

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting held at 7.00pm on 13 September 2021 in the Ugley Village Hall

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

2 plus District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.

1. Declarations of interest; None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr. Roger Pryor, Cllr. Nick Bowers and Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding.

3. Open to the public

Mr. Greg Bird who lives in Patmore End, had asked Cllr. Gooding to make Patmore End Road into the status of a 'Quite Lane'. A Quiet Lane is a nationally recognised designation of single-track. Quiet Lanes are used by a variety of people including walking, cycling and horse riding. Vehicles can use Quiet Lanes, but they need to drive with caution. Mr. Bird would also like to see the road reduced to a 20mph speed limit. At the last Parish Council meeting held on 4 August 2021, Cllr. Gooding had said that he did not think this was a good idea as it only involves signage saying, 'Quite Lane', but instead he was trying to make it into a 30mph road, which he thought would be more effective.

Mr. Bird was not satisfied with this answer and wanted to pursue the matter further. Cllr. Shutes said there may be legal reasons why the road could not be made into a 20mph, and this would have to be ascertained first, but the Parish Council would be happy to pursue making the road a 'Quite Lane' and 30mph. The Parish Clerk is to contact Cllr. Gooding.

The verges along the B1381 from Vicarage Lane into Ugley need cutting back as they are encroaching onto the footpath. The Parish Clerk is to report this to Highways.

Temporary repairs on some of the potholes in Partmore End Road have been carried out. The verges that require rebuilding will not be done until after North Hall Road is re-opened. Highways are also looking at introducing passing spaces along this road.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. District Councillor's Report

Not much happens in the month of August, the only committee to meet is the Planning Committee.

Solar Farms have been proposed for Manuden, Berden and Farnham villages. Most of the residents are not happy as these farms take up lots of agricultural land. No planning applications have been submitted to UDC yet, but screening on the land has begun.

At present UDC do not have a policy on Solar Farms but one will be incorporated into the new Local Plan.

UDC's staff are still working from home. The Council office in Saffron Walden is going to be rented out, UDC staff will either be working at Little Canfield, Stansted or from home.

Mr. Peter Holt is UDC's new Chief Executive. A review of the Planning Department has been carried out and changes are being made to improve the department.

6. Planning Applications

6.1. UTT/21/2772/HHF Raise Existing roof to form a storey and a half dwelling and enlarge the existing porch together with internal alterations. The Laurels, North Hall Road, Ugley. Ugley Parish Council to send in the objections to the withdrawn planning application UTT/21/2205/HHF. Stating that the objection still stands.

Applications determined by UDC

6.2. UTT/21/2205/HHF Proposal raise existing roof to form a new first floor and enlarge existing porch together with internal alterations. The Laurels, North Hall Road, Ugley. **Withdrawn.**

6.3. UTT/21/0663/FUL Erection of 1 dwelling with ancillary garage, workshop, pool, plant room and swimming pool. Lavender Cottage, Dellows Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

6.4. UTT/19/2266/OP 220 dwellings. Land North of Bedwell Road and East of Old Mead Road, Ugley and Henham. **Appeal is due to open on 14 September 2021 and is scheduled to last 8 days.**

7. Clerk's Report

A traffic survey was carried out on Bedwell Road on 15 August 2021. The Community Policing Team conducted a 100-speed checks between 1400 & 1600hrs, there was a 94% compliance rate, 6 drivers stopped, highest speed recorded was 47mph. Average speed recorded was 26.02mph.

It was agreed that a defibrillator should be purchased and housed on the outside of the Village Hall. Once installed a leaflet drop is to be carried out informing all residents. Training is to be arranged, so some residents are familiar with how to use the defibrillator, although this is not essential, and it can be used by everyone. The defibrillator will cost about £2,000, £1,000 funding has been promised by Cllr. Gooding, £500 from Cllr. Loughlin's ward members' initiative

fund. The remaining amount will be paid by the Parish Council and the Ugley Village Hall committee. The Parish Clerk is to carry out further research.

8. Financial Report

Cash Statement, Balance brought forward	£7,807.45
M Burke	£ 500.00
Norton Protection	£ 59.99
Bank Balance	£7,247.46

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

There had been some recent fly tipping in the village, these must be reported to UDC, who have the authority to prosecute.

There has been no progress on the flooding in Snakes Lane. The Parish Clerk is to chase.

There are some hedges in the village that are encroaching on to the pavements, so pedestrians have to walk on the road. The Parish Clerk is to write to residents asking them to cut back their hedges. Cllr. Shutes is to inspect the hedges and report back.

The signs near the Village Hall are being obscured by the vegetation. This is in hand and will be cut back in the next couple of weeks.

10. Meeting Closed at 8.22pm.