

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Tuesday 6th April 2021

Meeting commenced 20:02 hrs via Zoom.

1. **Record of Members present**
Cllrs Tayler, Leeman, Baldwin, Byrne, Crowther, Looney, Baker and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)
County Cllr Crump
2. **Apologies for Absence**
District Cllr Adam
3. **Acceptance of Apologies**
Cllr Adam's apologies were 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)**
There was a brief discussion regarding a “near miss” up the back road to Harbury. The Clerk will include an article in Ufton News.

WCC / SDC Representatives Reports

County Cllr Crump advised the Biffa Refuse site has put in an application to restructure the welfare facilities on site. He has received several complaints of speeding within the village, he has asked the Police to undertake some speed checks. HS2 – the Tunnel Boring Machine has been delayed, HS2 are introducing longer working hours at the HS2 site on Welsh Road West. Cllr Crump will be attending a meeting with HS2 and Jeremy Wright MP on 14th April 2021 regarding the A425 and the extension of the closure.

Cllr Byrne asked if there is any provision for dealing with the large amount of flies in and around the village during the summer months. Cllr Bryne has also asked Cllr Adam the same question.

Cllr Tayler thanked Cllr Crump for covering Ufton in the capacity of County Cllr, his attendance and assistance at Parish Council meetings is much appreciated.

7. **Minutes of Last Parish Council**
 - 7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2021 were agreed as being a true and complete record.
8. **Planning**
 - 8.1 No planning applications were received during the period 25th February 2021 – 30th March 2021.
 - 8.2 No planning decisions were received during the period 25th February 2021 – 30th March 2021.
 - 8.3 Other planning information - None
9. **Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 2nd February 2021 which are not on the Agenda**
The 30 mph by the bus stop on the A423 is still not working. Clerk to chase this up with WCC Highways Locality Officer.
10. **Finance**
 - 10.1 **End of year accounts**
It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Leeman and

RESOLVED to accept the end of year accounts, dependant on the Clerk amending the Section 137 figures.

10.2 **Bank Reconciliation**

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

RESOLVED to accept the end of year accounts, dependant on the Clerk amending the Section 137 figures.

10.3 **Payment made since last meeting.**

Name	£
Byrne Landscaping, Well work – gravel.	25.00

10.4 **To authorise the following payments:**

Name	£
Clerk salary for March 2021	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for Zoom costs £115.10 per annum split between 3 Parish Councils (March 2021)	3.19
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for Ufton News April 2021 printing	33.60
EON maintenance of streetlights 01.01.2021 – 31.03.2021	23.29
HMRC 01.01.21 – 31.03.2021	130.80
WALC – Membership fees 01.04.2021 – 31.03.2022	123.00

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Looney and **RESOLVED** the payments be made.

11. **HS2**

Discussions took place regarding the traffic travelling down the Bascote Road and the fact the verges are being ruined. Large vehicles are using this road, forcing some cars off the road. The road is deteriorating. The road from Bascote Crossroads to Harbury is also deteriorating and the verges are being ruined. Cllr Crump advised whilst it may be possible to apply for Traffic Regulation Orders, it takes 12 – 18 months to get them in force.

The Clerk advised the recent local Parish Councils meeting with HS2 was not productive. HS2 were unable to answer attendees questions and were unable to give any further information regarding the possibility of extending the closure of the A425.

20:50 Cllr Crump left the meeting.

Cllr Crowther advised he has been contacted by Southam Town Council regarding a HS2 Business and Local Economy Fund. It was felt Ufton does not have sufficient economy to drive forward an application.

13. **Parish Boundary**

Cllr Crowther advised he is still progressing this, Cllr Baker has been able to assist him regarding legalities.

14. **Reinstatement of the Chairman's Allowance**

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Leeman and

RESOLVED the chairman be awarded a £200 allowance to defray necessary expenses.

15. **Stratford District Council Ward Boundaries Consultation**

The Cllrs did not wish to respond to this item.

16. **Clerks request to move to online banking**

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

RESOLVED the Parish Council move to Internet Banking.

17. **Pedestrian Crossing update**

No information was available. Cllr Tayler will contact WCC

18. Items for Next Agenda

Meetings going forward (face to face/zoom), Litter and Fly Tipping and HS2

- 19. Date of Next Meeting** Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 8.00pm, immediately followed by May monthly Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting ended 21:11

Signed

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