

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2015

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

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

- 1 The meeting opened at 8:00pm.
- 2 Declarations of Interest – None
- 3 Apologies for Absence: None, all present.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 September 2015 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. District and County Councillors' reports.

Information regarding devolution for Essex had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Loughlin informed the meeting that at present there were some concerns amongst Councillors and other authorities and it would require a lot of discussion before anything is decided, she felt that parts were good and some not so good, one point which she felt was cause for concern regarded the airport, which stated, 'to grow London Stansted and London Southend Airports, and provided them with enabling surface transport infrastructure to achieve their full economic potential'.

Uttlesford District Council (UDC) will be carrying out its first 6-weeks public consultation (22 October – 4 December) associated with its new Local Plan. The consultation takes the form of an accompanying questionnaire that will address three broad subjects, general questions, areas of search and scenarios.

There has still not been a public announcement on the outcome of the Fairview planning application.

On Wednesday 21 October UDC Planning Committee will meet to decide on the Cambridge Road housing development of 10 houses and 2 commercial businesses.

Cllr. Gooding felt that devolution would be a good thing for Essex, but it needed the agreement and commitment from all District Councils. The plan would help Essex have a stronger economy, allowing local authorities to retain 100% of all business rate revenue, health and social care would be given the power to work together and a new infrastructure fund would be created so that wherever possible infrastructure is in place before development.

85% of schools in Essex are now either 'Good' or 'Outstanding' with the local school, Forest Hall School, the fastest improving school in Essex.

Essex County Council (ECC) is to have a five year agreement from the government to help with the education and social care needed for the refugees in the county.

There is a current problem in Essex where internal migrants are buying large properties and then moving in vulnerable people from the London Borough. ECC are not informed about these people and therefore they do not receive the help they require, such as social care and schooling.

To stop oversized vehicles' using the Ugely Green route, Cllr. Gooding is trying to have installed an automatic number plate recognition camera (ANPR). As a vehicle passes an ANPR camera, its registration number is read and instantly recorded.

6 Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Mills, Chestnut Cottage.

In the letter, Mr. & Mrs Mills claimed that the planks across the ditch had been there for many years and were put in place by the previous owner, three Councillors who have lived in the village many years disagreed with this statement, at no time could they remember a footbridge from this property on to the green. It was therefore decided to write a letter to Mr. & Mrs Mills asking if they could produce a copy of their deeds to provide proof of the right of way. If they do not provide proof they would be asked to remove the planks, otherwise the Parish Council would do so.

7. Clerk's Report

- a) The dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2016 were agreed.
- b) It was agreed that the spending limit for the Parish Clerk in case of an emergency, number 4.4 in the Financial Regulations, should be £750.
Cllr. N Shutes proposed that Ugley Parish Council adopted the Financial Regulations, Cllr. B Frances seconded, the vote was carried unanimously. Ugley Parish Council Financial Regulations is now a working document.
- c) The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that she had received an email from Elsenham Right of Way & Open Space Committee, regarding a telephone cable that is dangerously close to neck height when negotiating the stile on footpath 16. The Parish Clerk has written a letter to British Telecom asking if they could reposition the cable. It was pointed out that the footpath was actually in Stansted, and to inform them of the situation.
- d) It was agreed to donate £50 to the Poppy Appeal.
- e) The Parish Clerk asked if she could have a copy of the village magazine, as this may help with some inquiries she receives, Cllr. J Reay said she would organise this, Cllr Loughlin asked if she could also receive one.
- f) The Parish Clerk informed the meeting that Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea had proposed a new waste site at Newport Quarry, Newport. A public consultation is to be held, 15 October to 26 November 2015.

8. Plans Received

UTT/15/2982/FUL 36 houses on land adjacent to the Primary School and accessed by the entrance to the Primary School. School Lane Site, Henham.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond to this application on behalf of the families that have young children attending the Henham and Ugley School. The Parish Council would ask for this application to be refused on the grounds that the safety of the children is paramount. During construction, children would be subjected to health and safety issues such as noise and dust, there would be constant dangers

from heavy vehicles and extra cars, the cars having to pass over the pavement area when entering and leaving the car park. The security of the school would be at risk with only a bollard to prevent entry to the school car park. Sport facilities would be reduced.

APP/C1570/W/15/3131629 Travellers site at Hill top yard Henham. It was decided not to respond to this appeal, as the Parish Council had not responded to the planning application and the proposed site was not in close enough proximity to Ugley.

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

- a) **UTT/15/1924/LB** Repair work/replacement of the timber bearer to the floor joists along the front wall. Hollyhocks, Patmore End, Ugley. **Approved.**
- b) **UTT/15/2531/FUL** Retrospective application for change of use of garage to business use for car repair and spraying. Woodland Bungalow, North Hall Road, Ugley. **Approved.**

9. Finance Report

Cashflow was circulated, there were no questions.

Balance brought forward	£5316.12
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Income

Interest	0.44
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Precept	£3,483.00
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Total	£3,483.44
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Payments approved since last meeting;

100995	Jean Reay	£48.90
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100996	Hilberys	£78.00
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100997	Hilberys	£78.00
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Total	£229.90
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Balance	£ 8,569.66
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Community balance	£6,496.78
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Business Premium account	£2,072.88
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Total	£8,569.66
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The following cheques and payments were approved for signing;

100999	Inland Revenue	£135.60
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101000	L Johnson	£541.56
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101001	L Johnson	£ 93.77
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101002	Ugley Village Hall	£ 80.00
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Total	£850.93
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10. Any other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item)

Cllr. Turner asked if the oak tree on the triangle space at Ugley Green could be cut back; the Parish Clerk is to arrange for a quote.

Cllr. Reay asked if Essex Highways could repair the potholes in North Hall Road; the Parish Clerk is to contact Highways.

It was agreed to change the start times for the Parish Council meetings from 8pm to 7pm, as long as Cllr. Gooding would still be able to attend; the Parish Clerk is to contact Cllr. Gooding.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:50pm

Next Meeting; Monday, 14 December 2015 at 7.00pm held in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman