

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 11 April 2022 in Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes, Cllr. Nick Bowers, Cllr. Matt Francis, Cllr. Roger Pryor and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public:

1 plus and Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding

1. Declarations of interest: None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr. Clayton Powter, Cllr. David Cross, Cllr. Elizabeth Reay and Cllr. Janice Loughlin.
3. **Open to the public.** No questions.
4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28 February 2022 were approved.

5. Essex County Councillor's Report

The Local Highway Panel held a meeting to set their budgets for the financial year 2022/23.

A weight limit of seven and a half tons is to be imposed in Stansted Village. This is to try and stop large vehicles going through the village and using Grove Hill. The vehicles are to be diverted on to the A120. Any traveling from Thaxted will be diverted down Hall Road in Elsenham. A consultation on the proposals will be issued within the next few weeks. Cllr. Gooding said it was important that Ugley Parish Council respond to the consultation, as it was imperative that these large vehicles being turned away from Stansted do not use Pound Lane and Ugley Green.

6. Planning Applications

6.1. UTT/22/0664/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling. Erection of cart lodge and store and associated infrastructure. Newlands Cottage, Ugley Green.

It was agreed to respond stating, that Ugley Parish Council was appreciative that this planning application is now proposing to replace the existing building with a single dwelling. However, the Parish Council would be more supportive if the scale of the proposed development had been subservient to the neighbouring grade II listed buildings and be replaced by a single-storey dwelling.

6.2. UTT/22/0572/FUL Retrospective application for change of use from agricultural/equestrian land to domestic recreational use with associated floodlighting and storage shed. Parsonage Farm, Vicarage Lane, Ugley.

No objections.

- 6.3.** UTT/22/0916/OP Outline application with all matters reserved except access, for the erection of 1 dwelling. Crowns, Pound Lane, Ugley.
Councillors to send any objections/comments to the Parish Clerk by 8 May 2022.

7. Clerk's Report

7.1. Chairman and Parish Clerk to sign the Certificate of Exemption

The Chairman and Parish Clerk signed the Certificate of Exemption, stating that the annual gross income and annual gross expenditure for Ugley Parish Council did not exceed £25,000.

7.2. Ugley is getting Ugly.

The bin in front of Linnets Wood has been vandalised. The Parish Clerk to arrange for it to be repaired.

A resident contacted the Parish Council complaining about the amount of litter around the village. Due to Covid the Parish Council have not been able to hold the annual litter picking day for 2 years.

It was agreed that it was too late in the year to organise one now, as the grass was very long. This will go on the agenda at the beginning of next year, giving plenty of time to organise a spring litter picking day.

7.3. Donation to the Church.

It was agreed to give £500 towards St. Peter's Church, grass cutting and maintenance for last year.

7.4. Queen's Jubilee.

The marquee and the mugs have now been delivered.

The Parish Clerk to purchase the bags to store the marquee in.

Leaflets have been printed and are to be delivered to every house in the village before the end of April.

The committee asked for a donation towards the decorations, cakes and road closure signs which came to a total of £483.50. The Village Hall Committee have given a donation of £250.

Ugley Parish Council agreed to also give a donation of £250 towards buying decorations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

It was agreed to ask Cllr. Reay for straw bundles to block the roads off on the day.

8. Financial Report

Cash Statement, March 2022 – Circulated.

Balance brought forward	£6,806.54
L Johnson	£610.05
H M Revenue & Customs	£152.40
Hilbery Trust	£96.00
EALC	£151.40

Total **£5,796.69**

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

The Parish Clerk is to try and arrange training for using the defibrillator.

10. Meeting Closed at 8.55pm.