

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 28 February 2022 in Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. David Cross (Acting 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:

3 plus 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 Shutes
3. **Open to the public**
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 January 2022 were approved.

5. District Councillor's Report

Uttlesford's Planning Department and Planning Committee have been placed under special measures by the Government. This is based on the number of applications which were refused and lost at appeal from April 1st 2018.

This now means that all major applications which includes those of over 10 houses or over 1 hectare may, if the applicant so chooses, be made instead to the Planning Inspectorate, bypassing UDC.

The Authority had been assessed as failing against one of the 3 national key planning indicators – namely that the proportion of major applications overturned at appeal was over 10%.

There will be a cost to the council as the money from large applications will no longer go to UDC. These special measures will continue for a minimum of one year.

UDC have started a working group to see how things can improve.

6. Essex County Councillor's Report

ECC has now obtained a closure notice for North Hall Road until 4 November 2022. This is the longest time the road may continue to be closed, hopefully, as things are progressing, it will be earlier. However, it looks as though the road will still be closed on 4 June, when the village will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Cllr. Gooding is arranging for some interim work on the potholes on Patmore Road.

Cllr. Gooding said he will arrange for Patmore Road to be closed for two hours so that the hedges along the verges may be cut back, this is a safety issue.

7. Planning Applications

UTT/22/0546/CLE Certificate of Lawfulness for the office and cartlodge extension to the existing garage. Whitemantles, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **No Objection.**

8. Clerk's Report

The Parish Council are covered for any event provided there are no more than 750 attendees.

The marquee has been ordered at a cost of £939.00. The Parish Council can reclaim £156.50 VAT and Essex County Council Locality Fund has agreed to give £751.10, which leaves £31.40 to be paid by the Parish Council.

The marquee is to be stored in a resident's property; it will be covered by the Parish Council's insurance.

It was agreed to purchase bags to store the marquee, at a cost of £128.00

The defibrillator and case should be delivered within the next 10 days.

9. The Queen's Jubilee.

UDC have now given permission for the roads to be closed on 4 June 2022 from 9.00am – 21.00pm. The extent of closure is Bedwell Road, northern end by the stables. Snakes Lane, eastern end just after Dellows Lane, Fieldgate Lane. The diversion will be North Hall Road, (this may have to be revised), Old Mead Lane through Stansted.

Confirmation is required who is responsible for erecting the barriers and signs; Cllr. Gooding said he would find out.

Posters will be displayed informing residents that the roads will be closed. The Parish Clerk is to put an article on Elsenham and Henham Facebook page.

There will be some parking at Hudson Farm.

It was agreed to purchase 230 commemorative mugs at £3.70 each and give one to each household in Ugley. It is hoped to pay for the mugs with the funds from UDC, who are giving £700 to each parish to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

The parish Clerk is to arrange for the grass on Ugley Green to be cut on or around the last day of May 2022.

10. Reduce speed limit on Pound Lane.

It was agreed to send a request to the Local Highways Panel asking for the speed limit on Pound Lane to be reduced. It is currently at 60mph which is faster than the nearby B1383 Cambridge Road (50mph). There are parts of Pound Lane where two cars cannot physically pass each other as the road is just too narrow, it is an unlit rural road with houses that have no front gardens so therefore extremely close to the road.

The first thing the Local Highways Panel will do is a speed survey,

, the results of this will determine if the road speed needs to be reduced.

11. A resident has asked if the Parish Council would look into reducing the hedge belonging to Rose Cottage on Pond Lane as it protrudes into the road.

12. Financial Report

Cash Statement, February 2022

Balance Brought forward	£6,425.86
VAT return	£ 589.78
Funding from ECC	£1,000.00

Total **£8,015.64**

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

Drains on Cambridge Road by the Village Hall are blocked again.
Cllr. Gooding said he would report these to Highways.

The drains by Berry Lodge are still blocked.
Cllr. Gooding said he had reported these, but he will chase Highways.

Ugley Green is still flooding.
Cllr. Gooding will report it again.

Cllr. Reay said she had cleared the drains herself on North Hall Road by the bridge as these were overflowing.

Cllr. Gooding said the application had been submitted to make Patmore Road into a Quiet Lane.

Cllr. Loughlin said she would chase UDC Enforcement regarding the flood lights on the football pitch at Parsonage Farm.

Cllr. Gooding said he would chase Highways England regarding the broken noise barrier on the M11 by the Elsenham and Ugley border.

Cllr. Gooding is to arrange the removal of some broken highway signs near The Chequers Public House.

14. Meeting Closed at 8.15pm.