

Paul Leeman

Very sadly Paul passed away in Warwick Hospital on Tuesday 6th June 2023. Paul stood as a Parish Councillor for Ufton Parish Council, he was also a previous chairman. Paul will be very much missed for his knowledge, humour and wise counsel at parish council meetings.

Paul's funeral is due to take place on Friday 23rd June 2023 @ 12 noon at Oakley Woods, and afterwards at The Leopard in Bishops Tachbrook.

Public Meeting re the solar farm planning application

Ufton Parish Council is holding a public meeting in Ufton Village Hall on Monday 12th June 2023 @ 7.30 pm.

Whilst the Parish Council supports the notion of renewable energy and solar farms in general it genuinely believes the placement of a solar farm in the valley below Ufton is inappropriate.

The last application was refused by Stratford District Council on the grounds

The proposed development by reason of its scale and size would represent a visually intrusive development in the open countryside which would not be sensitive and would seriously detract from the open and rural character and appearance of the landscape. The proposal has a significant adverse urbanising effect on the landscape character, especially in consideration of the cumulative impact on the open landscape and as such, it is not considered that the development could be made acceptable or that the benefits outweigh the harm. Consequently, the proposal is considered contrary to Policies CR.5 and CS.9 of the Stratford-on-Avon Core Strategy (2011 – 2031).

The new application has very few differences to the original one.

If you wish to support the Parish Council's views, please attend the meeting to learn how you can do this using planning reasons, which cannot be ignored.

Whilst people may feel very emotive about planning applications, emotions are not classed as planning reasons and therefore cannot be considered.

In addition, it is the volume of individual objections which will help support the fight against the application. Petitions do not hold as much weight.

Our new District Councillor Susan Ostrander will be in attendance, she is supporting our objection and taking up the baton from our previous District Councillor, Louis Adam.

We have advised Radford Semele Parish Council of the application as we are aware they are not in favour of the solar farm either. They will not have been advised of the application as Radford Semele is in Warwick District Council's area as opposed to Stratford on Avon.

Please come and help us save the views from Ufton, which are enjoyed by many, and not just the residents of Ufton.