

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced 20:02 hrs.

1. Record of Members present

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

2. Apologies and reasons for Absence

Cllr Leeman, Cllr Looney

3. Acceptance of Apologies

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Leeman, Cllr Looney

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 Crowther and Cllr Baker, agenda item 12

5. Dispensations - None declared

6. Open Forum – (15minutes)

Stratford District Cllr

Cllr Adam advised the full Council met to set the budget. SDC Council Tax will be going up by 3.24%, the total overall increase, including WCC, Precept, Police etc) is 4.1%. SDC have allowed for an additional amount of £50,000 which will provide extra staff in Planning Enforcement for 2 years. SDC has the lowest increase in Warwickshire.

Cllr Adam has received an email from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) re the Landfill Site along the Harbury Lane, he will forward the email to the Clerk.

Warwickshire County Cllr

Cllr Kettle advised he is a member of the Regulatory Committee. He also confirmed there is an enforcement team at WCC. The Landfill site is licenced to import green waste and there are several conditions attached. WCC is looking at HS2 Approved Routes following a crash between a car and a HS2 lorry on Snowford Hill. Cllr Kettle has been advised he will have Public Right of Way badges put into his pigeon hole to pass onto the Ufton Clerk. There is still funding available towards the Cost of Living/Heating Crisis, residents can apply via the WCC Website or via Cllr Kettle. Currently there are 45 Covid cases in Warwickshire, 1 case is in Intensive Care at Warwick Hospital and 2 in Walsgrave Hospital. The Green Shoots fund is still available, enabling children to plant fruit trees. Due to the number of complaints WCC has received about the conduct/work standard of Gigaclear, they removed all their licences to work in Warwickshire. Some licences have been re-instated with extremely strict conditions attached to them.

20:55 hrs Cllrs Kettle and Adam left the meeting.

7. Minutes of Last Parish Council

7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th February 2023 were agreed as being a true and complete record of the meeting.

8. Planning

8.1 No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 7th February 2023.

8.2 The following planning decisions has been received since the last meeting held on 7th February 2023.

Planning Number	Address	Decision
22/02076/FUL	Land off Ufton Fields, Ufton	Permission with conditions

8.3 Appeals

None

9. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 7th February 2023 which are not on the Agenda

None

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Balance and Bank reconciliation as of 28th February 2023

RESOLVED as being correct £11, 426.13

10.2 Payments made since last meeting

Name	£
Npower electricity streetlights 01.10.22 – 31.12.22	198.22

10.3 To authorise the following payments:

Name	£
Clerk Salary February 2023	241.05
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for Ufton March Newsletter	16.80

RESOLVED the payments be made.

10.4 Update on Unity Trust Bank Application

The Clerk advised the account has been set up and a payment has been processed successfully.

10.5 Closure of Lloyds Bank Account

RESOLVED to close Lloyds Bank Account 30 94 93 63553068. Mandate signed by Cllrs Tayler and Crowther.

10.5 Defibrillator

RESOLVED to purchase a defibrillator from London Hearts, cost £745.00 plus vat.

10.6 Wheelie Bin Speed Stickers

RESOLVED not to make a purchase.

11. HS2

Cllr Byrne advised he has logged 12 HGV HS2 vehicles using the Bascote Road.

12. Parish Boundary

No further information

13. New Right of Way signs

Awaiting new signs as per Cllr Kettle's contribution earlier in the meeting.

14. Civility and Respect Project.

The Parish Councillors felt there was no need to sign up to this project as there is already a Code of Conduct in place.

15. Solar Farm Pre-Planning Consultation

A lot of villagers were seen at the Consultation, now waiting to see if a new planning application is submitted.

16. Cost of Living Workshops/Courses

Deferred to next meeting

17. SDC South Warwickshire Economic Strategy Consultation

No response to be submitted

18. Items for next Agenda

Purchase of Burton Dassett Southend, Warwickshire – A Medieval Market Village (Routledge) by Nicholas Palmer and Jonathan Parkhouse

19. Date of next meeting. Tuesday 4th April 2023

Meeting closed 21:35 hrs

Signed

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