

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13 January 2020.

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. David Cross (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. Nick Bowers, Cllr. Matt Francis, Cllr. Clayton Powter, Cllr. Roger Pryor,
and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public:

District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Signing of the Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2019 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **District Councillor's Report**
Uttlesford District Council (UDC) are still awaiting the letter from the Inspector regarding his conclusions on the new Local Plan.

An Extraordinary Meeting of UDC's Planning Committee will be held on 24 January 2020 and will consider the draft Section 106 agreement and any further information that has come forward since the application was submitted in 2018.

Cllr. Loughlin had received an email from a resident saying he had recently sold a piece of land, with one of the conditions on the approved planning application being, that all lorries driving to and from this land were to use the main road. The construction vehicles, however, were not observing this rule, and driving past the resident's house. Cllr. Loughlin had advised the resident to contact Cllr. Ray Gooding, as this was a highways matter.

The Parish Clerk informed Councillors that the Fairfield planning application, for 350 new homes between Henham and Elsenham, has gone to appeal. The reason stated was non-determination by UDC.

UDC had not decided on this planning application as they were waiting for a formal response from Essex Highways. UDC are gathering a team together to fight the appeal. It is still unsure if the Inspector, during the appeal, would consider, just the non-determination or the whole planning application

5. Clerk's Report

It was agreed to wait until the next financial year before purchasing a new bench for Ugley Green and removing the bench by the bus stop on Cambridge Road.

It was agreed that some of the historic Parish Council minutes should be stored at the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford.

In the event of Operation London Bridge being announced, it was agreed that a memorial service held in Ugley Church on the nearest Sunday would be appropriate, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. The Parish Clerk is to liaise with the Rev. Gary Townsend to see if this would be acceptable.

6. Update on the new Parish Council's web site.

Cllr. Francis is still carrying out research.

7. Financial Report

Cashflow – Circulated.

Cash Statement as of January 2020 - Circulated.

Balance brought forward	<u>£9,718.37</u>
BACS L Johnson	£ 580.80
BACS Inland Revenue	£ 145.20
BACS L Johnson	£ 39.61
Total debits	£ 765.61
Total	£8,952.76

8. Precept

Proposal, Ugley Parish Council ask Uttlesford District Council for a precept of £6,200 for the financial year 2020/2021.

Cllr. Shutes proposed, Cllr. Cross seconded, the vote was carried unanimously.

Cllr. Shutes and the Parish Clerk signed the 'Precept Upon Charging Authority' form.

9. Any Other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).

Cllr. Cross said that due to people disposing of their rubbish in the Village Hall rubbish bin, a combination lock has now been fitted.

The invoice for engaging the services of a planning consultant to object to the Bedwell Road planning application has been received, the total being £500, this was less than anticipated. The Parish Clerk is to liaise with Cllr. Nick Baker, Chairman of Henham Parish Council.

It was agreed that Cllr's Pryor and Powter would modify a black wheelie bin, which would then be placed in the car park of the Village Hall, for collecting crisp packets. When the bin was full Cllr. Reay would take the crisp packets to

Bishops Stortford. Monies raised from this project would go to the homeless shelter in Bishop's Stortford.

10. Meeting Closed at 8.25pm.

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 24 February 2020 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed