

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced 20:01 hrs.

1. **Record of Members present**
Cllrs Tayler, Bryne, Baldwin and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

2. **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs Crowther and Looney

3. **Acceptance of Apologies**

RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllrs Crowther and 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.

None

5. **Dispensations** - None declared

6. **Open Forum – (15minutes)**

Stratford District Cllr Ostrander – Final call for applications to the Shared Prosperity/Rural Prosperity Fund and CIL is 14th July 2023. Lighthorne Heath Health Facilities Update, expressions of interest are being sought by the ICB and must be submitted by 7 July 2023. Based on the EOIs received, a procurement process will be carried out by ICB with a view to appointing a GP practice by 30 October 2023. Primary medical care services will continue to be provided in existing GP practices in the interim. A resident has complained regarding speeding in the village. Cllr Ostrander is aware the flashing speed sign by the bus stop will not be repaired by WCC. Also, aware the village is meant to be getting “white gates” at some point from WCC. Cllr Ostrander will contact the complainant regarding Community Speedwatch. Stratford-on-Avon District Council has declared a climate emergency. It aims to become net-zero carbon as an organisation by 2025, and by 2030 seeks to reduce the total emissions in Stratford-on-Avon District by at least 55% as a steppingstone to becoming a net zero District. There is £1.3 million being held in a Climate Change Fund at SDC. I would be very interested in suggestions on how this could be best used locally.

Warwickshire County Cllr

Cllr Kettle did not attend, and no report was received.

Former Cllr Leeman

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Byrne and **RESOLVED** to give a vote of thanks to former Cllr Leeman, he was a long-standing member of Ufton Parish Council and a former Chairman. He will be very much missed.

7. **Minutes of Last Parish Council**

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2023 as a true and complete record.

8. **Planning**
8.1 No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 6th June 2023.

8.2 No planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held on 6th June 2023.

8.3 Appeals

The Parish Council has received notification that the applicant for planning application 22/00001/FUL (Solar Farm, Middle Road, Harbury) has appealed SDC's decision to refuse planning permission to the Planning Inspectorate Ref number APP/J3720/W/23/3321095. The Parish Council will forward evidence to the inspectorate by 13th July 2023 and will attend the hearing due to be held on 24th August 2023 for two days.

9. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 6th June 2023 which are not on the Agenda

None

10. Finance

10.1 Bank Balance and Bank reconciliation as of 30th June 2023

RESOLVED as being correct £13,617.73

10.2 Payments made since last meeting

Name	Amount £
London Hearts (new defibrillator)	797.00
DM Payroll Ltd – payroll provision 01.04.23 – 31.03.24	120.00

10.3 To authorise the following payments:

Name	£
HMRC 01.4.23 – 30.06.23	169.40
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for sending objections to SDC	2.25
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for Solar Farm objection forms 180 x £0.08	14.40
Mrs J Chapman reimbursement for sending loan defibrillator back to Community Heartbeat	8.19
Zurich Insurance renewal 18.07.23 – 17.07.24	264.00
EON Streetlight maintenance 01.04.23 – 31.06.203	37.80
Ufton Village Hall rental hire 3 hours 12 th June 2023	30.00
Section 137 donation for defibrillator training 07.10.23 MDD First Aid	200.00

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

11. HS2

There are several road closures coming up in the next few weeks, all of which have been advertised.

12. Parish Boundary

Deferred.

13. Shared Prosperity Fund/Rural Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund

Applications for the Shared Prosperity Fund need to be in by 14th July 2023. All Cllrs agreed there was too little time to submit an application.

14. Bench donation (Balfour Beatty Vinci) and request from former Cllr Leeman's family for a memorial bench in Cllr Leeman's name

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Byrne and **RESOLVED** to support the request from former Cllr Leeman's family to install a new bench in his memory on Southam Road, where the metal one used to stand. The Parish Council will pay for the bench to be fitted and will hold a small ceremony when the bench has been installed.

Balfour Beatty Vinci have offered to donate a recycled bench to the village; however, the Parish Council has no land on which to place it. The Clerk will write and decline the offer.

- 15. **Vacant Councillor posts (two)**
These are to be advertised, with co-option taking place at Septembers meeting
- 16. **Items for Next Agenda**
Climate Emergency Funding suggestions, Bus Stop Roof, Co-option of Councillors
- 17. **Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 5th Sept 2023.

Signed

Date