

# Ugley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 11 July 2022 in the Ugley Village Hall

### Present:

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

### Members of the Public:

3 plus District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.

1. Declarations of interest: None.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding and Cllr. N Bowers.

**District Cllr. Loughlin left the meeting.**

### 3. Open to the Public

Mark Fiddler, David Morson and Richard Haywood gave a presentation on a plot of farmland in North Hall Road owned by Mark Fiddler.

Mark Fiddler would like to re-establish the land to develop a farming business programme to include production of food products, this would give employment to a minimum of 3 people. The farmland would take about a third of the land, the other two thirds would be used to build houses for all or some of the following,

- a) Retirement Homes and property downsizing.
- b) Affordable housing for local people.
- c) Accommodation pods for those in immediate need.
- d) Create a community hub to support the above.
- e) Wildlife havens to include self sufficient growing areas.

The program is still at a very early stage. The land has been submitted to UDC in the call for sites 2021.

Cllr. Powter said that the Scots were currently looking for land to build a new scotting hut, Mark Fiddler said this was something that they could investigate, and this was the kind of feedback they were looking for.

Mark Fiddler, David Morson and Richard Haywood left the meeting.

Councillors agreed that it was at a very early stage and there were lots of questions yet to be answered, but in principle they support the idea subject to the next stages. It was agreed that Mark Fiddler should submit his application as soon as possible and not wait for the Local Plan to be published.

**Action**, Cllr. Shutes to send an email to Mark Fiddler.

### **Cllr. Loughlin re-entered the meeting**

4. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 May 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. **District Councillor's Report**

Cllr. Loughlin said the Local Plan had been delayed by 6 months to allow for a new significant proposed addition to the Call for Sites.

The Bedwell Road application was refused, mainly on the noise aspect. The developer now has 6 months to put in an appeal.

There is to be a Scrutiny Committee meeting on 14 July 2022 for the Stansted Airport review. The review will then be discussed at the Full Council meeting on 19 July 2022.

UDC lost the Stansted Airport planning application at the appeal, because of Condition 21. UDC's Planning department did not know and still do not know what Condition 21 is. UDC have to pay the Stansted Airports fees due to 'unreasonable behavery'.

The planning application for the use of floodlights and domestic recreational use at Parsonage Farm has been withdrawn as further information is required.

## **1. Planning Application**

### **Applications submitted to UDC**

- 1.1. **UTT/22/1644/FUL** Erection of 1 dwelling with ancillary garage, workshop, pool plant room and swimming pool (minor revisions and repositioning to approved application UTT/21/0663/FUL) Lavender Cottage, Dellows Lane, Ugley. **No Comment.**
- 1.2. **UTT/22/1445/HHF** Rear loft extension. Addition of carport. Spurgate, Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **No Comment.**

### **Decisions made by UDC**

- 1.3. **UTT/22/0648/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. **Withdrawn.**
- 1.4. **UTT/22/1108/HHF** Proposed external porch. 7 Bedwell Road, Ugley. **Approved.**

## **2. Parish Clerk's Report**

### **Meeting with Peter Holt**

The Parish Clerk had attended the UDC Forum with the Chief Executive, Peter Holt. At the meeting Peter Holt said that the decision to defer the Local Plan by 6 months had been taken by himself, it was not and will not be subject to

confirmation by Councillors, whether the Full Council, the Local Plan Leadership Group or Scrutiny.

This could lay the District Council open to objection from other respondents to the Call for Sites process, who may have worked hard to meet the deadline.

It was expected that the new Plan will include one or two garden communities.

At the Stansted Airport appeal costs were awarded to the Airport against UDC on the grounds of 'unreasonable behaviour'. The total cost to UDC is, so far, £2.4 million.

UDC's accounts have not been signed off for 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-2022.

### **Bank Card**

Barclay's have said that they cannot issue a card on Ugley Parish Council's bank account because the mandate is for two to sign. A card is required when adding new payees to the account. The Parish Clerk is to look at moving the account to a bank that allows cards, such as the Co-operative Bank.

### **Tony Turner's Bench**

The bench dedicated to Tony Turner, on Ugley Green, is looking in need of some vanish.

**Action**, Cllr. Nick Shutes to assess it.

### **Special Constables**

Special Constables are volunteer Police Officers. They have the same powers, uniforms and equipment as regular Police Officers, but they are volunteers. They do not get paid but are reimbursed for expenses. Community Special Constables will get the same training as regular officers, which could take up to 2 years. The special constable is guaranteed to police their designated village for 16 hours per month.

If Ugley decided to employ a Special Constable to work in Ugley it may help with the traffic problem in the village.

## **3. Finance Report**

The following payments were authorized.

N Woodward	£110.00
A C Wood	£125.00
CAS Insurance	£294.20
Hilbery Trust	£288.00
Z Baxter	£6.99
RX Electrical	£6.99
Uttlesford Association	£5.00

4. The bank statement, reconciliation and a report of spend were presented to the council and agreed.

Cash Statement, 13 May 2022

Balance brought forward	£8,562.73
N Woodward	£110.00
A C Wood	£125.00

CAS Insurance	£294.20
Hilbery Trust	£288.00
Z Baxter	£6.99
Uttlesford Association	£5.00
RX Electrical	£6.99
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>£8,750.73</b>

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

5. A tree is protruding from a hedge onto the highway, in North Hall Road.  
**Action**, the Parish Clerk to report it to Essex Highways.
6. A tree is protruding onto the highway on Old Mean Road.  
**Action**, The Parish Clerk to inform Henham's Clerk to see if this tree is on private land or highways.
7. The footpath adjacent to the B1381 from the Chequers Public House through Ugley is very overgrown. People are now having to walk on the B1381, which is very dangerous.  
**Action**, the Parish Clerk to inform Essex Highways.
8. Last week Essex Highways arranged for the hedges to be cut back through the village. However, the person operating the machinery went at such a speed that the job was very rushed making the job substandard.  
**Action**, the Parish Clerk to inform Essex Highways.
9. Cllr. Loughlin informed members of the sad news that Karen Denmark who was a Planning Officer at UDC had died.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm.