

# Ufton Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced 19.30 hrs.

**1. Record of Members present**

Cllrs Tayler, Hiatt, Thoday, Baldwin, Byrne and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)

**2. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Looney and Crowther

**3. Acceptance of Apologies**

Cllr Looney and Cllr Crowther's apologies were 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**

To receive and consider granting dispensation requests.

None

**6. Open Forum – (15minutes)**

See Agenda item 8.3 30 members of the public in attendance.

**7. Minutes of Last Parish Council**

**7.1** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 were agreed as being a true and complete record.

**8. Planning**

**8.1** No planning applications have been received since the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**8.2** No planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**8.3 Warwickshire County Council Planning Application SDC/24CM002**

David Cooper, Senior Planning Officer attended the meeting to advise attendees about the current application, the process the application will go through prior to a decision being made. Mr Cooper wanted to hear from those attending the meeting, how the In Vessel Composting Facility (IVCF) impacts upon their life in the village.

Mr Cooper said the current planning permission for the IVCF does not include specific conditions in relation to smell or flies. This is because when permission was granted October 2008, the technology to deal with these issues was not available. Fly management plans have been in existence for the last 6 years. This application to vary the length of time the site is open for, will allow for conditions to be included.

The current application includes an Odour Assessment which was undertaken during the last few months of 2023. Under Regulation 25 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, Mr Cooper can request "further information" and he will be doing this.

Attendees at the meeting described the following examples and concerns in relation to the IVCF

- Unable to have doors and windows open during the summer months
- Having to put fly screens up at windows to stop fly ingress
- Unable to enjoy sitting out in the garden due to the smell and flies
- Excessive number of flies throughout the summer months
- The difficulties faced when preparing food with the number of flies in the atmosphere
- The stress it causes some residents given their dislike of flies and the fact they are known for carrying disease.

Mr Cooper provided his email address and telephone number and encouraged people to contact him to provide him with written evidence of the problems they face. Mr Cooper stated he will attend another Parish Council meeting in the future, once he has received the “further information” in relation to odour to discuss the findings and explain what the next steps are.

**9. Matters Arising from previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 which are not on the agenda**  
None

**10. Finance**

**10.1 Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, agreed and Cllr Tayler signed the reconciliation.

**10.2 To authorise the following payments:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>£</b>
Clerk salary March 2024 paid on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the following month by Standing Order	
Clerk salary (adjustment at end of year total amount due less amount paid)	18.55
Mrs J Chapman printing of April 2024 Ufton Newsletter (180 x 0.08 = £14.40)	14.40
Mrs J Chapman printing of Biffa composting site planning application (90 x 0.08)	7.20
HMRC 01.01.24 – 31.03.24	182.00
Eon Streetlight maintenance 01.01.24 – 31.03.24	37.80
Mr J Tayler reimbursement for refreshments - Chairman’s Allowance	56.25

It was proposed by Cllr Byrne, seconded by Cllr Baldwin and **RESOLVED** to make the payments.

**10.3 Streetlights – Utility Supplier**

Electricity is now being supplied by Yu Energy as sourced by Clear Utility Solutions as from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**11. HS2**

Cllr Kettle has raised the issue of HGV’s using the Bascote Road with the HS2 Officer at Warwickshire County Council. The Fosse Way is due to be closed at the end of May 2024. Cllr Kettle will raise these issues with the HS2 Construction Commissioner.

**12. Parish Boundary**

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

**13. Items for Next Agenda**

**14. Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Meeting closed 21:45 hrs

**Signed**

**Date**