

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2011
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, J Burrows, D Egging, and J Wilkinson
J Cove (Clerk). County Councillor R Stevens and District Councillor C Stevens

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr Crowther and Cllr Van Kesteren

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: None

4 Open session

4.1 Public participation – Parishioners’ Concerns:

- i) Mrs Ingham reported that there has been another incident of fly tipping in Green Lane. Clerk to contact Stratford District Council
- ii) Mrs Ingham said that item 8, Nomenclature of Ufton Parish Council, had been discussed previously and she felt it was a good idea to rename the Council.
- iii) Mrs Ingham suggested that Cllrs knock on doors to collect the tear off slips in this month’s Ufton News, to determine the residents feeling about HS2. She also suggested lifts could be offered to people without transport who wish to attend the roadshows and other related meetings.
- iv) Cllr Egging had been told about concern regarding the trees growing around the electricity station, which are considered to be a safety risk. Clerk to contact Central Networks.

4.2 WCC Report – Cllr Stevens reported the following:

- The AV Referendum will take place on Thursday 5th May
- Southam College is making a decision tomorrow regarding becoming an Academy
- Southam Library is secure and will not close. It is being refurbished and will re-open, with an auto book checking in/out system, very soon. The books will still be supplied by the County.
- Police front office services, including crimes, incidents, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance, will be delivered from Warwickshire Direct at Southam Library with effect 10th May. Crime in this area is low but another PCSO will join the current team of 2 and will be based in the Police Station.
- Efforts are being made to reduce speeding on Bascote Heath Road and to make the crossroads safer – there will be a meeting in The Fox and Hen on 3rd June in this regard.

SDC Report – Cllr Spencer reported that

- Parking fees in the district will stay the same

5. Minutes of meeting on 5th April 2011 – the Minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Baldwin, seconded Cllr Tayler

6. Matters arising:

6.1 Speeding: Cllr Burrows reported that the speed gun has been put to use and out of 200 vehicles targeted on the A425, only 20 were doing more than 35 mph. The actual

speed of vehicles travelling along Ufton Fields is lower than perceived – out of 42 vehicles targeted only one was travelling more than 35 mph. The Police will no follow up any reports of people travelling below 35 mph.

6.2 Gamages – History of Ufton. Cllr Tayler reported that Nick Croft is working on the reprint of this document and he and his wife have kindly offered to fund it.

6.3 Risk Assessment: Cllr Burrows reported that the Risk Assessment is almost complete and will be presented at the next meeting.

6.4 HS2: Following Mrs Ingham’s comments, this item was discussed. It was agreed to insert a separate sheet in the next Ufton News asking residents to ‘please tell your Parish Council whether you are for or against HS2 and advise if you would like a meeting.’

6.5 Vision for Southam: Cllr Wilkinson explained that Vision for Southam had funded a feasibility study for a cycleway from Ufton to Harbury. One route has been recommended at a cost of £94,500. The difficulty will be in funding, although £10,000 has already been secured. While this project is not owned by the Parish Council, it is still in favour and a letter will be sent confirming this.

7 Planning:

7.1 New Planning Applications: none

7.2 Planning Decisions:

7.2.1 Mr P Barrett – 1 St Michaels Close – erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (revised design following previous approval)
10/01998/FUL – **Granted**

7.3 There was discussion about the process by which we reached planning decisions 'extraordinarily'. The Chairman commented that we must learn from recent experiences in order to avoid similar situations

8 Nomenclature of Ufton Parish Council – Following Mrs Ingham’s comments, Cllr Tayler proposed the name of the Council be changed to Ufton Village Council. Cllr Wilkinson seconded this proposal and it was agreed this will take effect after any cost implications is pursued.

9 Correspondence -

9.1 for discussion

9.1.1 Southam Survey – the Parish Council agreed to allow the survey to be placed on the website and will charge a fee of £50.00. Cllr Tayler will advise Mike King accordingly.

9.1.2 Insurance Renewal. This was discussed and it agreed to accept the quotation for Parish Council Insurance at £345.81

10 Finance – Cllr Tayler proposed the following accounts were approved for payment, seconded Cllr Burrows:

10.1	G Ingham – Ufton News May + Stamps	£32.16
10.2	Jane Cove – April Salary	£114.16
10.3	E-on Unmetered Supply 1Jan-31Mar 2011	£124.66
10.4	Insurance Renewal	£345.81

11 Items for next meeting: Cycle Route/End of Year Accounts/Position of Vice Chairman/White Hart Lane potholes/Training Feedback

12 Meet & Greet: Cllrs Tayler and Egging will meet to discuss what information contained in the welcome books can be transferred to the website.

12 Date of next meeting: 7th June 2011 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 7th June 2011