

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27 April 2015

Present: Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. David Cross (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Betty Francis, Cllr. David Hilton, Cllr. Jean Reay, Cllr. T. Turner and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: Cllr. J Salmon, Cllr. R Gooding, Cllr. J Laughlin and Mrs. Alexis Beeching.

The meeting opened at 8.30pm

1. **Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr. J Riche, Cllr. R Prior.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr. B Francis, Cllr. D Cross, Cllr. D Hilton and Cllr. J Reay, are members of the Ugley Village Hall Committee, and have a non-pecuniary interest in item 12.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 March 2015, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Introduction from Janice Laughlin, the current District Councillor for Stort Valley Ward.** Cllr. Shutes welcomed District Cllr. Laughlin to the meeting. District Cllr Laughlin gave a short résumé of her life; she has been a District Councillor for Stort Valley for 15 years and is proud of the things she has achieved for the villages in her constituency. She is currently on the Ulltesford District Council's Planning Committee, Local Plan and Standard Committee, if re-elected she would like to stay on these committees and would continue to fight against the Fairfield planning application for 800 houses.
5. **District and County Councillors' reports.**
No further reports from the District or County Councillors.
6. **Boards across the ditch on Ugley Green - Cllr. T Turner.**
It was agreed to write to the residents of 'Chestnut Cottage', asking them to remove the boards that they had placed across the ditch making an unauthorised access on to the Village Green.

7. **Update on the list of Highways jobs.**
Essex County Cllr. Gooding is to liaise with the Parish Clerk with regards to the items that are in need of attention in Ugley; they are then to be reported to the correct departments either Essex Highways or The Highway Rangers.
8. **Constant abuse of 6ft. 6ins width restriction through Ugley Green.**
It was agreed that Cllr. Shutes and Cllr. Turner would attend the police ‘Local Community Meeting’ on the 11 May, to ask what could be done to stop these large vehicles driving illegally through Ugley Green. One suggestion that Cllr. Shutes will ask is the logistics of setting up a local community width watch.
9. **Clerk’s Report.**
a) The Chairman and the Parish Clerk signed the Annual Return for the financial year 2014/15.
b) **Auditor’s report.**
It was agreed that in the next few months the items listed on the auditor’s report would be addressed;
Standing orders & Financial Regulations need to be adopted.
All invoices to be initialled by two councillors.
The Asset Register needs updating.
The Parish Clerk to send round a copy of Standing Order to all Councillors to read and modify, these can then be discussed at the meeting to be held on 15 June 2015.
Power of General Competence.
c) The Parish Clerk explained that Ugley Parish Council were now eligible to use the ‘Power of General Competence’ it was agreed that the Parish Clerk would send details of the ‘Power of General Competence’ to all Councillors. At the meeting on 15 June it would then be decided on whether to pass a resolution to use this power.
10. **Plans – Decisions made by UDC.**
- (i) **UTT/15/0164/HHF** Erection of front porch, rear dormer, new windows and rooflight to front. 3 Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **Approved. Noted**
- (ii) **UTT/15/0222/HHF** Erection of first floor extension over existing flat roof. Pound Cottage, Hillend Road, Ugley. **Approved. Noted.**
- (iii) **UTT/15/0257/HHF** Loft conversion over detached double garage. Construction of external stair. Sundown, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Approved. Noted.**
- (iv) **UTT/14/3812/FUL** The erection of a detached dwelling house, detached double garage and associated parking. Land at Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Approved. Noted.**

- (v) **UTT/15/0727/AG** Proposed replacement agricultural building. Hudson Farm, Field Gate Land, Ugley. **Prior approval not required. Noted.**
- (vi) **UTT/14/3226/FUL** Erection of a single dwelling associated parking and amenity. Land to the east of Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Approved Noted.**

11. Finance Report

- a) Cashflow Circulated.
- b) Payments approved since last meeting;

100983	HM Revenue Customs	£131.20
100984	L C Johnson	£525.44
- c) Payment authorised at the meeting.

100985	EALC	£127.11
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There were no questions on the finance report.

12. Ugley Village Hall

Proposal; Ugley Parish Council change the balance of £600, given as a loan to the Ugley Village Hall to help with improvements for fire regulations, from a loan to a grant. Cllr. Shutes proposed, Cllr. Turner seconded the vote was carried unanimously.

13. Any other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).

Cllr. Francis reported that a kerb stone had been displaced on the village green side of Ugley Green Road; the Parish Clerk to report this to Essex Highways.

Cllr. Turner reported that he had been asked when the fast broadband connection would be coming to this area. District Cllr. Laughlin said she was due to attend a meeting the following day on the subject of broadband and would try and ascertain some information.

Cllr. Shutes thanked District Cllr. Salmon for his years as District Cllr. to Ugley and wished him luck in the future.

District Cllr. Salmon thanked everyone and said he had enjoyed his time with Ugley.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting, 18 May 2015 at 7pm in the Ugley Village Hall

Next Council Meeting; Monday, 15 June 2015 at 8.00pm held in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman