matters Arising**

8.1 Streetlights – the Clerk advised she has received confirmation that the maintenance charges for the streetlights will reduce from £55.22 to £38.03 excluding vat for each quarter. Western Power has also confirmed they have sent to new consumption information to EON and this will lead to a reduction in the usage charge.

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

**RESOLVED** the Clerk place the order with EON for the remainder of the streetlights to be replaced with LED bulbs.

8.2 Parish Boundary – The Clerk has sent a letter to the owner of the White Hart asking for clarification of their boundary responsibilities.

8.3 Wi-fi – The Clerk was requested to again send the information regarding FTTP Broadband to all Councillors.

8.4 Highways – discussed under Agenda item 14.

8.5 HS2 – SDC David Jeffrey is the officer responsible for ensuring heritage properties, such as the Church are monitored during the building of HS2.

**9. Planning**

9.1 No planning applications have been received.

9.2 The following planning decision(s) have been received

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| **Number** | **Address** | **Decision** |
| 18/037891 | Wood Farm, Ridgeway Lane, Ufton | GRANTED |
| 18/03580 | Lister Wilder Ltd  Southam Road  Ufton | GRANTED |

The Clerk advised she has also received the planning decision for 18/03487/FUL – Northcroft, Ufton Fields, Ufton - GRANTED

9.3 Other planning information – none

**10. Finance**

10.1 **Monthly Budget Report**

This was noted and the signed by Cllr Crowther as being correct.

10.2 **To authorise the following payments**

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| **Name** | **£** |
| Clerk salary March |  |
| Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for March Ufton Newsletter printing | 25.87 |

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the payments.

**11. Review of Ufton Parish Council Standing Orders**

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

**RESOLVED** to accept the Model Standing Orders as set out by NALC.

**12. Slow Train to Old Oak Common**

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

**RESOLVED** to support Greatworth Parish Council’s letter to the Government regarding HS2.

**13. Defibrillator**

The Clerk advised she has been in contact with West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) and now has a copy of the original information they were given with regards to the defibrillator. The contact details have now been changed to the Clerk. The Clerk has also located the company who installed the defibrillator, they will forward details regarding the maintenance of the defibrillator.

**14. HS2 Road Safety Fund Application**

The Clerk advised she has spoken to Carolyn Burrows at Warwickshire County Council regarding the funding available from HS2 for road safety. Carolyn Burrows advised the Parish Council will not be eligible to receive any money from this funding as there has not been any accidents in the village. The Clerk has contacted the Department of Transport for a copy of the policy relating to this funding, the DoT advised the Clerk to contact HS2 enquiries.

**15. Elections 2019**

The following Councillors indicated they would like a nomination form for the May 2019

Elections. Cllrs Bryne, Tayler and Leeman

**16. Correspondence received**

Bank Statement

**17. Items for next Agenda**

Defibrillator, Lengthsman Scheme.

**18. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 2nd April 2019

**Jackie Chapman**

**Parish Clerk**

Signed Date

Chairman