

Ufton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced 20:01 hrs.

1. Record of Members present

Cllrs Tayler, Baldwin, Byrne, Thoday, Looney

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Crowther

3. Acceptance of Apologies

Cllr Crowther's apologies were accepted.

4. Co-option to vacant Councillor position

4.1 To determine if the Parish Council wishes to Co-opt to the vacant Cllr position.

It was proposed by Cllr Tayler, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and
RESOLVED to co-opt Amanda Hiatt into the vacant councillor role

4.2 Acceptance of Office

Cllr Hiatt signed the Acceptance of Office form

4.3 Register of Interest form

Cllr Hiatt will complete the Declaration of Interests form by 19th March 2024

5. 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

6. Dispensations

To receive and consider granting dispensation requests.

None

7. Open Forum – (15minutes)

Members of the public may raise any matter relating to items on the Agenda here.

None

Warwickshire County Councillor (WCC) Cllr Kettle advised HS2/BBV will be closing the A425 as from 25th March 2024 for 3 weeks, two of these weeks will be during the School Easter holidays. The closure is to enable the water main to be rerouted. EKFB will undertake work at the same time at the entrance to the site at the bottom of Woodbine Hill. WCC have been working on school admissions for September 2024, they have been able to offer first choice school places to 94% of applications. Council Tax increase for 2024 – 2025 is 2.99% plus an additional 2% surcharge towards Adult Social Care. WCC's total budget is £540M.

Chesterton Windmill sales are due to go back on during the Autumn. Harbury Crossroads is due to complete by the first May Bank Holiday. The HS2 Construction Commissioner is due to meet with County Councillors. Cllr Kettle will email, Christopher Cresswell, Senior HS2 Officer, regarding the state of Bascote Road. Cllr Kettle will also ask for a commitment from WCC/HS2 to reinstate the Bascote Road, road surface to what it was prior to the HS2 works starting.

Cllr Kettle was asked to request a traffic survey along the Bascote Road, to establish what type of vehicles are using the road.

Stratford District Council (SDC) Cllr Ostrander advised SDC have increase their portion of the Council Tax by 3.1%, which equates to a £5 increase on a Band D property.

Cllr Ostrander will establish where the new Activities Officer will be based/work from. Cllr Ostrander stated Broad Close, Ufton is an unadopted road and SDC have accepted ownership for it. SDC are waiting for quotes to repair the road, there is no indication when the work will be done.

8. Minutes of Last Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2024 were agreed as being a true and complete record.

9. Planning

9.1 The following planning application has been received since the last meeting.

Planning No	Applicant	Proposal	Comments due
SDC/24CM002	Biffa Waste Services Poplars Landfill Site Lichfield Road Cannock WS11 8NQ	To vary the conditions of the original planning permission allowing the site the stay open for another 14 years	13.03.24

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Byrne and **RESOLVED** the Parish Council would object very strongly against the application to vary the original planning permission enabling the site to operate for another 14 years.

Cllr Kettle was asked to support the Parish Council with their objection, Cllr Kettle agreed to this. Cllr Ostrander was asked to support the Parish Council with their objection, Cllr Ostrander agreed to this.

The Clerk will issue a flyer to all residences within the village advising them of the planning application and how to object if they wished to. The flyer will also remind residents how to complain to the Environment Agency and Environmental Health if there are problems with smells or flies.

9.2 No planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held on 6th February 2024.

10. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 6th February 2024 which are not on the Agenda
None

11. Finance

11.1 Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation

As of 29th February 2024, agreed and Cllr Tayler signed the reconciliation.

11.2 To authorise the following payments:

Name	£
Clerk salary February 2024 paid on the 1 st of the following month by Standing Order	
Mrs J Chapman printing of March 2024 Ufton Newsletter	14.40

It was proposed by Cllr Looney, seconded by Cllr Thoday and **RESOLVED** to make the payments.

12. HS2

As discussed under Agenda item 7.

13. Cllr attendance at Village Coffee mornings

Cllr Tayler agreed to attend village coffee meetings if he is available.

14. Parish Boundary

Deferred to next meeting as Cllr Crowther was not present at the meeting.

15. Memorial Bench, former Cllr Leeman.

The memorial bench for former Cllr Leeman, which has been provided by the Leeman family is now in situ. Cllr Byrne installed the bench and has ensured it is secure. Cllr Byrne was thanked for his work.

16. Solar Farms – Local MP's action

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Looney and **RESOLVED** the Clerk write to Jeremy Wright M.P. and due to the large number of objections to Middle Farm Solar Farm can he link this solar farm into his request for an enquiry.

17. Items for Next Agenda

18. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 2nd April 2024.

Meeting closed 22:00hrs

Signed

Date

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