

# Ugley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27 March 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall

### Present:

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

### Members of the Public:

1 plus, Essex County Cllr. R Gooding and District Cllr. J Loughlin.

**1. Declarations of interest:** None.

**2. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllr. David Cross (Vice Chairman) and Cllr. N Bowers.

**3. Approval of the Minutes.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27 February 2023 were approved and will be signed at the next Parish Council's meeting.

**4. Essex County Councillor's report.**

The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that imposes a weight restriction on traffic entering Grove Hill from Lower Street, Stansted, is dated 1987 and was intended originally to limit traffic queuing in Lower Street. This TRO is currently unfit for purpose and unenforceable. The TRO for Ugley Green is also unenforceable. It is therefore necessary that new TROs are required which provides the ability for the police to enforce the restrictions. Police will then carry out regular checks.

A request has been made to the LHP to install a section of footpath from Elsenham to Ugley. It would run from the motorway bridge towards Ugley Green, there is currently a kerb but grass rather than pavement, which gets very muddy and treacherous for pedestrians. Cllr. Gooding said this request has, unfortunately, been turned down by LHP. The reason being that land would have to be purchased to make the legal width requirement for a pavement, and this would not be within the LHP's budget.

The LHP will take on the project to change Patmore Lane into a 'quiet lane' next year.

ECC budget for Social Care is larger than all UDC's budgets added together.

The potholes in the area are still a major problem, but unfortunately there is no quick fix.

A reciprocal arrangement is being discussed between Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils to allow residents to use their nearest waste tip, which may not be necessarily in the county that they live. At present people must enter their address and if it isn't within the catchment area, they cannot proceed with their booking.

**5. Planning Application submitted to UDC.**

**5.1. UTT/23/0609/HHF** Proposed single storey link extension to create new entrance lobby and link to existing detached garage. Newlands Cottage, Ugley Green. **No comment.**

**5.2. UTT/23/0200/LB** Retention of replacement of wooden shingles to extension roof with natural slate. Proposed repaint outside walls from yellow to cream, repaint front door from dark blue to black to match windows and frames. Replacement of UPVC window with black painted timber and leaded light window. Chestnut Cottage, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **No comment.**

## **6. Communication**

Cllr. Francis had been researching how Ugley Parish Council's website

<https://ugleyparishcouncil.info/>, could be used more effectively.

Currently all the parish council files, agenda, minutes, finance are uploaded on the website with a list of the upcoming meetings. The following features could be expanded.

**Event Calendar:** this currently lists the Parish Council Meetings, but could be used to inform residents of other upcoming events in Ugley and the surrounding villages.

**Notice Board:** could be used to give official information from the Council to the village.

**Weblog:** this could be more community based, allowing members of the parish to create an account, log in and publish articles.

**Useful Links:** allows you to list a series of useful links to other webpages, could use this for links to Uttlesford District Council, Essex County Council and things such as the Village Hall.

**Photo Album:** this could also be community led, allowing parishioners access to post pictures of the village.

**Classified Ads:** this could be used to list various local tradesman and useful contact information. It would have to made clear that Ugley Parish Council are not endorsing the list of tradesmen. This will need to be checked with Trading Standards.

Cllr. Francis to set up extra admin members from within the council.

## **7. Clerk's report**

The Parish Clerk from Birchanger and Quendon transferred their Parish Council's bank account to Unity Trust Bank. Unfortunately, the Unity Trust Bank are not taking any more Parish Councils accounts.

The Parish Clerk is now going to try and transfer Ugley's account to the Co-Operative Bank.

## **8. Finance Report.**

There were no payments for authorization.

The bank statement, reconciliation and a report of spending was presented to the council which was agreed and signed by Cllr. Shutes.

### **Cash Statement:**

Balance brought forward	£8,502.26
<b>Balance Carried forward</b>	<b>£8,502.26</b>

## **9. Any other business**

There is a kerb stone by the Chequers Public House and another in Patmore Road that need replacing. The Parish Clerk to report them to Highways.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm