

UFTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2012
in the Village Hall

1 Present: Parish Cllrs J Tayler (Chairman), C Baldwin, I Crowther, L Van Kesteren and J Wilkinson. CClr R Stevens and DCllr C Spencer. Clerk Jane Cove.

2 Apologies for absence: None

3 Declaration of interest in any agenda item: None

4 Open session

4.1 Public participation: None

4.2.1 County Councillor Bob Steven's predicts (personal opinion) the following for 2012:

- a) The HS2 decision will be delayed again
- b) Campaigning for the election of a Police Commissioner will commence in February/March
- c) The NHS reform will take place. At present there is no cohesion between local councils and the PCT, but this should be resolved by April 2013.
- d) Southam College will become an Academy - possibly by next September.
- e) Due to budgetary restraints, road repairs may become a cause for concern.
- f) Community Forums will become more meaningful and will fit in with the Localism Bill
- g) There will be major reforms as to who pays for care of people.

4.2.2 District Councillor Chris Spencer reported:

- a) Community Forums are becoming quite important and it was suggested a representative of Parish Councils should attend, as decisions are being taken at these meetings.
- b) The Dallas Burston Planning Application goes to Committee on 11th January 2012.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 6th December 2011 – the Minutes of the meetings were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Van Kesteren, seconded Cllr Crowther and all agreed.

6. Matters arising:

6.1 Speeding: Cllr Burrows reported that he has not yet had a definitive date as to when the speed gun will be returned to Ufton. It is confirmed that it will come back, but has to go to other Parishes as well.

7. Planning:

7.1 New Planning Applications: None

7.2 Planning Decisions: None

8. Stratford District Council's Core Strategy: Discussion took place regarding Ufton's input into the Core Strategy. Cllr Crowther proposed and Cllr Burrows seconded that Phil Ward from WRCC is invited to the next meeting to give an overview of conducting a housing needs survey and pin-pointing locations for new builds. All agreed with one abstention.

9 Correspondence -

9.1 for information – none

9.2 or discussion – none

10. Finance – the following accounts were approved for payment. Proposed
Cllr Tayler, seconded Cllr Wilkinson and all agreed:

10.1 G Ingham – Ufton News January		£19.67
10.2 Jane Cove - December Salary and Storage 3rd Quarter	£130.30	
10.3 Jane Cove – Tel/Internet 3rd Qtr + Stamps	£4.32 £21.32	£151.62
10.4 HMRC 3rd Qtr		£89.00

11 Councillor Vacancy - discussion took place regarding whether to find a replacement due to Cllr Egging's recent resignation. Cllr Burrows proposed and Cllr Van Kesteren seconded a co-option should take place and notices will be published for this purpose.

12 Members' Reports/Items for next meeting: Cllr Wilkinson reported that the footpath by the pub has still not been repaired. Cllr Crowther requested that the Village Church Fete be added to next month's agenda. Cllr Van Kesteren will request volunteers for this event, in the Ufton News.

13 Meet & Greet: New owners of the Pub. Cllr Tayler will give them a welcome pack.

14 Date of next meeting: 7th February 2012

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: 7th February 2012