

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced 20:00 hrs.

1. Record of Members present

Cllrs Tayley, Crowther, Baldwin, Byrne, Thoday

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Looney, District Cllr Ostrander

3. Acceptance of Apologies

Cllr Looney's and District Cllr Ostrander's apologies were accepted.

4. Declaration of Interest

Councillors were reminded that they **MUST** act solely in the public interests and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person to act or gain financial or other material benefits for yourself, your family, a friend, or close associate.

Cllr Crowther agenda item 13

5. Dispensations - None declared

6. Open Forum – (15minutes)

None

Stratford District Councillor Ostrander

Cllr Ostrander – Cllr Ostrander's report was circulated prior to the meeting and all Cllrs confirmed they had read it.

County Cllr Kettle

Cllr Kettle spoke about WCC's budget for 2024 – 2024, the Harbury Crossroads, Cllr Kettle's Discretionary budget and HS2.

7. Minutes of Last Parish Council

7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd January 2024 were agreed as being a true and complete record.

8. Planning

8.1 No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 2nd January 2024.

8.2 No planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held 2nd January 2024.

9. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 2nd January 2024 which are not on the Agenda

Cllr Tayler advised he has been contacted by the Leeman family and was advised they have bought a bench to remember former Cllr Leeman by. The bench will be installed soon.

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Thoday and **RESOLVED** the bank reconciliation is correct. Cllr Tayler signed the paperwork.

10.2 To authorise the following payments:

Name	£
Clerk salary January 2024 paid on the 1 st of the following month by Standing Order	
Mrs J Chapman printing of February Ufton Newsletter	14.40

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Thoday and **RESOLVED** all payments by made.

- 11. HS2**
Cllr Tayler advised HS2 have excess tree whips, they are available to the public.
- 12. Solar Farm Community Benefit**
The Clerk advised Centrica now own Middleroad Solar Farm, Harbury. The previous Agent, Harry Wilder, advised the Clerk, all responsibilities regarding Community Benefit has been transferred to them and they ought to honour them. Harry Wilder has sent a letter of introduction to the responsible person at Centrica advising of Ufton Pariah Council's contact details etc.
- Suggestions for projects for any Community Benefit awarded to Ufton Parish Council:
Footpaths around the village, signs around the village to be cleaned, War Memorial, Parking outside the village hall, Blocked drain on A425 (outside the private drive, planters and white gates, 5g mast.
- Cllr Kettle advised he may be able to fund the clearance of the grass, which is encroaching the footpath on the A245, at the back of the houses in Reeds Close. Clerk to contact him.
- Public Right of Way, from the start of allotments to the entrance into the nature reserve. Clerk to establish who owns it, can woodchips be put down on it to improver passage along it.
- 13. Parish Boundary**
Progress is still slow. The Clerk contacted Stratford District Council, SDC require more information regarding the information which was found by Jeremy Wright M.P.
- 14. Warwickshire Fire Service Consultation**
Ufton Parish Council are concerned about the movement of resources to the north of the county and the resultant increase in time to get to properties in the south, particularly when Stratford on Avon District Council is the fourth largest within the UK. There are many villages in the south of the county, which are accessed by rural roads which are small and winding in nature. Consultation submitted ID is ANON-BZ3X-BVJS-V.
- 15. Items for Next Agenda**
Co-option
- 16. Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 5th March 2024.

Meeting closed 21:17 hrs

Signed

Date