

Ufton Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 7th April 2026
in Ufton Village Hall

Meeting commenced at 20.00 hrs.

1. Record of Members present

Cllrs Looney, Thoday, Hiatt, Crowther, Byrne and Mrs J Chapman, Clerk.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Baldwin

3. Acceptance of Apologies

Cllrs Baldwin'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.

Cllrs Hiatt Agenda item 11.

5. Dispensations

To receive and consider granting dispensation requests.

None

6. Open Forum – (15minutes)

District Councillor – Cllr Ostrander

Cllr Ostrander was not present at the meeting, her report was circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

Warwickshire County Councillor – Cllr Kettle

Cllr Kettle's report was circulated in advance of the meeting. It covered the Pelican Crossing, and the driveway down to Wood Farm. There was a vote of no confidence in the Leader of the County Council, Cllr Finch, the motion failed. The travellers up the back of Ufton Fields are due to move on in the next few days. The remaining rubbish at the Nature Reserve is due to be moved. Cllr Kettle is still chasing the third white gate for Ufton.

Cllr Looney advised he has undertaken a lot of reading relating to the Middle Road (Ufton) Solar Farm. The Appeal Inspector said the appeal should relate to the 2nd submission which excluded two of the fields as you look down the hill. There were two main reasons the appeal was allowed, 1) as the solar farm is at the bottom of the valley, there is no impact which cannot be mitigated. 2) There was no over development of the solar farm as there is no direct line of sight between Middle Road Solar Farm and the other solar farms along the Fosse Way.

Clerk to confirm with developers, which plan they will be following.

The appeal hearing for the Radford Semele Solar Farm will commence on 14th April 2026.

7. Minutes of Last Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2026

The Minutes were accepted as being a true record of the meeting.

8. Planning

8.1 The following planning application has been received since the last meeting held on 3rd March 2026.

Planning No.	Address	Proposals	Consultation due by
26/00653	Ufton Village Hall Southam Road, Ufton	Single storey side extension, internal remodelling, external works and proposed hardstanding	Internal work no objection. Porch objected to

8.2 No planning decisions have been received since the last meeting held on 3rd March 2026.

9. Finance

9.1 Bank Balance and Bank Reconciliation as at 31.03.26

Cllr Looney signed these as being correct.

9.2 Direct Debit Payments/Standing Orders

Date	Name	£
01.04.26	Clerk salary March 2026 paid 01.04.26 (S/O)	
01.04.26	HMRC March payment	
08.03.26	Yu Energy invoice 03608074	99.84

9.3 Payments for authorisation

Name	£
Mrs J Chapman March Ufton Newsletter 180 sheets @ 0.09 per sheet	16.20

It was proposed by Cllr Hiatt, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **RESOLVED** all payments be made.

10. HS2

Retention of the pelican crossing and the greenway is still to be formalised.

11. Legal Advice

It was proposed by Cllr Hiatt, seconded by Cllr Crowther and **RESOLVED** legal advice be sought regarding land in Ufton

12. Whitegates

Cllr Kettle is still pursuing this with WCC.

13. Beacon Risk Assessment

Cllr Bryne has examined the Beacon and can confirm the beacon is secure.

14. Neighbourhood Governance Structure

It was proposed by Cllr Crowther, seconded by Cllr Thoday and **RESOLVED** the Clerk will use the template letter provide by WALC and forward to Jeremy Wright MP.

- 15. .gov.uk emails**
Clerk to circulate information showing Cllrs how to log on to the Parish Council's email system.
- 16. Ufton Clean Up**
16th May 2026 10.00 – 12.00 noon.
- 17. Items for next Agenda**
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- 18. Date of next meeting** Tuesday 5th May 2026.

Meeting close 21.35 hrs

Signed