

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2020

Meeting commenced 20:08 hrs

1. Record of Members Present

Cllrs Baldwin, Crowther, Tayler, Byrne, Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Leeman
Cllr Mrs Kemp
County Cllr Stevens
District Cllr Adam

3. Acceptance of Apologies

All 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.

5. Dispensations - None declared

6. Open Forum – (15minutes)

The Clerk has received a query from a resident regarding the payment to the church for the mowing of the grass. The Clerk has advised the resident this will be discussed at the next meeting.

CC / SDC Representatives Reports

County Cllr Stevens

General This last month at the County Council was dominated by formation of the 5-year plan and next year's budget. Both of which were passed by the council last month without significant opposition.

The Budget

The County Council finances are in a healthy state. Some of the perceived risks have not materialised and resources are being allocated to priority areas. The largest portion of the budget is spent on Adult and Children Services the remainder being allocated to the priorities in the 5-year plan namely climate change, community's well-being and highways. Full details of the budget and 5year plan are available on the County council agenda of 18/2 which can be found on the WCC Web site. The Council tax will be increased by 1.99% additional to this will be the 2% ring-fenced for Adult care allowed by the government; a total of 3.99%.

Flooding

The recent exceptionally wet weather has again highlighted the lack of attention that has been paid to the highway drainage system and the need to maintain existing waterways and ditches. Longer term flood alleviation schemes require resourcing from the environment agency (EA) and is the responsibility of many agencies all vying for EA resources. The county council are actively bidding for assistance, with villages in south Warwickshire being a high priority. In the short-term additional money has been approved from the council's own budget both this year and future years to increase the jetting and hence clearing of the highway drainage.

HS2

There will be an increase in road closures and lorry movements especially along the Fosseyway and A423. The works associated with the tunnel Boring machine at Ufton will also accelerate and further disruptions experienced. HS2 are committed to improve communications with local communities and there are various meetings being arranged around Warwickshire.

Community Grants

Once again there is a community grant scheme for community groups, and I will advise you of when the scheme opens.

District Cllr Adam

Advised a group of District Councillors are still challenging the Green Refuse Bin charge. A meeting regarding this is due to be held in the Bowling Green, Southam on 5th February 2020.

7. Minutes of Last Parish Council

7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 were agreed as being a true and complete record.

8. Matters Arising

8.1 Parish Boundary – Cllr Crowther has had a meeting with Jeremy Wright MP. Keep on Agenda.
8.2 Highway Issues – none.

9. Planning

9.1 The following planning application has been received.

Planning Ref	Address	Proposed Work
20/00450/FUL	Wood Farm, Ridgeway Lane. Ufton, CV33 9PH	New storage building – Cllrs supported this application

9.2 No planning decisions have been received

9.3 Other planning information - None

10. Finance

10.1 Monthly Budget report for the period 01.04.18 – 29.02.2020

The Finance information was considered, and Cllr Crowther signed the paperwork as being correct.

10.2 To authorise the following payments:

Payments made since last meeting

Name	£
Flinn Dorgan (New Leaf Tree and Land Management) Pollarding of trees around the Cartpond)	1640.00

Payments Due

Name	
Clerk Salary March 2020	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for March 2020 Ufton News	36.80
HMRC Jan 2020 – Mar 2020	130.80

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

11. HS2

Cllr Baldwin advised he recently attended of HS2, Southam Town Council and surrounding Parish Councils. The work laying the electricity cable for the Tunnel Boring Machine has had to stop as there is currently a delay with the cable arriving from the continent. When work recommences, it will be necessary to shut the roads again to pull the cable through. As it is likely this will coincide with school exams a meeting will be arranged within the next 6 weeks to plan for this. Ufton island is due to be removed to allow for the Tunnel Boring Machine and a Puffin crossing is due to be installed in Ufton in April; both these works will cause disruption to traffic. The contractor working on The Ridgeway (Murphys) have a 6-month window to complete the work building the base for the TBM to be brought in on.

12. Application for Cartpond restoration

Cllr Tayler updated Cllrs regarding an application to Severn Trent for a grant to fund the restoration of the Cartpond.

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and **RESOLVED** the Parish Council will match fund £800 towards the Cartpond if needed.

13. Section 137 Grant Application from Warwickshire Police

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Tayler and **RESOLVED** to pay for the hire of the Village Hall to enable 6 Police Community Surgeries to take place over the next 12 months.

14. Great British Spring Clean

The Parish Council did not wish to take part in this.

15. Marking the death of a senior national figure

This item was deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk will send an example of a protocol to Cllrs.

16. Items for next Agenda

Church Mowing, VE Day, Dog Fouling, Death of a national figure, Timings of minutes, Frequency of meetings, Pondcart.

Meeting closed 21:00

Signed

Date