

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11 April 2016

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. L Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 1, Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding and District County Councillor J Loughlin.

The meeting opened at 8.05pm

1 Apologies for Absence – None

2 Declarations of Interest – None

3 The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 February 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. The District and County Councillors had nothing further to report.

5. Dr. Mott attended the Parish Council meeting to discuss a problem he has when walking from Elsenham to Ugley. Dr Mott finds the road very dangerous when negotiating the bends in the road and tends to cross the road twice to ensure visibility. He has recently noticed that the property called ‘The Old Homestead’ has a double hedge, and between the two is a gap which would make a very suitable footpath. The Councillors agreed to write a letter to the owners of the property Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, asking if they would consider the idea. It was stressed however that the Councillors did not support the idea and felt it would be an intrusion on Mr. and Mrs. Hunts privacy.

6. A recent email from the Chairman of Quendon and Rickling Parish Council, asked if Ugley, Newport and Stansted Parish Councils would support them in making a request to Highways to tidy up the footpath along the B1383, section of this path are in a bad state of repair, or overgrown, or both. Quendon and Rickling are also going to put in a request to upgrade the path to a cycle path. The Councillors agreed to give their full support for the improvement of the footpath but would not support a cycle path. The Parish Clerk is to reply to the Chairman of Quendon and Rickling.

The Parish Clerk has purchased on behalf of Ugley Parish Council a HP Envy Printer with three years replacement cover at a cost of £47.49.

7. Plans

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

UTT/16/0159/FUL Erection of 1 detached bungalow with detached garage and new access to highway. The Chequers, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Withdrawn.**

Finance Report

Cashflow circulated, there were no questions.

Statement balance brought forward	£6,355.74
Interest	£ 00.26
Total	£6,356.00

Payments

101011	Amenity Services	£ 200.00
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Total	£6,156.00
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Represented by

Community account	£4,082.60
Business Premium account	£2,073.40
	£6,156.00

The following cheques and payments were approved for signing;

101012	HM Customs and Revenue	£133.40
101014	L C Johnson	£533.50
101015	LC Johnson	£129.55
101016	Hilbery Turf	£ 84.00

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

8. The Parish Clerk is to research online banking, this item is to be added to the next agenda.
9. The pump on the green is in need of a re-paint; Cllr. Shutes asked the Councillors to assess the other Parish Council's assets to ascertain if any other jobs needed doing and to report back at the next parish meeting; also any recommendations for somebody to carry out the work.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next Meeting; Monday 23 May 2016 at 7.00pm to be held in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman