

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting held at 7.30pm on 29 March 2021 Via Zoom

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

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

1. Declarations of interest; None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
3. **Open to the public**
A litter bin on Cambridge Road, by the Village Hall requires repairing. As this bin does not belong to the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee will repair it. The wheely bin for used crisp packets which had disappeared, has been found in the Village Hall, it had been placed there for safe keeping, it will now be moved back to its original position outside.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 February 2021 were approved.
5. **District Councillor's Report**
The District Councillor had nothing further to report.
6. **Essex County Councillor's Report**
The Essex County Councillor had nothing further to report.
7. **Planning Applications**
 - 7.1. **TT/21/0663/FUL** Erection of 1 dwelling with ancillary garage, workshop, pool plant room and swimming pool. Lavender Cottage, Dellows Lane, Ugley.
No objection.
 - 7.2. **UTT/21/0414/LB** Proposed replacement windows. Holly Cottage, 2 Batts Row, Ugley.
No objection.
 - 7.3. **Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council**
UTT/21/0140/HHF Proposed two storey side extension and new roof to entire building. Littles Hudsons Farm, Field Gate Lane. **Refused –**

Unsympathetic and fails to respect the character and appearance of the dwelling and its location within the countryside.

7.4. UTT/12/0121/HHF Two storey rear extension with basement amendments to previously approved scheme under UTT/18/1757/HF. Oak Beams, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Approved.**

7.5. UTT/20/3409/LB Proposed amendments to conversion of barn to 1 dwelling approved under UTT/20/0626/LB – addition of basement level. Parsonage Farm, Vicarage Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

8. Clerk's Report

Glenn Shaw, the Watercourse Engineer at Essex County Council, inspected the flooding in Snakes Lane. He is now having to wait until the water subsides to inspect the ditches and see where they go. Ray Gooding is now liaising with Glenn Shaw on behalf of Highways.

The Parish Clerk had contacted St. Peter's Church explaining that as Ugley Parish Council were spending public money it had a duty to make sure any money was spent wisely. The Church explained that the invoice for £2,680 was not all for grass cutting but included extra maintenance. The PCC is not happy at paying for so many grass cuts and have now arranged for the grass to be cut only once a month and clear any shrubbery from November to February, the cost next year will be £200 per month.

Proposal Ugley Parish Council pay £700 towards St. Peter's grass cutting for last year. **Passed unanimously.**

The Chairman of Elsenham Parish Council, Dr. Graham Mott has written to all the developers that have applications in the pipeline to ask them if they would consider, if their development was approved, giving a contribution in the section 106 agreement, towards a new community hall for Elsenham.

Section 106 agreements are written up and agreed before a planning decision is made and by Elsenham Parish Council engaging in discussions with developers it was done without prejudice of any position Elsenham Parish Council may hold of opposing the planning application. The only developer to agree to giving a donation was Gladman, 220 houses on Bedwell Road. Gladman have offered a payment of £524,615 towards the new hall. However, this development is not in Elsenham, although it will affect Elsenham, shops, station and doctors, Elsenham Parish Council out of courtesy thought it was only correct to inform Ugley Parish Council about Gladman's offer.

The Government has confirmed that remote meeting legislation will not be extended beyond the 7 May 2021. However, the government guidelines state that meetings cannot be held until 21 June 2021 at the earliest, when limits on social contact are removed.

Officers and employees of Uttlesford District Council have not been allowed out to visit planning sites or enforcement issues during the pandemic. However, Uttlesford District Council had circulated to all Parish Clerks, election posters,

telling them to display them on their notice boards. This is inconsistent with the rules being followed by the District Councils and therefore Parish Clerks should not have been asked to do this.

9. Financial Report

Cash Statement, March 2021 – Circulated.

Payments for signing none.

Bank account **£,7,848.19**

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

The acoustic band that runs along the motorway between Elsenham and Ugley is damaged, it is disintegrating and there are now large gaps appearing. Cllr.

Gooding said he would contact Highways England and arrange for the work to be carried out.

Cllr. Cross is going to liase with Mrs Rose Turner to establish whether she is going to purchase the new bench which is to be placed on Ugley Green and dedicated to her late husband Tony Turner, or if she wants the Parish Council to arrange it and send her the invoice.

Cllr. Loughlin said she would investigate the recent construction of an AstroTurf football pitch with flood lights at Passage Farm, Vicarage Lane, to check on any restrictions for when the lights should be turned off.

Stansted Youth Council are looking for new members. So, if there are any young people living in Ugley between 13 and 19 years old and would be interested in joining to please contact Stansted Parish Council.

11. Meeting Closed at 8.11pm.