

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 24 October 2022 in the Ugley Village Hall

Present:

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

Members of the Public:

1 plus Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding.

1. Declarations of interest: None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr. Clayton Powter and District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12 September 2022 were approved.
4. **District Councillor's Report**
In the absents of Cllr. Loughlin, the Parish Clerk reported on the following.
Work on the Local Plan has been paused again. Regulation 18, which was due to be published in spring 2022, has now be put back to after May's elections 2023. While there is no Local Plan it gives developers a free hand.

Manchester Airport Group (MAG) asked UDC for 2.2million legal costs. UDC offered MAG 1.4million which they turned down. UDC are now going to offer them 2.05million.

5. **Planning applications submitted to UDC.**
 - 5.1. **UTT/22/2606/HHF** Rear and loft extension and addition of carport. Spurgate, Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **Ugley Parish Council have no objection to this planning application but feel that the developer had been economical with the truth when outlining the proposal of the development.**

Decisions made by UDC

- 5.2. **UTT/22/0909/HH** Proposed change of use from agricultural to playgroup/stay and play area including parking area and the erection of 2 no. portaloos. Houghtey Wood, Bollington Hall Farm, Cambridge Road, Ugley, Bishops Stortford. **Refused.**
- 5.3. **UTT/22/0700/DOC** Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling. Erection of cart lodge and store and associated infrastructure. Newlands Cottage, Ugley Green, Snakes Lane, Ugley. **Withdrawn.**

- 5.4. UTT/22/1601/DOC** 2 storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch and dropped curb. 8 Bedwell Road, Ugley, **Approved.**
- 5.5. UTT/22/1709/PIP** Planning in principle for 1 no. dwelling. The Cottage, Snakes Lane, Ugley. **Refused PIP.**
- 5.6. UTT/22/1445/HHF** Rear and loft extension. Addition of carport. Spurgate, Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **Refused.**
- 5.7. UTT/22/1644/FUL** Erection of 1 dwelling with ancillary garage, workshop, pool plant room, and swimming pool. Lavender Cottage, Dellows Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**
- 5.8. UTT/22/0664/FUL** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling. Erection of cart lodge and store and associated infrastructure. Newland Cottage, Ugley Green, Ugley. **Withdrawn.**
- 5.9. UTT/22/0860/FUL** Proposed change of use from agricultural to playground/stay and play area, including parking area and erection of 2 potalooos. Houghtey Wood, Bollington Hall Farm, Ugley. **Refused.**

6. Parish Clerk's Report

6.1. Development

Two large developments have been submitted to the Inspectorate, one in Elsenham for 350 houses on land opposite the Crown Public House and Bloor Phase 2 in Henham for 200 houses land east of Station Road Elsenham.

6.2. Bank Account

The bank account signatures have now been updated, Cllr. Shutes, Cllr. Cross and the Parish Clerk may sign on the account.

6.3. Proposal, Ugley Parish Council continue as part of the small Authorities Audit Appointment (SAAA) regime for the next five-year period, beginning on 1 April 2022 and ending 31 March 2027. The vote was carried unanimously.

6.4. Code of Conduct.

As UDC had not made any changes to the Code of Conduct, Ugley Parish Council agreed to continue using it.

6.5. Oak tree on Ugley Green.

LJ to obtain a quote for lifting and pruning the oak tree on Ugley Green.

6.6. B1383 public footpath overgrown and narrow.

A resident had complained about overgrown and narrow footpath on the B1383 just before the turning to Pennington Lane. The Parish Clerk is to contact Essex Highways.

6.7. Vicarage Lane

Vicarage Lane is being used by plant machinery and heavy lorries. This is a narrow lane but is made worse by the overgrown hedge. The Parish Clerk is to contact Essex Highways and the Uttlesford Rangers.

6.8. UDC's funding £500

Councillors need to think about what to spend the £500 on before the end of the financial year, 31 March 2023.

7. Resolution under S45 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The above notice had been received by Ugley Parish Council.

8. Finance Report

The following payments were authorized.

July's Payments

Jubilee Credit	£851.00
ICO	£35.00
Hilbery Trust	£192.00

August payments

L Johnson	£713.65
H M Revenue	155.60
Hilbery Trust	£96.00

September's Payments

Precept	£3,500.00
M Burke	£300.00
L Johnson	£55.41
L Johnson	£713.45
HMRC	£155.60
Total in bank account	£9,575.23

The bank statement, reconciliation and a report of spend were presented to the council, it was agreed and signed by Cllr. Nick Shutes.

9. Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding

North Hall Road is almost complete and should be open the week commencing 31 October 2022.

Cllr. Gooding had received complaints that Patmore Road had been closed while North Hall Road was still closed. Patmore Road had been closed by the water company to repair an emergence water leak. Essex County Council have no say when utility companies' close roads for emergencies. Many residents in Ugley and Ugley Green had no water so therefore the leak could not wait until North Hall Road was reopened.

Cllr. Gooding is going to arrange a meeting with the engineer and the Parish Council before any repair work is carried out on Patmore End Road. The road does not need re-surfacing, the road, in the main, is in very good condition. There are some potholes within the road near the junction with North Hall Road, but these could be repaired without the need for re-surfacing. However, the verges need repairing as they have deteriorated into deep potholes. The grass banks have also eroded and the ditches are blocked.

The machinery that has been working on North Hall Road, is not the correct machinery to carry out these repairs on Patmore Road. Cllr. Shutes said he would be extremely

disappointed if any work is carried out on Patmore Road before the meeting with the engineers takes place. The character of the road must be restored.

It was agreed that while North Hall Road is closed it would be a good time to cut back the hedges.

The Uttlesford Rangers can only work on 30mph roads they do not have traffic management to work on faster roads.

ECC and Active Essex are working together to look at how they can provide further support and secure funding over the next 6 months to extend the holiday hunger programme. The holiday hunger programmes are delivered differently depending on the local needs, but they are a fun physical activity session, for young people (and in some cases the parents) and a nutritious meal is provided.

Cllr. Gooding is also helping financially Touchpoint in Stansted. This is a welcoming community café and garden. As a community hub, people are also able to access help and support from our partner organisations, join clubs and interest groups, and share their skills with others.

Cllr Gooding is helping set up a youth service for bicycles repairs. Getting older people involved to offer their knowledge.

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

Cllr. Francis raised the issues of the number of HGV's using Ugley Green.

Cllr. Gooding response that residents of Ugley, Elsenham and Stansted have been reporting the excessive numbers of HGV's who are using the local roads to transport spoils from development sites and dump it in this location. This is a problem, and the impact is unacceptable to local people. It is not necessarily a highways matter because, unless the drivers are infringing a traffic regulation order, there is little the police can do about it. However, they are driving up Grove Hill where they breach the weight limit and through Ugley Green where they breach the width limit. The problem is that unless the police (in the case of the width limit) or trading standards (in the case of the weight limit, are present to prosecute, the drivers get away with it.

Cllr. Gooding is working with ECC Minerals and Waste Department because the illegal dumping of spoils on unauthorised land is potentially an offence and where there is a possibility of those spoils being toxic that is a greater concern. Enforcement of those issues is currently being investigated by the Minerals and Waste team. However, the locations where the waste is being dumped seems to be constantly moving making it difficult. Cllr. Gooding would appreciate any evidence that residents may have so that he can collate a body of evidence.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm