

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting held at 7.00pm on 14 December 2020.

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. David Cross (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. Nick Bowers, Cllr. Matt Francis, Cllr. Roger Pryor,
Cllr. Elizabeth Reay and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 3 plus

District Cllr. Janice Loughlin, Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding

1. Declarations of interest; None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence; None.
3. **Open to the public**
Mr. David Hunt spoke about the planning application for 220 houses on land North of Bedwell Road.
Cllr. Shutes declared a pecunial interest, as his wife owns part of the land.
Cllr. N Shutes left the meeting.
Mr Hunt said he had attended the meeting with the Parish Councils and Gladman. He was quite shocked by the meeting because he thought that the whole proposal for 220 houses on this site was ridiculous. But as the meeting progressed it materialised that a lot of what Gladman were proposing conformed with Government guidelines. Mr. Hunt had two major issues, traffic, the roads around Ugley and Ugley Green cannot cope with any further increase in traffic and yet Essex Highways have not objected.
Air quality, Gladman are taking their air quality reading from Stansted and not on their site which is next to the motorway, UDC Environmental Health Officer has not objected.
Cllr. Cross said that Gladman had taken air quality readings by the motorway.
Cllr. Gooding stated that unless Highways have adequate reasons to object, they cannot do so. Providing the applicate can give means in mitigating the impact, Essex Highways have an exceedingly difficult task to object.
Cllr. Gooding will obtain the reasons why Highways did not object to this planning application and forward them onto the Parish Clerk.
Mr. Hunt was also concerned about the road widening and weather it would involve taking some of his land. The plans were presented, and the section of the road to be widened did not include any of Mr. Hunt's land.
If Mr. Hunt wants to make objections regarding highways Cllr. Gooding is happy to take them forward to the Highway Officers looking at this application.

Cllr. N Shutes entered the meeting.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 October 2020 were approved.

5. **District Councillor's Report**

Meetings are still being held by Zoom. There is a lot of work being carried out helping residents who have been affected by Covid-19.

The appeal inquiry for the airport planning application starts on 12 January 2021, which does not give UDC a lot of time to prepare. The meeting is to be a 'blended' meeting part face to face and part virtual.

6. **Essex County Councillor's Report**

Some of Essex have been moved into tier 3. Wickford were over 600 per 100,000 cases. Uttlesford remains in tier 2. There has been demands in some areas to close the schools, although they may be the safest place for children. Children have already missed six-months education this year and the last week in term is good for them socially. ECC have allowed schools to make their own decision as to whether to close or remain open. The virus has mutated which is concerning.

There have been some debates at ECC on a proposal to build a 'youth zone' in every district. It is a private organisation that builds massive centres at a cost of approximately 8 million to build and 1 million per year to run; ECC have 12 districts. The proposal was defeated not only because of the amount of money involved, but where would ECC build one youth centre in Uttlesford which would be obtainable for all youths in Uttlesford. It is important to use the money to reach all the villages as well as the towns to safeguard all young people.

Cllr. Gooding is trying to get the additional signage for diversion work on North Hall Road.

Cllr. Reay asked for any update on North Hall Road, Patmore End Road is deteriorating rapidly and is extremely dangerous.

Cllr. Gooding said the work on North Hall Road is getting worse and the amount of work that is required is increasing. Nothing has been done at the location, but work is being carried out on re-designs with several different parties; the longer it takes more work is required.

The Parish Clerk recently attending a meeting with the Chairman of Stansted, Elsenham and Henham Parish Councils. Stansted are looking for a solution to the traffic problem at Grove Hill. The Parish Clerk stressed that Ugley Village did not want a solution to be found that caused the lorries to start using Ugley Green instead.

Cllr. Gooding said that options were being look at, but any changes made to help mitigate the problems at Grove Hill would not be to the deterioration of traffic using Ugley Green.

7. Planning Applications

UTT/20/2908/OP Outline application for 50 market and affordable dwellings, public open space and associated highways and drainage infrastructure, all matters reserved except access. Land South of Bedwell Road.

It was agreed to join with Elsenham Parish Council on a joint response to this planning application, engaging Bruce Bamber, Director, Railton TPC Ltd, to write a report on objection on transport and highways grounds. Ugley Parish Council is to pay £400 towards the cost.

UTT/20/2857/FUL Demolition of stables and erection of 1 detached dwelling with detached double garage. Yard rear of Little Hudsons, Lodge Field Gate Lane, Ugley Green. **No comment.**

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

UTT/20/2226/HHF Removal of existing extensions and erection of single storey extension to create pool room. Harewood, Snakes Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

UTT/20/1727/HHF Demolition of prefabricated concrete detached garage and erection of timber frame shed/summer house on existing footprint. Bunnies Hop, Ugley Green. **Approved.**

UTT/20/2273/FUL Demolition of the existing dwelling and construction of 2 detached dwellings. Newlands Cottage, Ugley Green. **Refused.**

8. Clerk's Report

The precept will have to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting in January 2021.

The Parish Council still have £500 to spend from the District Council Home bonus fund.

The bus shelter on Ugley Green is being used as a library, for residents to leave and borrow books and DVDs Unfortunately, there is now a lot of books which have covered the bench in the bus shelter. This is to be monitored.

9. Financial Report

Cash Statement, October 2020 – Circulated.

Payments for signing

Balance brought forward	<u>£9,162.24</u>
Hilbury Turf	£ 192.00
CPRE	£ 36.00
Stansted Link	£ 25.00
Expenses	£ 43.44
Office 360	£ 59.99
Total	£ 356.43
Total	£,8805.81

There are still outstanding payments that have been agreed but not signed by two Councillors. The Parish Clerk will take them to Cllr. Shutes at the end of

the financial year, for signing. Cllr. Shutes will pass them to Cllr. Cross to sign and then return to the Parish Clerk for the end of year audit.

- 10.** Any Other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).
Cllr. Reay reported that a local rural Police Officer had paid a visit to her farm, to discuss hare coursing and other rural crimes. All rural crimes must be reported, the more crimes that are reported the more Police Officers will be assigned to this matter. If any members of the public see hare coursing taking place, they should phone 999-emergency and say, 'operation Galileo', this takes you straight to the correct department.
Cllr. Reay will pass on the Police Officers details to the Parish Clerk and Cllr. Pryor.

The re-cycle bin which was outside the village hall to collect crisp packets, has disappeared. If it cannot be found a new bin will be required.

Snakes lane is constantly flooding. The Parish Council is to contact Glenn Shaw, Watercourse Regulator Engineer at ECC, to ask if he would visit Snakes Lane to give help on why this is happening.

- 11.** Meeting Closure at 8.30pm.