**Ufton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on**

**Tuesday 2nd April 2019**

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

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

1 member of the public

Meeting Commenced 8.05 pm

**2. Apologises for Absence: -** None

**3. Acceptance of Apologies: -** None

**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**

The member of the public, Lewis Adam, advised he is currently a Parish Councillor in Long Itchington and he is standing as a candidate for District Councillor for this area in the elections due to be held on 02.05.19. He wished to make himself known and listen to the issues which Ufton Parish Council are facing.

**Representative Reports**

County Councillor Stevens advised the County Council has been relatively quiet. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire has set up a new Rural Crime Team, they will cover the whole of Warwickshire and will go where the hotspots are, they will also work in plain clothes. The vacant senior posts at Warwickshire County Council are slowly being filled, they are still to recruit to the Director of Finance post.

**ACTION –** Clerk to invite new Rural Team Sergeant to Annual Parish Meeting

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 Tuesday Thursday 5th February 2019 as a true and complete record.

**8. Matters Arising**

8.1 Streetlights – the Clerk confirmed she has placed the order with EON for the remaining streetlights to be changed to LED.

8.2 Parish Boundary – The Clerk advised the owner of The White Hart telephoned her and confirmed receipt of the letter she has sent. He advised he would need to speak to his solicitor about the boundary and will reply within the next few weeks. The Clerk has not had any further contact.

**ACTION** – Clerk to contact the owner again

8.3 Wi-fi – Nothing to report.

8.4 Highways – Item 12 was discussed under this item. Cllr Tayler advised he saw an article in The Times newspaper about “Pointless Road Signs”. A Government commissioned report concluded the vast majority of warnings were superfluous. The Department of Transport is preparing to issue fresh guidelines to councils which are likely to reduce the country’s 4.3M signs. The review found that numbers had doubled in 20 years, cluttering streets, wasting money, confusing motorists and possible leading to more accidents. Cllr Tayler is willing to co-ordinate a list of “pointless road signs” within the Ufton area and bring these to WCC’s attention. This review information will be put in the Ufton Newsletter and residents asked to advise Cllr Tayler of any pointless signs.

**ACTION** – Clerk to put an article in the Ufton Newsletter. Cllr Tayler will provide the wording.

Cllr Crowther advised WCC do not have any average speed cameras. Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council have three average speed cameras. Currently there is no information available as to how many speeding fines have been issued.

8.5 Cllr Crowther also advised he has been advised it would be better for a “Puffin Crossing” to be installed in Ufton as opposed to a “Pelican Crossing”. Puffing Crossings monitor people going across it and the lights will not change to enable to traffic to move until the crossing is clear.

Cllr Crowther will check the undertaking given by the House of Lords in relation to the HS2 enquiry to see what type of crossing was specified.

Cllr Crowther advised the Church Tower and the widening of the A425 is within the Heritage Memorandum and it is Stratford District Councils responsibility to ensure the Church will be monitored. The SCD Officer responsible is David Jeffrey, he has written to HS2 regarding this. Cllr Crowther has a copy of the letter he has sent.

The Clerk advised she has spoken to the Locality Officer, Patch Byrne regarding WCC’s refusal to allow the Parish Council to apply for HS2 Road Safety funding. Whilst, Patch understands the issues the village has raised he is not able to assist. However, he offered to raise this issue with his manager and ask if there is any form of appeal.

**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** |
| 18/05931/VARY | Lower Fox Farm, Bascote Road, Bascote | GRANTED |
| 18/03636/FUL | Tithe Barn Cottage, Southam Road, Ufton | GRANTED |

9.3 Other planning information – none

**10. Finance**

10.1 **Monthly Budget Report**

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kemp and

**RESOLVED** to accept the budget report for the period 01.04.18 – 31.03.19.

10.2 **To authorise the following payments**

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| **Name** | **£** |
| Clerk salary April 2019 |  |
| Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for April Ufton Newsletter printing | 29.90 |
| WALC membership subscription 2019 – 2020 | 104.00 |
| EON Streetlighting Maintenance 01.01.19 – 31.03.19 | 45.64 |

The Clerk also advised the Cllrs of a payment made on 5th February 2018 for £1200 to Ufton Parochial Church Council towards grass cutting.

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

**RESOLVED** to approve the payments.

10.3 It was noted a payment of £253.35 has been received from EON, this is the credit on the electricity account following the recalculation of usage after the installation of LED bulbs in some of the streetlights.

**11. Lengthsman Scheme**

This item was deferred to the next meeting. In the meantime, Cllrs were asked to give some thought as to the small jobs around the village.

**12. Road Signs**

This item was discussed under Agenda item 8.3 Highways

**13. Annual Parish Assembly**

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 30th April 2019 @ 7.30 pm, Ufton Village Hall. The Clerk will invite the new Rural Crime Team, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Ufton Parochial Church Council, Ufton Village Hall Committee and Ufton Fete Committee to the meeting.

**14. Defibrillator**

The Clerk advised she has not received any further information; therefore, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

**15. Correspondence received**

Bank Statement

**16. Items for next Agenda**

Defibrillator, Lengthsman Scheme, Projects for HS2 funding.

**17. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 7th May 2019 Annual Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30 pm followed immediately by the monthly Parish Council Meeting @ 8.00pm.

Cllr Stevens offered his apologies for the meeting due to be held on 07.05.19.

Cllr Baldwin, Chair of Ufton Parish Council offered his thanks to all who had helped and supported him over the 12 months.

Meeting ended 21:14 hrs

Signed Date

Chairman