

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019

Meeting commenced 20:03 hrs

1. Record of Members Present

Cllrs Baldwin, Byrne, Leeman, Crowther, Tayler, County Cllr Stevens, Cllr Mrs Kemp and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk) and two members of the public

2. Apologies for Absence

None – District Cllr Adam sent his belated apologies on 10.12.19

3. Acceptance of Apologies

Accepted

4. Declaration of Interest

Councillors are 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. - None declared.

5. Dispensations - None declared

6. Open Forum – (15minutes)

Short discussion re HS2 Grants and Ufton Village Hall

CC / SDC Representatives Reports

County Cllr Stevens

Cllr Stevens advised very little is happening at WCC currently, as a general election is due on 12.12.19. Cllr Stevens advised the current head of Southam College has become the Chief Executive of the Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust. A new Head Teacher will be appointed for Southam College.

District Cllr Adam

Cllr Adam was not present.

7. Minutes of Last Parish Council

7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 were agreed as being a true and complete record.

8. Matters Arising

8.1 Parish Boundary – no further information – keep on Agenda.

8.2 Highway Issues – the no entry sign has been reinstated at the end of White Hart Lane.
Cartpond – Cllrs Baldwin and Byrne advised the specification is ready to be issued, any tenders received will be opened at the January meeting.

9. Planning

9.1 No planning applications have been received.

9.2 The following planning decision has been received

Planning Application	Address	Decision
16/00775/OUT	Dallas Burston Polo Grounds, Southam Road, Stoneythorpe	REFUSED
19/02134/FUL	Ufton Hill Farm, Ufton CV33 9PL	GRANTED
19/02241/VARY	Wood Farm, Ridgeway Lane, Ufton, CV33 9PH	GRANTED

9.3 Other planning information - None

10. Finance

10.1 Monthly Budget report for the period 01.04.18 – 31.10.19

Item deferred to next meeting.

10.2 To authorise the following payments:

Payments made since last meeting

Name	£
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for December Ufton Newsletter	36.80
D M Payroll – 2 nd half of year	40.50

Payments due:

Name	£
Clerks Salary –December 2019	

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

10.3 Precept 2020 – 2021

There followed a long discussion about the precept for 2020 – 2021. Cllr Baldwin also requested item 11 be discussed as this point. Ufton Village Hall is finding it difficult to meet all its commitments and put aside money for maintenance and improvements. Cllr Baldwin would like the Parish Council to consider awarding the village hall a maintenance grant of approx. £2000 each year over the next 2 – 3 years.

The Parish Clerk advised the Parish Council the only mechanism the Parish Council has for making payments along this line is via a Section 137 payment. The maximum amount of money which can be awarded via this method for the financial year 2019 – 2020 is £1615.88 (199 registered voters x £8.12 per voter). This rises to £1655.68 for 2020 – 2021. The Parish Council has no authority to pay over and above this amount. The Clerk advised the Parish Council to ensure they stay within these limits.

The Parish Councillors asked for more information from the Clerk regarding the precept over the previous five years and the decisions made at the last two precept setting meetings.

The setting of the Precept for 2020 – 2021 was deferred to the next meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **RESOLVED** the Parish Council is sympathetic to help the village hall with it's predicted expenses and will decide as part of the Parish Councils precept discussion and decision at the meeting due to be held on 7th January 2020.

11. HS2

HS2 have strimmed the top of the church wall, they have not strimmed the bank.

12. Dementia Awareness

This item was deferred

13. Any other business

The Parish Council thanked the Clerk for the reply she entered on behalf of Ufton Parish Council, onto Stratford District Councils Consultation Portal regarding the proposed Green Waste Charge.

14. Items for next Agenda

Dementia Awareness, HS2, Parish Boundary, Precept.

15. Date of Next Meeting 7th January 2020

Meeting closed 21:37 hrs

Signed

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