

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 23 October 2017

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

District Cllr. Janice Loughlin and Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence** Cllr. Roger Pryor.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** None.
- 3.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. District Councillor Janice Loughlin**
Uttlesford District Council (UDC) has received almost 6,000 comments from 2,000 residents on the Draft Local Plan. The majority of the objections/comments were from residents living in one of the three major settlements, Chesterford, Braintree and Great Easton. Each of these settlements may have as many as 10,000 new houses. The Government has stipulated the numbers of new houses required in Uttlesford. In May 2018 the Government will be producing new figures, which if the Draft Local Plan is rejected in March 2018, UDC may have to re-adjust the number of houses.

There have been 193 reports of fly tipping during 2016/17. Fly tipping is the illegally dumping of waste on highways, lay-bys or verges. UDC will not remove any fly tipping on private land. UDC has joined 'Crime not to Care' which is a national social media led campaign by 'Keep Britain Tidy', aimed at the general public to raise awareness.

UDC's Cabinet have agreed to give a £500,000 contribution for an eight-lane, 400m running track, at Carver Barracks. This would be open to the Army, district sports clubs and organisations; the public may be able to use it but would have to pay.
- 5. County Councillor Ray Gooding**
Essex County Council (ECC) has set up the Essex Lottery. 60p from every £1 ticket sale will go directly to good causes within the communities across Essex. Lottery tickets are available to buy from 1 October 2017 at essexlottery.co.uk; players will be

able to select the cause they wish to support from those registered on the website. The first draw will take place on 25 November 2017.

Essex police are clamping down on drug gang culture across Essex districts. Gangs exploit some of the most vulnerable young people in the community, which lead them into a culture of crime, drugs and abuse. To stop this from happening, early identification is needed and effective intervention.

6. Clerk's Report

The Parish Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the new owners of Chestnut Cottage, advising them that the boards that the previous owner had placed from the property across the ditch to make an access onto the Village Green, had never been authorized and therefore this was not a legal right of way.

Stansted Parish Council had sent through the minutes of their two previous Parish Council meetings, which had been circulated to all Ugley Parish Councillors.

A report has been sent to Highways Rangers to request that the overgrown vegetation between Vicarage Lane and the Biffa entrance, is to be cut back.

The repair to the surface of the car park by the Millennium Wood is due to commence on 24 October 2017.

In February 2013, Ugley Village Hall was nominated as an 'Assets of Community Value' which was subsequently listed by the District Council. These assets remain on the list for 5 years, after which they will be removed. It was agreed that as the Village Hall is owned by the village there was no need to re-nominate.

The Parish Clerk had received a message from a resident in Bedwell Road, stating that the entrance leading to the garages at the back of the houses between number 25 and 27 Bedwell Road was in need of repair. The resident believed that this part of the road belongs to Ugley Parish Council. This road has never been transferred to the Parish Council and therefore they do not own it; Cllr. Loughlin said she would find out who owned the land by carrying out a search on the land registry

7. Planning applications, decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

- a) **UTT/17/2131/HHF** Proposed conversion of existing garage and erection of new detached garage. Creation of basement floor beneath driveway. Mulberry House, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Approved.**
- b) **UTT/17/2428/HHF** Erection of single storey rear extension. Existing extension to be clad in black horizontal boarding to match existing ancillary building and bargeboards on existing house. Existing windows of property to be replaced with Heritage range Aluminium windows. The Forge, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Approved**

8. Financial Report

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

Payment requiring authorisation;		
BACS	Hilbery Turf	£ 84.00
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BACS	L Johnson	£ 542.73
BACS	HM Customs	£ 135.60
Statement balance brought forward		<u>£ 6975.61</u>
Payment	Precept	£ 3072.00
Total		£10047.61
BACS	Hilbery Turf	£ 84.00
BACS	Hilbery Turf	£ 84.00
BACS	L Johnson	£ 542.73
BACS	HM customs	£ 135.60
		£ 846.33
Balance carried forward		
Community account		£ 9201.28

It was agreed that £250 would be paid to St Peters Fabric Fund to go towards the village magazine.

9. **Any other Business** (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).
The blackberry bush is encroaching onto the bench on the village green, the Parish Clerk to ask Hilbery Turf to cut it back.

Cllr. D Hilton said that Highways had done a good job on repairing the roads around the village.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Next meeting is on Monday 11 December 2017 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed