

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Meeting commenced 20:00 hrs

1. **Record of Members Present**
Cllrs Baldwin, Leeman, Crowther, Tayler, Cllr Mrs Kemp and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk) and a member of the public
2. **Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Byrne
District Cllr Adam
County Cllr Stevens
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. - None declared.
5. **Dispensations - None declared**
6. **Open Forum – (15minutes)**
Nothing was raised.

CC / SDC Representatives Reports

County Cllr Stevens

Cllr Stevens had sent a report via email. Following the General Election, information regarding Brexit in relation to citizenship, immigration, rules regarding foreign citizens are slowly emerging. Trade agreements, particularly relevant to this area concern the motor industry are being negotiated. The effect on all levels of Local Government will lead to fundamental changes. Devolution appears high on the agenda and a further push towards unitary authorities can be expected. The integration of Health and Social security will continue to absorb more of local government costs. In education, academisation will continue to be encouraged at both Primary and Secondary levels as Multi-Academy trusts become more responsible in the way our schools are run. The budget figures for this year have now been finalised and the governments financial settlement agreed. The County Council will continue to encourage more businesses to locate to Warwickshire and maintain the high level of employment and training, especially apprenticeships. The counties highways continue to be rated as one of the best authorities in the country and government grants on potholes and deteriorating roads is efficiently spent. Warwickshire continues to be a popular county to live in which is reflected in the higher than average house prices experienced in many areas. The future of HS2 is still in the balance and the decision on the latest feasibility report is expected soon.

District Cllr Adam

Cllr Adam sent a report via email. Green Waste Charging Scheme - I am submitting a formal complaint regarding the consultation around the proposed charges and have coordinated these efforts with my colleagues on the council. I hope this will lead to a review of the decision but we have to find the best procedure to secure this and so I will come back to you with an update once we have a direction.

HS2 CDE Consultation - HS2 Ltd. has published its Common Design Elements (CDE) and wants feedback on them by 30th Jan 2020. This covers local visual impacts such as bridge parapets and piers, and noise barriers, things that could impact the character of the local area. Although I still maintain opposition to the scheme, we should make sure to engage with these to make sure we are represented should the scheme go ahead. details can be found

here: <https://www.hs2.org.uk/documents/common-design-elements/>

Stoneythorpe Park Run - A few local residents are setting up a *Park Run* at the Dallas Burston polo ground, set to start from spring 2020. I have pledged my support and would encourage local

residents to take part once it is up and running. The organisers may be in touch with you directly regarding this.

7. Minutes of Last Parish Council

- 7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 were agreed as being a true and complete record.

8. Matters Arising

- 8.1 Parish Boundary – no further information – keep on Agenda.
8.2 Highway Issues – there current works being undertaken in White Hart Lane relate to the electricity supply at the White Hart, which has now been resolved.
8.3 Cart Pond – The Clerk opened the two tenders which she had received and was passed a third tender which had been sent to Cllr Baldwin's personal email address. The Return of Quotations form was completed and signed by the Clerk and Cllr Crowther.

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **RESOLVED** to accept the tender from S Dorgan 18 Chapel Street, Bishops Itchington to the value of One Thousand, six hundred and forty pounds, subject to proof of insurance and commitment for the work to be carried out by the end of March 2020.

9. Planning

- 9.1 No planning applications have been received.
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 – 31.12.19

It was proposed by Cllr Leeman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Kemp and **RESOLVED** to accept the monthly budget report for the period 01.04.19 – 31.12.19

10.2 To authorise the following payments:

Payments made by Direct Debit in November 2019

Name	£
Information Commissioners Office – yearly fee	35.00

Payments made since last meeting

Name	£
Mr C Baldwin – reimbursement for Remembrance Day Wreath	20.00
HMRC (Oct, Nov, Dec)	130.60

Payments Due

Name	£
Clerk Salary January 2020	
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for January 2020 Ufton News	36.80
EON Maintenance (01.10.19 – 31.12.19)	23.39

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

10.3 Precept 2020 – 2021

Cllr Crowther declared an interest in Ufton Village Hall.

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Tayler and **RESOLVED** the Parish Precept will not be increase and will be maintained at the 2019 – 2020 level. It will be reviewed again in January 2021.

The Parish Council acknowledged there is £1655.68 maximum within the precept which can be considered and used for Section 137 Grant Payments within the village upon application

11. **HS2**
The Clerk is to ask HS2 to give an update to residents and Councillors prior to the Parish Council meeting due to be held on 3rd March 2020 @ 7.00pm.
12. **Payment request from Ufton Parochial Church Council for Grass Cutting**

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Kemp, considering the Clerks advice re payments to Churches, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and
RESOLVED a payment of £1200.00 be paid to cover the cost of maintaining the churchyard.

Cllr Crowther did not vote.
13. **Dementia Awareness**
Cllr Crowther will establish if the Dementia Awareness speaker can attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April 2020 to give the talk.
14. **Any other business**
Severn Trent Community Fund. Cllr Tayler is happy to undertake any work for a grant application. Cllr Baldwin and Cllr Leeman will provide the historical information and specification for the Cart Pond. Cllr Tayler will refresh the information.
15. **Items for next Agenda**
Dementia Awareness, Severn Trent Community Grant
16. **Date of Next Meeting** 4th February 2020
Cllr Mrs Kemp offered her apologies for the meeting on 04.02.2020

Meeting closed 21:28 hrs

Signed
Chairman

Date