

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2011
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Wilkinson (Chairman), C Baldwin, J Burrows, I Crowther and L Van Kesteren. Clerk – Jane Cove. CClr Stevens and DCllr Spencer. 1 member of the public

2 Apologies for absence: Cllr Egging & Cllr Tayler

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: Cllr Crowther item 8 (personal)

4 Open session

4.1 Public participation:

- a) Mr Shepherd advised that the light opposite St Michael's Close is not working
- b) Mr Shepherd also asked about the speed gun and when it would be available again.

4.2.1 District Councillor Chris Spencer reported:

- a) There will be a review of Polling Station arrangements in Stratford District Council's area. Ufton's arrangements will remain the same.
- b) The Community Links Bus has had its budget cut and it will be looking to Parish Council's to help finance this.
- c) The expenditure for the Chair of Stratford District Council has been cut by £2,000 to £8,000 per annum.

4.2. County Councillor Bob Stevens reported:

- a) The Library Consultation is now complete. 16 libraries were earmarked for closure. 5 will be shut and the others will be run by the Local Community with a kick-start capital grant. Harbury will be among the latter group.
- b) Youth Clubs will be community run. Southam's Youth Club will remain in the Graham Adams Centre.
- c) The Police Bill is going through Parliament and if it is passed, the Police Commissioner will be elected.
- d) The Health Bill is going through the Lords
- e) Parliamentary Boundaries will be changed. Ufton will remain in Stratford but Parliamentary-wise may be in Rugby with effect April 2013.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 6th September 2011 – the Minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Crowther, seconded Cllr van Kesteren.

6. Matters arising:

6.1 Speeding: Cllr Burrows will ask Southam Police when the laser gun will be available to Ufton again.

7. Planning:

7.1 New Planning Applications : None

7.2 Planning Decisions: None

8. Church Donation - Cllr Wilkinson summarised the financial aid given from the Parish Council to the Church. He reminded Councillors that the Parish Council gives £500.00 to the Church to pay for 50% of the mowing. Cllr Burrows proposed and Cllr Baldwin seconded that the Parish Council gives an additional £500 this year to cover the total cost of moving. This would be a one-off payment with a proviso that it will be

reviewed next year when the Precept is calculated. Cllr Crowther abstained but all others present agreed to this proposal. Cllr Crowther then thanked the Parish Council on behalf of the Church.

9 Correspondence -

9.1 for information –

- a) WALC newsletter and Annual Report
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine
- c) LCR Magazine
- d) Warwickshire County Council – Restructured Rights of Way Team
- e) Consultation regarding the Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
- f) Waste Core Strategy - consultation

9.2 for discussion –

- a) Diamond Jubilee Celebration – lighting of beacons

10. Finance –

10.1 the following accounts were approved for payment. Proposed Cllr van Kesteren and seconded Cllr Wilkinson

10.1.1 G Ingham – Ufton News – October plus Stamps	£27.84
10.1.2 John Tayler – reimbursement for Website annual fee	£60.00
10.1.3 Jane Cove – September Salary/Office Storage Equipment	£130.30
10.1.4 Jane Cove – Printer Ink £8.99/Stamps £4.32/Stationery £5.00	
Telephone/Internet Allowance 2 nd Qtr £17.00	£35.31
10.1.5 HMRC Income Tax Payment 2 nd Qtr	£82.20
10.1.6 EON – street light maintenance 2 nd Qtr	£64.63
10.1.7 PCC – Ufton Parish – reimbursement of installation of steps	£456.72

11 AOB - Items for next meeting: a) Jubilee Beacon

b) Cllr Wilkinson gave some feedback from the recent Landfill Site Meeting. It is carrying on at the same filling rate and it is estimated that there is less than 5 years filling left. The process has been shortened, which has eliminated the foul smells which have been experienced in the past. The Parish Council representatives pressed for the landscaping to be completed and were assured this will happen. Clerk to clarify whether the public are allowed to take the compost. It is not for sale, as it has not yet reached the required standard.

12 Meet & Greet – nothing to report

13 Date of next meeting: 1st November 2011 at 8.00 pm

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 1st November 2011