

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 20 July 2015

Present: Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. Betty Francis, Cllr. David Hilton, Cllr. Roger Pryor, Cllr. Jean Reay, Cllr. Tony Turner and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 0, Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding and District Councillor Janice Loughlin.

- 1 The meeting opened at 8pm.
- 2 Declarations of Interest – None.
- 3 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. D Cross.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 June 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
5. **District Councillor’s Report – Cllr. Janice Loughlin.**

Cllr. Loughlin reported that at the recent hearing of the planning application for the travellers site in Henham, the meeting had become very unruly, when some derogatory comments had been voiced about the site; the planning application was refused.

Cllr. Loughlin had asked an Enforcement Officer to visit Cheshnut Cottage in Ugley, to ascertain if any building work had been started without planning application. The Enforcement Officer reported that no breach of planning regulations had taken place; but when the Officer was asked to produce a copy of the letters sent to the neighbouring houses regarding this planning application, the Officer was unable to locate them.

Cllr. Loughlin reported the Fairfield planning application had now been referred to ministerial.
6. **County Councillor’s Report – Cllr. Ray Gooding.**

Cllr. Gooding reported that at the recent Highway Panel it had been agreed to install improved signage regarding the width restrictions around Ugley Green.

Cllr. Gooding stated that he would be taking a paper to the Cabinet on 21 July 2015 that sets out the establishment of a charitable organisation that would allow Essex County Council and its sports development section, Active Essex, to have access to funds for the development of sport and active lifestyles throughout the county. This will be a unique organisation that will enhance the Health and Wellbeing of residents of all ages.

Cllr. Hilton reminded Cllr. Gooding about the dangerous central island used for turning into the Auction House on the B1383 in Stansted, both bollards have been damaged and are laying on the ground, with one having a metal pole protruding upwards; this central island has been like this for about 2 years, Cllr. Gooding said he was still chasing this but could not give a time scale as to when it would be fixed.

7. Clerk's Report

- a) **Proposal**, the Parish Council adopt the Ugley Parish Council Standing Orders. Cllr. Turner proposed, Cllr. Shutes seconded the vote was carried unanimously, Ugley Parish Council's Standing orders now become a working document.
- b) Ugley Parish Council agreed not to give a donation to the charity Home Start.
- c) The Parish Council has received a poster denoting that Ugly Village Hall had been chosen as an asset of community value, it was agreed to place it on the wall of the Village Hall.
- d) The 'Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan' by Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea, has stated that the preferred site is in Hall Road, Elsenham.
- e) It has cost Elsenham Parish Council £1,000 to clean up after travellers had set up an encampment on Parish Council's land. This was to be considered when setting the precept and the necessity of keeping a reserve.
- f) The Parish Clerk had written to Mr. Roddis asking him to stop parking his van on the grass verge and to Mr. and Mrs. Mills asking them to remove the boards they had placed illegally from their property onto common land, both parties had failed to comply with the requests.

8. Plans Received.

- (i) **UTT/15/2268/HHF** Proposed attic conversion including 10 Velux roof lights. Greenside, Ugley Green. As this planning application had only just been received Councillors had not had time to study the plans. Councillors were asked to send comments to the Parish Clerk before the dead line of 17 August 2015.

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council.

- (ii) **UTT/15/ 0996/AV** Proposed erection of 1 freestanding Church notice board. St. Peter's Church, Ugley. **Approved.**
- (iii) **UTT/15/0164/HHF** Erection of front porch. Rear dormer and new window and rooflight to front. 3 Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

9. Finance Report

The following cheques and payments were approved for signing;

100989	L Johnson	£533.70
100990	HM Revenue & Customs	£133.20
100991	L Johnson	£27.73
100992	L Johnson	£20.00

There had been no bank transactions since the last Parish Council Meeting.
Bank balance (both Accounts) £6,264.02

- 10. Any other Business** (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).
The bench on Ugley Green and the bus shelter on London Road are very overgrown. Cllr. Shutes said he would drive round the village and comprise a list of jobs that needed attending to, the Parish Clerk would then ask for a quote from Hilberys.
- 11.** Cllr. Loughin reported that she was going to a meeting on 28 July 2015 for a presentation on the planning application of up to 160 houses on the Walpole Farm development.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next Meeting; Monday, 14 September 2015 at 8.00pm held in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman