

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27 February 2017

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

Members of the Public: County Cllr. Ray Gooding.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. David Hilton, Cllr. Roger Pryor and District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 January 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Clerk's Report**
A letter had been received from Network Rail advising of the proposal to close Ugley Lane level crossing (E07) to private users, but maintain the approach road for access to the substation, as a 'no through road'. The Council discussed the proposal and agreed that for safety reasons it was a good idea.
5. **County Councillor's report**
There is presently a government consultation in progress on 'Fair Funding' for schools. It proposes a new funding formula aimed to ensure the level of funding received by each school is fair and relative to the needs of its pupils. In Essex 72% of schools will receive extra funding while, 28% will receive less.
Essex Highways are now targeting the minor roads for repairing pot holes, Snakes lane is to be closed for this work to be carried out. There are however more potholes on the road between Ugley and Elsenham than there is currently in Snakes Lane. Councillor Gooding could not say how Essex Highways work out the priority of the roads.
8. **Planning Applications**
 - a) **UTT/17/0129/FUL** The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, together with the formation of hardstanding, and utility/day room. Land north of North Hall Road. **Ugley Parish Council fully endorses the comments and objections made by Henham Parish Council and Essex Highways.**
 - b) **UTT/17/0225/LB** The insertion of a damp course to the lower walls of the property, the injection of timber gel injection paste to timber wall plate, and the application of liquid membrane to the floor of the historic section, (the front living room and dining room floor). Hollyhocks, Patmore End, Ugley Road, Ugley. **No objections**

- c) **UTT/17/0274/FUL** Demolition of existing bungalow and stables/outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling and replacement stables complex. Parsonage Farm, Vicarage Lane, Ugley. **No objections**
- d) **UTT/17/0185/FUL** Construction of a new 2-bedroom single storey dwelling. Sundown, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **No objection.**
- e) **UTT/17/0375/FUL Proposed change of use from workshop to residential ancillary annexe. Chestnut Cottage, Ugley Green, Snakes Lane, Ugley.** This is over development on the site, and concerns about further development, also to advice UDC that this property is not in Snakes Lane, it is in fact located in Dellows Lane, Ugley.

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

UTT/16/ 3459/HHF Proposed extension to existing dwelling with link to existing stores and workshop. Conversion of existing stores and workshop to residential accommodation. The Ashes, Dellows Lane, Ugley. **Approved**

9. Financial Report

Cash flow circulated, there were no questions.
Payments approved since last meeting;

Payment requiring authorisation;

Statement balance brought forward £6,678.84

Payments

BACS L Johnson £18.98

101026 Poppy Appeal £ 50.00

101029 Village Hall £ 96.00

BACS L Johnson £ 18.98

Total £ 164.98

Balance £6,513.86

Represented by

Community account £ 438.54

Business Premium account £6,075.32

Grand Total £6,513.86

- 10. Any other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).
Cllr. Ray Gooding advised that when commenting on planning applications, to ask if the developer would use a wheel wash, before leaving the site.

Cllr. Turner reported that there were three finger signs in the village that needed re-painting, ‘Dellows Lane’, ‘Snakes Lane’ and ‘Field Gate Lane’. The Parish Clerk is to arrange for the work to be carried out.

The '50' mile speed limit sign is still lying on the verge; Parish Clerk to chase.

The red telephone box by Ugley Green is in need of some repair; Parish Clerk to contact BT.

Cllr. Turner asked about CIL, Cllr. Gooding explained that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a planning charge, introduced by the Planning Act 2008 as a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of their area. Uttlesford District Council did not however, choose to adopt the change and still use Section 106 for funding from developers.

It was agreed to arrange a litter picking day on Saturday 8 April 2017, to meet at 10am in the village hall car park. Parish Clerk is to place an article in St. Peter's magazine and arrange for the pink bags to be delivered and collected.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Next Meeting; The Annual Parish Meeting, is on Monday 10 April 2017 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman