

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2020.

Present:

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

Members of the Public: 0

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Open to the public.** None present
4. **Signing of the Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2020 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Planning Application**
Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council
20/0906/FUL Demolition of the existing and construction of 2 detached dwellings. Newlands Cottages, Ugley Green. **Refused.**

UTT/20/0378/HHF Proposed single storey rear extension. The Hermitage, Snakes Lane, Ugley. **Refused** – out of character.

UTT/19/2615/HHF Extension to entrance porch to create shower room. 2 Railway Cottages, North Hall Road, Ugley. **Approved.**

UTT/20/0383/HHF Proposed side porch. The Chase, Pound Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

UTT/20/0760/FUL Partial demolition and partial conversion of stables to car port. Erection of 1 dwelling. Yard Rear of Little Hudson, Lodge Field, Gate Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

UTT/20/0625/FUL Conversion of an existing barn located within the grounds of Parsonage Farm to use as a single dwelling. **Approved.**

UTT/20/0621/HHF Proposed erection of garage building. Harewood, Snakes Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

Fairfield Development

The Parish Clerk informed members that the Fairfield Development's appeal hearing for non-determination by Uttlesford District Council, is on 9 November 2020. This development is for 350 houses between Elsenham and Henham. All previous comments and objections that have been submitted will be sent to the inspectorate. UDC will be contacting everyone who has made representation, asking if they have any new evidence they would like to submit.

Uttlesford District Council are going to defend a refusal on this development, they have a top team with a barrister and are going back to basics, using the case that this area is just not suitable for development.

6. Ponds in the village

It had recently been brought to the Parish Council attention by Mr Glenn Shaw at Essex County Council that Ugley Green was not registered under the name of Ugley Parish Council and therefore the council did not own the green. However, Cllr. Pryor researched the matter and found that Mr. Shaw had transposed the first numbers on the title number.

When looking into the matter it highlighted that Ugley Green was registered to Ugley Parish Council in 1981, however, the land registry has drawn the ownership boundary around the green and has not included the three ponds. After a discussion it was agreed, that Ugley Parish Council should continue to maintain the ponds as they have done for many years, if they did not continue to do so, the ponds could become contaminated.

Cllr. Shutes said he would contact Corrs in Hall Road, Elsenham to obtain prices for the hiring of a digger. It was agreed that this was the best time of year to carry out the work.

7. Clerk's Report

It was agreed that if the housing development was approved in Bedwell Road the Parish Clerk would write to Mr. Nigel Brown, Development Manager at Uttlesford District Council and Mrs. Emma Barry, S106 Officer, asking that a condition is added that construction vehicle do not use the route via Ugley Green.

Hatfield Heath Parish Council had asked if Ugley Parish Council would consider sharing a PCSO with them plus three or four other parishes. It was decided not to participate, a cost of a PCSO is £38,520 per year, and even sharing with three other parishes would increase the precept considerably.

Essex Highways has scheduled the work to change the road sign on Patmore Road which reads 'Height Restriction 6 feet 6 inches' it should read 'Width Restriction 6 feet 6 inches.'

8. Financial Report

Cashflow-Circulated.

Cash Statement for July 2020-Circulated.

Balance brought forward	<u>£ 8,283.08</u>
Precept	£ 3,100.00

Total	£11,383.08
Henham PC	£ 500.00
St Peter's Church	£ 725.00
L Johnson	£ 580.80
H M Revenue	£ 145.20
EALC	£ 146.57
Community Action	
Suffolk insurance	£ 274.40
Hilbery Turf 6 April + 4 May	£ 192.00
Amenity Services	£ 255.00
Hilbery Turf 18 May 2020	£ 96.00
Yvonne Morton Auditor	£ 45.00
L Johnson	£ 580.80
HM Revenue	£ 145.20
L Johnson	£ 29.98
Total Debits	£3,715.95
Balance	£7,667.13

- 10.** Any Other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).
 Ugley Village Hall has been closed for the last three months due to Covid-19. The Government are now allowing Village Halls to re-open but under extremely strict conditions. The Hall has lost income during the lockdown and has used up their reserves. The Village Hall Committee have asked if the Parish Council could donate some funds to help them through this difficult period.
 Cllr. Shutes asked if the treasurer of the Village Hall would send to the Parish Clerk, the village Hall's current financial reports, so the Council could gain a better understanding of the situation and how much would be required.
- Cllr. Pryor is to research the Caution Property Register on Ugley Green by Bower Croft Ltd which refers to 'Lord of the Manor'.
- Cllr. Shutes inquired about a property being built on North Hall Road which had previously been refused planning permission for a traveller's site. Cllr. Reay confirmed that planning permission had been granted.

- 11.** Meeting Closed at 8.30pm.

The next Parish Council meeting is to be held on Monday 14 September 2020 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed