

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2011
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, I Crowther
L Van Kesteren and J Wilkinson, CCllr Stevens, DCllr Spencer. 1 member of
the public

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr Egging

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: None

4 Open session

4.1 Public participation:

a) Mr Shepherd expressed concern regarding youths speeding in the lane. He suggested the laser gun is used. The laser gun has been returned to the Police for calibration checks and Ufton is on the waiting list to have a laser gun returned to the village. Cllr Tayler pointed out that reporting of vehicle details to Southam police (number plate essential, witness useful) has proved effective in the past and should be seen as a complementary action to the use of the speed gun. Additionally, Mr Shepherd suggested the speed limit at the Bascote crossroads should be reduced to 20 mph. Cllr Stevens responded that this would not be possible.

b) It was reported that the VAS signs have gone from the crossroads. Clerk to try to find out about this.

c) There was a report about a blue Peugeot 205 vehicle behaving oddly in the village. Registration ??55EVO

4.2.1 County Councillor Bob Stevens reported:

a) There have been 5 new Acts of Parliament

b) The HS2 decision should be taken in December.

c) The Fire Service is amalgamating with that of Northamptonshire

d) The exam results were once again an improvement on last year.

e) It has been agreed that 16 libraries will close and 16 plans have now been put forward for residents to run their own libraries.

4.2.2 District Councillor Chris Spencer reported:

a) 8,000 houses have to be built in this District by 2028. Stratford District Council is encouraging small developments

b) The next Community Forum will take place on Wednesday 21st September in Southam Primary School.

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

6. Matters arising:

6.1 Speeding: Cllr Tayler will ask Southam Police when the laser gun will be returned to Ufton again

6.2 Risk Assessment: The Parish Council's Risk Assessment has now been completed. Thanks were given to Cllrs Egging and Burrows in finalising the document.

6.3 Church Steps: The work on the steps to the Church is almost completed. There is a stone step left but this cannot be removed as it is part of the Church faculty. The bill from the builder has been paid by the Church, so the Parish Council will reimburse this sum with the funds awarded by the grant.

7 Church Feedback – A form for residents to contribute £1.00 per week was available in the September Ufton News. Five one-off payments of £268.00 have been made and ten forms for regular payments have been received. The Church Clock will take £900.00 to repair. Cllr Tayler suggested that the Parish Council increase its donation to the Church from £500 to £1000.00. Two Councillors were in favour of this suggestion; two were not sure at this time. One other member declared an interest and so abstained. Tickets for the Harvest Supper on 15th October 2011 are available from Colin Baldwin, Ian Crowther, June Shepherd and Sarah Strachan.

8 Community Development Fund – this issue was discussed and it was agreed that Ufton does not meet the required criteria on this occasion.

9 Correspondence

9.1 for discussion – Community Development Fund

9.2 for information

10 Finance –

10.1 the following accounts were approved for payment. Proposed Cllr Crowther, seconded Cllr Wilkinson.

10.1.1 G Ingham – Ufton News August/September Stamps/Envelopes £50.32

10.1.2 Jane Cove – July/August Salary £199.93

10.1.3 EON unmetered supply Q1 £126.78

10.1.4 Clement Keys – Annual Audit £144.00

10.2 Annual Audit 2010-11

10.3 Cllr Tayler reported that the Annual Website Fee of £60.00 has now been received and it was agreed by all that this should be paid.

11 AOB - Items for next meeting: Church donation

12 Meet & Greet

13 The Date of the next meeting is 4th October 2011

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 4th October 2011