

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2018

1. Record of Members Present: -

Cllrs Baldwin, Crowther, Wilkinson, Leeman and Clerk Mrs J Chapman

County Councillor Stevens

Meeting Commenced 8.09 pm

2. Apologies for Absence: - Cllr Byrne, Cllr Mrs Kemp was unable to send her apologies at the time of the meeting as she was still at work.

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.

5. Dispensations – None

6. Open Forum

Representative Reports

County Councillor Stevens advised Warwickshire County Council's has commenced work on the budget for 2019 – 2020. The process has started to replace 6 senior officers who are leaving WCC. Stagecoach have announced the withdrawal of some services due to buses not being used and funding being reduced. This will impact upon the Bus Service to Ufton. Warwickshire County Council will be explaining the changes to the Bus Service at the next Community Forum. HS2 are introducing a road safety fund.

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 6th November 2018 as a true and complete record. It was agreed to approve the minutes of the confidential part of the meeting which took place on Tuesday 6th November 2018.

8. Matters Arising

Cllr Baldwin referred to the matter a resident raised about Ufton News and confirmed this matter is now closed. Cllr Baldwin will contact those who did do the distribution to thank them.

8.1 Eon Street Lighting

Re the reduction in electricity consumption now there are some LED streetlights. It transpires the Clerk needs to advise Western Power of the change in streetlights, they will then provide the necessary information to EON for billing purposes. The Clerk is still waiting for information regarding the maintenance of the new lights.

ACTION – Clerk to advise Western Power of new LED lights.

8.2 Parish Boundary

Enquiries are still ongoing.

8.3 Wi-fi

The Clerk advised she has not received any information from CSW as to when fibre will be available in the village. CSW have advised the Clerk they will contact her as soon as they have any information.

8.4 HS2 – also see item 13

8.5 Highways

The Clerk advised the meeting took place on Monday 19th November 2018 at 9.30 am. The Clerk and Cllr Crowther met with Patch Bryne and Geoff Morris from WCC Highways. Every way to resolve the issue of cars using the back road into the village as a cut through was explored. The road cannot be closed as there is no reason to close it. WCC officers believe the stretch of road which goes past the Nature Reserve is moving/heaving due to the dense vegetation on both sides of the road. It was noted the sharp bend signs have been demolished, Patch Bryne will look to get these reinstated. Geoff Morris stated he would arrange for “S” bend signs to be put up at either end of the two bends. WCC were unaware there had been two crashes on the bend closest to the nature reserve in recent months.

The Cllrs spoke about speeding into the village. Cllr Stevens suggested the Parish Council investigate if funding is available from the HS2 road safety fund to address this problem. It was agreed to put this topic on the Agenda for the next meeting

9. Planning

9.1 No planning application(s) have been received.

9.2 The Clerk advised since the Agenda was distributed, she has received the planning decision for Oak Farm House, Ufton Fields, Ufton

Number	Address	Decision
18/02213/LBC	Oak Farm House, Ufton Fields, Ufton	Granted

9.3 Other planning information - None

10. Finance

10.1 Monthly Budget report

The budget report for the end of the financial 01.04.18 – 26.10.18 was noted and the Bank reconciliation form was agreed and signed by Cllr Crowther.

10.2 To authorise the following payments:

Name	£
Clerk Salary December 2018	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for December Ufton News	23.46
HMRC	127.20

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

11. Ufton Parish Council Asset List

The Parish Councils Asset list was discussed. The Clerk advised Came and Company who provide the Parish Councils insurance advised it is appropriate for the Village Green to be included in the Asset list, and whilst there is no value the land will be covered for Public Liability. All items were agreed and the War Memorial just inside the entrance to the Churchyard is to be included as this is not covered by the Church's Insurance. Cllr Crowther advised he has taken photos of the Bus Shelter, stocks, well and planter and passed these to the Clerk to be kept on record.

ACTION – Clerk to establish if the insure items are index linked.

12. Lengthsman Scheme

This matter was deferred as it was placed on the Agenda by Cllr Byrne.

13. HS2 & Contractors update

This agenda item was taken first. Representatives from HS2, Laing Murphy and Balfour Beatty Vichi attended the meeting and gave an update on HS2 which included provisional dates for the work and information relating to the tunnel. There was a question and answer session.

14. Defibrillator

It was established no Councillor has any information relating to the Defibrillator.

ACTION – Clerk to contact the company who provided the defibrillator.

15. Grant Application to HS2

Deferred to next meeting as this item was requested by Cllr Bryne.

16. Correspondence Received

Lloyds Bank statement, Planning Applications

17. Items for next Agenda

Standing Orders.

14. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 8.15 pm

Meeting closed 9.08 pm

Signed

Date

Chairman