

# Ufton Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced 20:04 hrs.

1. **Record of Members present**  
Cllrs Looney, Tayler, Hiatt, Thoday, Baldwin, Byrne, Crowther, and Mrs J Chapman (Clerk)
2. **Apologies for absence**  
None
3. **Acceptance of Apologies**  
None.
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.  
  
Cllr Crowther Agenda item 11
5. **Dispensations**  
To receive and consider granting dispensation requests.  
  
None
6. **Open Forum – (15minutes)**  
No members of the public.

### **Warwickshire County Councillor – Cllr Kettle**

Cllr Kettle advised he has been working on finding information out about “gullies” and how often they are cleaned. This information is included in his monthly report which he will email to the Clerk for circulation. Clerk to email Cllr Kettle re the “blocked gullies” (weeds growing out of them) in Ufton which are on Southam Road and down Ufton Hill. Clerk to also include the “letterbox gully” opposite the Village Hall, which regularly floods across the road.

Cllr Kettle advised the new 30 m.p.h. speed limit from the bottom of Woodbine Hill, up to the 40-m.p.h. road sign on the entrance into Southam is due to the visibility splay lines when exiting the newly built HS2 entrance at the bottom of Woodbine Hill.

Cllr Kettle is still talking to HS2 regarding the manner in which they are dealing with Ragwort.

### **District Councillor**

Cllr Ostrander has circulated her report via email. The main news is the South Warwickshire Local Plan which is likely to see an increase of 4.8% (750) in the number of houses required in areas of “all other settlements” in the next 20 years. Cllr Ostrander is still investigating the Bus Stop for the number 63 bus from Leamington Spa to Southam. She is still trying to get a bus stop sign installed on the same side of the road as the church.

### **Matters arising from the last meeting**

#### **.gov.uk email addresses**

Not all Cllrs are using their new .gov.uk email addresses preferring for one reason or another to use their existing email addresses. The Clerk advised all Cllrs that the preferred email is their .gov.uk email address, in case there was ever a Freedom of Information request submitted to the Parish Council. If Cllrs use their own email address they need to be aware their emails would be subject to interrogation if there was ever a Freedom of Information request or a data breach. The Clerk advised all Cllrs to use their .gov.uk email address for their own privacy and safety.

20.55 hrs Cllr Ostrander left the meeting

**7. Minutes of Last Parish Council**

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

**8. Planning**

**8.1** The following planning application has been received since the last meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

Application	Address	Proposal	Comments
24/01706/FUL	Monkey Barn Farm Southam Road, Ufton Leamington Spa CV33 9PP	Removal of existing building (2 semi detached cottages) and creation of replacement single detached dwelling	No representation

**8.2** No planning decision have been received since the last meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

**9. Finance**

**9.1 Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024, were signed by Cllr Looney as being correct.

**9.2 To authorise the following payments**

Name	£
Clerk salary July 2024 paid on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of the following month by Standing Order	
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Mrs J Chapman printing of August 2024 Ufton Newsletter (180 x 0.08 = 14.40)	14.40
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Ufton Village Hall Rental 08.08.24 (HS2 Meeting)	22.50
Ufton Village Hall Rental 03.08.24 (Village Clean Up)	30.00
EON Maintenance quarter ending 30.06.24	37.80

**9.3 Direct Debit Payments**

Date	Supplier	Account	Amount
02.08.24	YU Energy	2000205119 01.07.24 – 31.07.24	9.89
02.08.24	YU Energy	2000205120 01.07.24 – 31.07.24	70.90

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Bryne and **RESOLVED** to authorise all the payments in 10.2 and 10.3.

**9.4 Parish Council Website**

It was proposed by Cllr Hiatt, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **RESOLVED** the Parish Council set up a new website with Hugofox.

**10. HS2**

**10.1 Updates on HS2 work within the vicinity**

There were no HS2 updates

**10.2 Feedback from recent meeting with HS2 Community Engagement Officers**

Community Engagement Officers advised the Parish Council to consider what they would like to happen with regards to the Pelican Crossing and the new entrance to Ridgeway Lane.

**10.3 Pedestrian Crossing and Ridgeway Lane**

It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Byrne and **RESOLVED** to request retention of the Pelican Crossing and for the new junction into Ridgeway Lane to be retained in its current format up the fork in the road (access to Wood Farm). At this point the Ridgeway to be returned to its original 3m width and the hardcore retained in order to deter "green" off roading.

11. **Parish Boundary**  
Cllr Crowther reported he had been unable to convince the company that it was the landowner. He had written to their solicitors, Clifford Chance, apprising them of the situation on 1st July 2024, but had not had the courtesy of a reply.
12. **Potential Solar Farm, Radford Semele**  
The “No Solar Farm” group in Radford Semele are intending to produce a leaflet regarding the solar farm and their objections. It was agreed copies of the leaflet will be distributed to all properties in Ufton.  
The planning application for a solar farm off the Fosse Way between Lighthorne and Moreton Morrell has been submitted.
13. **Potential Community Benefit Funding**  
No discussion
14. **Feedback from Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
The meeting was attended by Cllrs Tayler, Thoday and the Clerk, Mrs J Chapman. Topics discussed included Anti-Social Behaviour, priorities for the police to pay attention to, burglary patrols and vehicle crime patrols. There is an app entitled “ vehiclesmart” which anyone can access, and it gives information relating to cars MOT and Tax status.
15. **New 30 m.p.h. speed limit on A425 (extension from Stoneythorpe just into Southam)**
16. **The Great Ufton Tidy Up**  
Clerk to advise WCC re the overgrowth over the Public footpath on Ufton Hill.
17. **Village Pond (Cart Pond)**  
Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated the email she had received from Balliol College, Oxford The college has reviewed the data it holds in respect of its landholdings in Ufton. Several maps indicate (through colour coding) that the pond was regarded as part of field 97 and was part of Colbourne Farm. Colbourne Farm was sold in 1938 to Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd. Therefore, the Parish Council does not own the land and cannot undertake any work to the land.  
  
It was proposed by Cllr Baldwin, seconded by Cllr Looney and  
**RESOLVED** to donate £100 to Mr M Langstone towards petrol costs for the grass strimming he undertakes around the village.
18. **Items for Next Agenda**  
Risk Assessment, Ufton Tidy Up Actions,
19. **Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024  
Apologies received from Cllr Thoday for the meeting due to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Meeting closed 22:07 hrs

**Signed**

**Date**