

# Ufton Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Meeting commenced 20:00 hrs.

**1. Record of Members present**

Cllrs Tayler, Baldwin, Leeman, Byrne, Looney, County Councillor Kettle and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Baker  
Cllr Crowther  
Cllr Adam

**3. Acceptance of Apologies**

Cllr Baker's, Cllr Crowther's and Cllr Adam's apologies were accepted.

**4. Declaration of Interest**

Councillors were 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 declared an interest in Ufton Village Hall.

20:05 Cllr Byrne joined the meeting.

**5. Dispensations - None declared**

**6. Open Forum – (15minutes)**

Three members of the public attended the meeting. Issues were raised relating to planning applications within the parish. The Parish Council will approach Warwickshire Rural Housing Community regarding a Housing Needs Survey being undertaken for Ufton.

**SDC Representatives Reports**

Cllr Adam was not in attendance at the meeting but sent a report. At SDC's full council meeting this month the budget was voted through. The Liberal Democrats requested £50,000 is set aside for practical energy advice to residents of the District; this was agreed. Sustrans, who are developing the Lias Line as a cycle path are having to close it during construction. The current phase is due to be completed in September 2022. After some notable planning cases, the council is setting up a group to investigate local regulations around self-build properties. This is designed to review the current system and put in place guidance to help protect the District from over development. This should be up and running in March. HS2 have opened a visitors' centre overlooking the cutting and tunnel works under Long Itchington Wood off Welsh Road, which is open to the public, by appointment.

20:35 hrs Cllr Kettle joined the meeting

**County Cllr Kettle**

The budget has been the focus of attention over the last month. It was agreed the budget will increase by 3.5%, 2% of which is for adult social care. West Midlands Ambulance do not have the resources to meet the blue light need within the area. Cllr Kettle visited HS2's Visitor Centre. The Tunnel Boring Machine has been working for two and a half months and has another two and a half to go before it exits at Dallas Burston Polo Ground. The construction work to put traffic lights at the Fosseyway/Harbury Lane junction is due to start in the spring. Warwickshire County Councillors rejected the Police and Crime Commissioners initial budget request, as Warwickshire Police have been identified as being at the lower end of performance. County Cllrs are concerned spend on Warwickshire Police has been increasing annually but theft of motor vehicles, ASB and violent crime are all increasing.

20:52 Cllr Kettle left the meeting.

**7. Minutes of Last Parish Council**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 were agreed as being a complete and true record of the meeting and were signed accordingly.

**8. Planning**

**8.1** No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

**8.2** The following planning decision has been received since the last meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

Planning No.	Address	Decision
22/00234/TEL28	Ufton Hill Land Fill Site Southam Road Ufton	Clerk will confirm decision at the meeting.

**8.3** Other planning information – Update on planning application 22/00001/FUL.  
The Clerk advised Ufton Parish Council is now being classed as a Consultee as opposed to being treated as a neighbour. This means if the District Council recommend approval, the matter will go to Committee and an Ufton Parish Councillor will need to attend the meeting to put the Parish Council's objections forward.

**9. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 which are not on the agenda**

None

**10. Finance**

**10.1 Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation**

As of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, £11,383.23 Agreed and noted, Cllr Tayler signed the bank reconciliation.

**10.2 To authorise the following payments**

Name	£
Clerk salary January 2022	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for printing of March Ufton News	33.60
Ufton Village Hall - Rental charge (6 meetings as per invoice)	99.00
Npower electricity streetlight charge 01.12.21 – 31.12.21	119.46

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

The Clerk advised she has spoken to Npower as the one month's invoice is nearly as much as the Parish Council was paying for a quarter. The Clerk appreciates electricity prices have increased, but this seems a lot. The Clerk has asked if the Parish Councils supply can be put on a meter.

**11. HS2**

The Cllrs were disappointed not to have received an update from HS2 with regards to the Pelican Crossing. The Clerk advised she has received an email from LM's Community Representative and will forward it to them.

**ACTION** – Clerk to contact LM to request the following dates: -

- date when the pelican crossing design will go to WCC.
- Date when the approval will be made.

**12. Parish Boundary**

Following a long discussion

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Byrne and **RESOLVED** the matter be deferred to the next meeting when a decision will be made from one of the following three options: -

- 1 Register the land
- 2 Cllr Baker and Cllr Crowther present a paper, giving all the information obtained to date along with proposed actions and the reasons for their recommendations.
- 3 Write to the who are believed to be the owners and ask them if the land can be transferred to the Parish Council.

**13. Queens Jubilee Beacon**

The Beacon has been erected within the White Hart Garden, the Parish Council offered their thanks to the owner and licensees of the White Hart for allowing this to happen. Cllr Byrne was also thanked for sourcing the Beacon and arranging it's installation.

It was proposed by Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and **RESOLVED** to place a plaque on the Beacon to acknowledge the Beacon was presented by the Parish Council to celebrate the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee.

**14. Items for Next Agenda**

**15. Date of Next Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Signed**

**Date**

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