

# Ugley Parish Council

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on 13 December 2021 in Ugley Village Hall**

### **Present:**

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

### **Members of the Public:**

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

1. Declarations of interest; None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr. Nick Bowers and Cllr. Matt Francis.
3. Open to the public. None present.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 October 2021 were approved.

### **5. District Councillor's Report**

Cllr. John Lodge has stepped down as leader of UDC. Cllr. Petrina Lees has taken over from him with Cllr. Neil Hargreaves as deputy leader.

Planning applications for developing solar farms have now been submitted to UDC, one in Farnham, Manuden and Berden; most of the residents are not happy as these farms take up lots of agricultural land.

Most of the officers are now working from home. Meetings are restricted in numbers, so social distancing can be maintained and windows are kept opened.

The Manchester Airport Group planning application has cost UDC, so far, £2.5 million. An independent review of the handling of the application is to be carried out.

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

The results on the speed survey on Patmore End showed that cars were not speeding, with the highest speed being recorded as 28mph, this was over a 7-day period. There was therefore no justification to ask for a speed reduction. Cllr. Gooding has now asked to progress with giving Patmore End a 'Quite Lane' status.

Cllr. Gooding is to chase Essex Highways regarding carrying out further temporary repairs to Patmore End.

Meetings at ECC are also being restricted in numbers, with many members attending online.

The Government has set out a new plan for adult social care reform in England. There will be a lifetime cap on the amount that anyone will need to spend. From October 2023 the cap will be set at £86,000. The cap would only cover the cost of a care home that an individual's local authority was willing to pay for. ECC presently spend £600 million on social care out of the £800 million collected from council tax.

Working is still progressing on North Hall Road. Someone had moved the barriers so cars could use the road, this was very dangerous, the road is not safe, and the verge could collapse; the road is now closed again.

## 7. Planning Applications

**7.1. UTT/21/3391/HHF** Single storey annexe, detached garage/store and internal alterations to host dwelling. 13 Bedwell Road. **No objection.**

**7.2. UTT/21/3549/FUL** Proposed erection of 9 dwellings, renovation of public house and renovation of existing dwellings. The Chequers, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **Ugley Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of, dangerous access, it has limited sightline onto a single-track road. Over development in the countryside. Work being carried out close to a listed building. The development is not sustainable. No foul sewage connection.**

### Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

**7.3. UTT/21//2772/HHF** Raised 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. **Approved.**

## 8. Clerk's Report

The defibrillator has been ordered and should be arriving in January 2022. Thank you goes to Cllr. Loughlin for £500 from the Ward Initiative Fund and Cllr. Gooding for £1,000 from the Locality Fund. Both these donations have gone towards purchasing the defibrillator.

**Proposal,** Ugley Parish Council agreed to request a precept of £6,600 for the financial year 2022/2023. Cllr. Shutes proposed, Cllr. Pryor seconded; the vote was carried unanimously.

This gives, a band D household, a decrease of £0.50p per year, the equivalent of -0.17%.

Cllr. Shutes and the Parish Clerk are to attend a meeting in Stansted on 24 January 2022, to meet UDC's new Chief Executive, Mr. Peter Holt.

## 9. Financial Report.

Cash Statement, December 2021 – Circulated.

Total brought Forward		£9,598.01
Ward Initiative Fund payment	+	£ 500.00
Hilbery Turf		£ 384.00
The Countryside Charity		£ 50.00
The Link		£ 30.00
Northeast Ambulance Service		
Foundation Trust		£2,230.80
Balance in bank account		<b>£7,403.21</b>

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

The drain in Bury Lodge Lane and on the Church Road bridge are still blocked. Cllr. Gooding has report these to Highways.

Despite being reported to UDC Enforcement, the football pitch and floodlights at Passage Farm continue to be used. Cllr, Loughlin said she would contact UDC Enforcements again.

Cllr. Reay and Cllr. Pryor are going to empty the crisp bin by the Village Hall.

Cllr. Powter has filled up all the salt bins in the village.

There is a broken drain on the footpath along the B1383 between the Chequers Public House and the first residential house. There is another broken drain opposite Orford Hall in Pound Lane. The Parish Clerk to report both to Highways

## 11. Meeting Closed at 8.10pm.