

## Ugley Parish Council

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2018

#### Present:

Cllr. David Cross (Acting Chairman), Cllr. Jean Reay, Cllr. Roger Pryor,  
and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

#### Members of the Public:

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

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr. Nick Shutes, Cllr. Betty Francis, Cllr. D Hilton and Cllr. Tony Turner.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Open to the public.** None present.
4. **Signing of the Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
5. **District Cllr. Janice Loughlin report**  
On Wednesday 14 November 2018, Uttlesford Planning Committee approved the Stansted Airport planning application, 5 in favour, 5 against, with the Chairman using his casting vote to make 6 in favour. 48 Parish Councils objected to the planning application and none were in support. In preparation for this Planning Committee meeting, Cllr. Loughlin attended a Council meeting on 6 November 2018, where she asked questions on matters concerning the Stansted Airport planning application to members of Environmental Health and Essex Highways. The Secretary of State has instructed UDC not to issue a decision notice confirming planning consent, until he has had the opportunity to give the matter further consideration.  
Councillors that had voted in favour of the planning application have received hate mail and threats.  
The development on land to the West of High Lane Stansted has been approved for 35 new houses. The application had been deferred to Highways for consideration of a zebra crossing; however, Highways have said they will not be installing a crossing.
6. **County Cllr. Ray Gooding's report**  
Cllr. Gooding reported that ECC are holding a public consultation on 'Essex Future Library Service Strategy' It is vital that ECC operate a service that is viable to run, the proposals therefore include some significant changes to the current service. In the last five years the use of libraries has declined. Cllr. Gooding asked everyone to respond

and say how they want their libraries to go forward. The Stansted Library has been placed in the group four categories; this would mean the library would be closed. However, this was based on the usage figures collected while the main library was closed and it was operating from the back of a van. Cllr. Gooding is trying to have it re-assessed, using the figures before the library was closed. This will hopefully place the Stansted Library in group 3, and therefore remain open with the help of volunteers.

There has been an 11% increase on children being diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Many parents are insisting that their child is issued a 'statement of special needs', However, not all children on the autism spectrum require this statement and would benefit more by attending a mainstream school with all the advantages and facilities offered by a larger school.

The repairs to Dellows Lane road is still planned to be completed in this financial year.

## 7. Planning Application

### Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

- a) **UTT/18/1828/HHF** Creation of new bedroom over existing kitchen and replacement of all windows. The Essex Barn, North Hall Road, Ugley. **Approved.**
- b) **UTT/18/2330/FUL** Demolish existing outbuilding and erection of one new dwelling. Rear of Little Hudsons, Lodge Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **Refused on grounds of inappropriate form of development within the countryside where this would be contrary to the countryside protection aims of ULP Policy S7.**

## 8. Clerk's Report

It was agreed that it could not be justified with spending a large amount of public money on the bus shelter on Cambridge Road. It was therefore agreed to arrange for a quote with a felt roof rather than tiles; the funds to pay for this would come from the home bonus.

The precept would have to be agreed at the January's Parish Council Meeting. At present the Council would be looking at a precept of around £6,000 to £6,300.

The local elections are to be held on 2 May 2019. The Parish Clerk is to attend a meeting at UDC on 27 February 2019 to collect the nomination packs.

## 9. Financial Report

Cashflow – Circulated

Payments requiring authorisation

BACS	British Legion	£ 37.00
Balance brought forward		<b>£8,915.12</b>
BACS	British Legion	£ 37.00
Total		£8,878.12
<b>Bank Balance</b>		<b>£8,878.12</b>

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

Cllr. Pryor gave his apologies for the January's meeting.

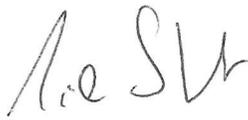
Cllr. Reay remarked on all the recent road closures, a lot of these are on account of Gigaclear, who are not repairing the roads afterwards to a very good standard.

Cllr. Loughlin, Cllr. Cross and the Parish Clerk had attended the Planning Enforcement Meeting at UDC with Nigel Brown. Mud on the road was discussed at the meeting and it was asked why UDC didn't stipulate on all planning applications that wheel washers must be used. Nigel Brown said Highways were responsible for the roads. It was pointed out that if Highways had to clean the roads, then ultimately it is the rate payers that end up paying.

The meeting finished at 7.50pm.

Next meeting is on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7.00pm, in Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Reay', written in a cursive style.