

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2012
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, J Burrows, I Crowther and J Wilkinson. Clerk Jane Cove.

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr L Van Kesteren

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: None

4 Open session

4.1 Public participation:

i) Mr Shepherd said that a former Senior SDC Planner had noted that Ufton has not participated in the Core Strategy. Cllr Tayler advised that the consultation began on 17th February and Ufton will respond by the deadline of 30th March.

ii) Mr Shepherd expressed concern about the speeding along Ufton Fields and said that he had raised the issue of the speed gun at the last 5 meetings. Cllr Burrows advised that the gun is now available and he will organise this to be delivered to the Clerk. Mr Shepherd felt there is a considerable increase in traffic as the Police have introduced drivers to the route, when having to divert traffic from the A425.

c) Mr Shepherd advised that his new waste bins have still not been delivered to his new address, even though he has paid SDC the required sum for the bins. Cllr Spencer will look into this.

d) Mr Read suggested that if the speed gun is not available, the volunteers, wearing hi-viz jackets, could hold up a video camera to deter motorists from speeding. Cllr Tayler said that anyone who witnesses someone speeding should report the time, date and registration number to the Clerk, who will advise the Police. Further concern about speeding was expressed by Mrs Bench and Mrs Willcox who reported that sometimes the cars are travelling so fast, it is impossible to get the registration numbers.

e) Mrs Bench expressed concern about people trying to sell things door-to-door. She asked if they would need a licence and from whom this would be obtained.

f) Mrs Bench reported that there is a constant smell from the tip, which is sometimes worse at night. Cllr Tayler advised that nothing has recently been reported but if a smell is noticed, then the date, time and wind direction should be reported to the Clerk in order for her to pass on the information to Biffa.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 7th February – the Minutes of the meetings were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed, seconded Cllr Wilkinson and seconded Cllr Baldwin.

6. Matters arising:

6.1 Speeding: Please see 4.1 d above

6.2 Jubilee Beacon: Cllr Tayler advised that plans are in hand for the Beacon to be lit around 10 pm on 4th June and volunteers will be sought nearer the time. Wood has been offered from an old bus shelter in Radford Semele and the Parish Council gladly accepted this offer.

7. Village Church Fete: At the Annual Parish Meeting (same date), Cllr Tayler advised that the Village Fete has always been a major fund-raiser and successful event in the village. This year we need more people to volunteer to help - on or before the day would be wonderful. The Fete will be held on 26th May this year. Cllr Crowther advised that he has a list of stalls and organisers' floats. It was

suggested that Emma Masefield might be invited to talk about the organisation to those who are willing to volunteer.

8. HS2 Meeting: Cllr Crowther proposed and Cllr Wilkinson seconded that Cllr Baldwin should represent Ufton Parish Council at the forthcoming HS2 Community Forums. The first meeting will take place on 26th March 2012.

9. SDC's Draft Core Strategy: While Ufton Parish Council accepts there is only a very limited area for development within the village, it is conscious of the need for various housing requirements in Ufton. Cllr Tayler will circulate a response to SDC on which Parish Councillors are asked to comment.

10. Planning:

10.1 New Planning Applications: None

10.2 Planning Decisions:

10.2.1 11/02220/FUL Mrs D Egging, The Old Bakehouse, Ufton Fields. Change of use of detached building within the curtilage of The Old Bakehouse to be used for holiday let. **Granted**

10.2.2 12/00068/LBC Mrs D Egging, The Old Bakehouse, Ufton Fields. Installation of 2 no. roof lights and one no. window. Replace existing door with window to front elevation (as per permission 00/01158/LBC) Internal works to add shower room/wc and bedroom **Granted**

11. Correspondence -

11.1 for information –

i) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

11.2 or discussion -

i) Clerk's Vacancy - Cllr Tayler suggested, that further to the Clerk's resignation, the post should be advertised forthwith, with a view to filling the vacancy by the beginning of May.

12. Finance – the following accounts were approved for payment. Proposed, Cllr Tayler seconded Cllr Crowther and all agreed.

12.1 G Ingham – Ufton News March plus stamps	£27.79
12.2 Jane Cove - February Salary	£114.30
12.3 J Markham - tree trimming	£80.00
12.4 EON - faulty street light repair	£42.60
12.5 EON - street light maintenance 4th Qtr	£64.63

13 Councillor Vacancy: Cllr Tayler reported that two parishioners had expressed an interest in the current vacancy. One had decided to withdraw due to family commitments but the other person is still interested in being co-opted and will advise in due course.

14 Members' Reports/Items for next meeting: Speeding/Beacon/Housing needs/Neighbourhood Watch

15 Meet & Greet:

16 Date of next meeting: 3rd April 2012

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 3rd April 2012