

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd January 2019

1. **Record of Members Present: -**

Cllrs Baldwin, Crowther, Wilkinson, Leeman, Bryne, Cllr Mrs Kemp and Clerk Mrs J Chapman

Meeting Commenced 8.15 pm

2. **Apologies for Absence: - None**

3. **Acceptance of Apologies: - n/a**

4. **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors are reminded that they **must** act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer 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**

6. **Co-option to the vacant post of Parish Councillor**

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Leeman and
RESOLVED to co-opt John Taylor to the vacant Parish Councillor post.

7. **Open Forum**

A resident raised concerns over speeding through the village. This matter was discussed in item 15.

Representative Reports

County Councillor Stevens was not present.

Stratford District Council Councillor – Cllr Riches – not present.

8. **Minutes of last meeting**

Following an amendment to item 8. Matters arising to add “The previous distributors of the Ufton Newsletter will be thanked via the February edition of Ufton News, it was agreed to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2018 as a true and complete record.

8. **Matters Arising**

8.1 **Eon Street Lighting**

The Clerk advised she has spoken to Western Power regarding the change in streetlights and she has been advised of the information she needs to provide. Information on the maintenance of the streetlights is still awaited.

ACTION – Clerk to provide Western Power with the information regarding the new LED lights.

8.2 **Parish Boundary**

Nothing additional to report.

8.3 **Wi-fi**

The Clerk advised Wi-fi is now available in the village for all parts except Reeds Close, which needs extra work to make WTTP (Wire to the premises) available.

8.4 Highways

ACTION – Clerk to chase up the Locality Officer about the chevron signs on the back road having not been repaired and the installation of the “S” bend signs.

9. Planning

9.1 The following planning application(s) have been received.

Number	Address	Proposed	Parish Council Comments
18/03501/FUL	6 St Michaels Close, Ufton	Remove existing rear extension and build a single storey rear kitchen extension projecting 7m from the rear, a two-storey side extension and a small porch	Support
18/03636/FUL	Tithe Barn Cottage, Southam Road, Ufton	Demolition of conservatory and add new porch. New first floor side extension	Support
18/03580/FUL	Lister Wilder Ltd Southam Road Ufton	Change of use from agricultural to extend and increase existing B2 storage/machinery display area	Support

9.2 No planning decisions have been received

9.3 Other planning information - None

10. Finance

10.1 Monthly Budget report

The budget report for the financial period 01.04.18 – 21.11.18 was noted and the Bank reconciliation form was agreed and signed by Cllr Crowther.

Cllr Crowther advised the grass cutting grant of £1200 for the Churchyard maintenance is still to be claimed by Ufton Parochial Church Council.

10.2 To authorise the following payments:

Name	£
Clerk Salary January 2019	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for January Ufton News	34.50
EON Maintenance for quarter ending 31.12.18	66.26

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

10.3 Increase in electricity prices

It was noted Eon electricity prices are increasing from 17.900p per kWh to 22.100p per kWh as from 21.01.19.

10.4 Precept 2019 – 2020

The Clerk advised the Parish Councillors if they go ahead with Stage 2 of renewing the streetlights, it will leave the Parish Council with very little reserves at the end of 2019 – 2020. The Clerk estimates the balance will be just under £2000 plus any vat refund. The Clerk asked the Parish Council to consider deferring stage 2 of the streetlight renewal.

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Leeman and **RESOLVED** the second stage of the streetlight renewal will be undertaken during 2019 – 2020.

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Taylor and **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2019 – 2020 at £8750.

11. Ufton Parish Council Asset List

The Clerk asked for this to be deferred to the next meeting.

12. Lengthsman Scheme

There was no further action on this matter.

13. Grant Application to HS2

All Councillors are to email the Clerk with things they want doing in the village and these will be put on the next Agenda.

14. Defibrillator

This matter was deferred to the next meeting as no further information has been obtained.

15. HS2 Road Safety Fund Application

The Clerk is to put the suggested works to reduce speeding within the village in the February Ufton News and ask residents to respond to the Clerk prior to the next Parish Council meeting on 5th February 2019 or attend the Parish Council meeting. If there is no resident input, the Councillors will determine which option to pursue.

Suggested works

- a) Request introduction of 20 m.p.h.
- b) Chicane on the entrance to Ufton Village when travelling from Harbury
- c) No right turn out of Ufton Nature Reserve i.e. a no entry sign.

16. Dark Nights – Double the Dog Pooh

Cllrs asked the Clerk to contact Stratford District Council to see if they will fund the posters produced by Keep Britain Tidy.

ACTION – Clerk to contact SDC.

17. Correspondence received

Bank statement, planning applications

18. Items for next Agenda

Standing Orders, HS2 Road Safety Application

14. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 8.00 pm

Meeting closed 21:55 hrs

Signed

Date

Chairman