

# Ufton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Meeting commenced 20:03 hrs via Zoom.

**1. Record of Members present**

Cllrs Tayler, Leeman, Baldwin, Byrne and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)  
District Cllr Adam  
1 member of the public

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Crowther

**3. Acceptance of Apologies**

Agreed

**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.

Cllr Baldwin – Village Hall

**5. Dispensations - None declared**

**6. Co-option of Councillor**

**6.1** It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and  
**RESOLVED**, Michael Looney be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**6.2** It was agreed by the Councillors, Cllr Looney can sign his Acceptance of Office and Declaration of Interests before the next meeting. The Clerk will confirm she has the forms at the next meeting.

**7. Open Forum – (15minutes)**

Cllr Baldwin advised he had been contacted by a few residents regarding some of the footpaths in the village - Ufton Fields, Southam Road. The footpaths are overgrown and, in some places, they are half the width they used to be. The Clerk will write to WCC.

**WCC / SDC Representatives Reports**

District Cllr Adam advised he is still seeking confirmation from HS2 that they will reinstate the land around the Oak tree on Welsh Road and it will not be damaged further.  
Cllr Adam has received information from SDC's Chief Executive stating the leisure centre in Southam will be closed. Refuse and recycling collection will continue. Elizabeth House is closed to the public; however, the call centre is open. Most staff will be working from home. SDC are awaiting information regarding Business Support Grants. SD still have the lowest Covid case rates in Warwickshire; however, they have increased on previous levels. Cllr Adam reminded Cllrs of the requirement for chickens to be kept inside due to Avian Flu.

**8. Minutes of Last Parish Council**

**8.1** It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Leeman and  
**RESOLVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 be accepted.  
as a true and complete record.

**9. Planning**

**9.1** The following planning applications has been received during the period 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Planning App	Address	Work	Comments
20/03360/COUQ	Ufton Hill Farm, Ufton Leamington Spa, CV33 9PL	Conversion of redundant barn into a dwelling	No objection, would like to see a restriction on occupation to farm worker or family

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Byrne and **RESOLVED** the planning application be supported and the District Council be asked to place a restriction on the occupation of the property to Family and or Farm workers only.

- 9.2 The following planning decisions have been received during the period 27<sup>th</sup> November – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Planning App	Address	Decision
20/02797/FUL	5 St Michaels Close, Ufton, CV33 9PA	Granted
20/02890/FUL	14 St Michaels Close, Ufton CV33 9PA	Granted

- 9.3 Other planning information - None

**10. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 which are not on the Agenda**

- 10.1 Collection of unused road signs from the side of the Bus Stop have been removed. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for resolving this.

20:36 Cllr Adam left the meeting.

**11. Finance**

**11.1 Budget report 01.04.2020 – 31.12.2020**

The Clerk took the Cllrs through the budget, which was agreed.

**11.2 To authorise the following payments:**

Payment made since last meeting.

Name	£
Ufton Parochial Church Council – grass cutting 2020	1200.00

Name	£
Clerk salary for December 2020	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for Zoom costs £14.39 per month split between 3 Parish Councils	4.79
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for Ufton News January 2021 printing	33.60
HMRC – 01.10.2020 – 31.12.2020	130.60
Eon Streetlight maintenance 01.10.2020 – 31.12.2020	23.29

It was proposed by Cllr Leeman, seconded by Cllr Tayler and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

**11.3 Budget and Precept 2021 – 2022**

It was proposed by Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and **RESOLVED** there be no increase to the village precept for the financial year 2021 – 2022. The precept will remain at £8970.00

**12. Ufton Village Hall**

Cllr Baldwin advised 4 residents are prepared to serve on the Village Hall Committee, taking the committee to 7.

**13. HS2**

Cllr Tayler confirmed he has sent a letter to WCC re the Council's concerns over the placing of the Puffin crossing.

**14. Parish Boundary**

This is still being pursued by Cllr Crowther.

**15. Grievance and Disciplinary Policy**

Cllr Tayler and the Clerk will work on this and bring this matter back to a future meeting.

**16. Publication Policy**

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and

**RESOLVED** to accept and adopt the Publication Policy.

**17. Dog Fouling** – deferred to the next meeting.

**18. Speeding traffic on Ufton Fields and Speed Monitors**

18.1 Cllr Baldwin advised he has been approached by a few residents regarding speeding vehicles along Ufton Fields. The volume of cars has increased since the A425 was closed at the end of October 2020. There has been one altercation between a resident and a car driver which almost ended up in fight. Cllr Byrne advised the traffic has increased down the Bascote Road C97, he too has witnessed a confrontation between a resident and a car driver. Cllr Baldwin advised the residents feel let down by HS2, as they have not encouraged drivers from using the back road. Cllr Tayler suggested an extra ordinary meeting via Zoom be held and a Road Safety Officer from Warwickshire County Council be invited to advise the Parish Council of what actions can be taken. Ufton residents will also be invited to attend or give their information to a Parish Councillor.

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Leeman and  
**RESOLVED** a meeting be arranged.

18.2 The Parish Council will consider the use of Speed monitors at the extra ordinary meeting.

**19. Support Marle Hall request**

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Leeman and  
**RESOLVED** the Parish Council do not support the closure of Marle Hall by Warwickshire County Council (WCC) and the Clerk will advise WCC of this in writing.

**19. Items for next Agenda**

Binding of minutes

**20. Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

**Signed**

**Date**