

Ufford Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of Ufford Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 7.30pm

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING

1. *To record names of members present:* Keith Lievesley (Chairman), Frieda Gosling, Marian Browne, David Chadwick, Ward Councillor David Over
2. *To note apologies for absence:* Graham Bowes, ill-health
3. *Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:* None
4. *To confirm and sign the minutes of the council meeting held on 10 February 2016.* Approved and signed as a true record.
5. *Members of the public are invited to address the council with regard to any Agenda item.* None
6. *Police and crime.*
 - a. *To note the latest Crime Prevention Unit report.* Noted
7. *Ward Councillor's report.* David Over reported that PCC planned to resurface most roads in the area around May 2016. Councillors were in purdah from early April pending elections. Barnack Ward Group: a suggestion had been made of a 40mph limit from Pilsgate where currently derestricted. Lolham Crossing: PCC and Network Rail were due to review the restriction order in

June and restrictions may alter. Council tax rise: would be just below the threshold requiring a referendum. Emergency services charge ditto.

8. Finance.

- a. *Monthly Financial Report: to approve financial statements for February 2016.* Approved and signed
- b. *Authority to pay:*
 - i. *Catherine Franks: Clerk's overtime and expenses for February 2016, £1.94.* Approved
 - ii. *HMRC: Clerk's PAYE tax February 2016, £38.60.* Approved
 - iii. *Bainton & Ashton Parish Council: 50% of annual accounting software licence, £117.00.* Approved

9. Planning.

- a. *To consider the discussion document relating to application 15/01899/FUL Ufford Farm: Installation of ground mounted solar panel array - Re-submission.* A proposal was made to invite the agent to present plans to villagers – rejected. It was noted that the deadline for consultation had passed. After a discussion about the scale of the development and outline of relevant planning legislation by Keith Lievesley it was agreed to submit a query to PCC about their policy for this type of development. **ACTION – Frieda Gosling** to draft and circulate for approval.
- b. *To note latest status of enforcement at Compass Barns.* Frieda Gosling confirmed reports from neighbours that the skate ramp hadn't been removed. Clerk reported that PCC were aware and continuing due legal process.
- c. *To note the launch of a consultation document for Castor and Ailsworth Neighbourhood Plans.* Noted.
- d. *North Lodge planning application.* Conservation officer Jim Daly's comments were noted.

10. Other items.

- a. *Village maintenance: To note and agree action on current maintenance issues and to note updates on issues outstanding:*
 - i. *Potholes on Marholm Road.* **ACTION - Keith Lievesley** to reply to Highways' query about location.
 - ii. David Chadwick queried which roads would be resurfaced. David Over replied that no information from Highways when queried last year. **ACTION – Keith Lievesley** to query as part of communication for item 10.a.i
 - iii. Keith Lievesley raised the need for a STOP sign at the exit from King Street onto Helpston/Bainton Road. **ACTION – Keith Lievesley** to report as per item 10.a.i.
- b. *RAF Wittering training flights: To agree a letter of complaint.* It was noted that flights were frequently carried out over centre of village and in close formation at low altitude. Safety was a potential issue but nuisance was the main problem. David Chadwick's draft letter was agreed, with the addition of a query over risk assessment undertaken.
- c. *Clerk training: to receive an update on progress towards CiLCA qualification and to sign the Clerk's learning agreement as the Council's commitment to support the training.* Noted and signed
- d. *Local council elections: To note local election date of 5 May 2016.* **ACTION - Clerk** to send councilors a link to PCC website for nomination papers.
- e. *Barnack Ward parish councils' social evening: To agree plans to host the event.* It was agreed to hold the event in the Village Hall Thursday 28 April subject to availability of the hall and Ward Councillor.

- f. *Meetings attended: To receive reports.*
- i. Frieda Gosling's notes from the Barnack Ward Group meeting were noted, particularly the need to keep a watching brief on planning and David Overs suggestions regarding the parish charter.
 - ii. Rural Scrutiny. Keith Lievesley reported points on an increased dependence on local volunteers; that the current scrutiny structure was being disbanded, and replaced with a new system of 3 committees aligned with officer structure. There would be no separate rural committee with issues incorporated into new committees.
 - iii. Village Hall Committee. Marian Brown reported to circulate minutes. The hall was currently running at a deficit with £1,500 annual income needed to break even. Fundraising events were being planned for June (Queen's birthday weekend).
ACTION – Marian Browne to circulate committee minutes.

11. *Village Matters – for discussion only.* None raised

12. *Next meeting:* 7.30pm Tuesday 12 April 2016.

Meeting closed at 20:58