

Parish Council of Ugley

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ugley
held on Monday 16 October 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. Roger Pryor (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Nick Bowers, Cllr. Matt Francis, Cllr. Jonathan Harding, Cllr. Elizabeth Reay and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public:

District Cllr. J Loughlin and Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr. Clayton Powter.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

The Chair changed the order on the agenda.

4. Planning applications

4.1. UTT/23/2411/FUL Erection of 4 no. single storey dwellings with associated carports and landscaping works. The Forge Cambridge Road.

Ugley Parish Council objects to this planning application on the grounds of overdevelopment in the countryside. This development contravenes policies S7 and GEN1(e) of the adopted Uttlesford Local Plan 2005, and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.

4.2. UTT/23/2463/PIP Planning in principle for up to 4 no. dwellings Land West of The Cottage, Snakes Lane, Ugley.

Ugley Parish Council objects to this planning application, on the grounds it is overdevelopment in the countryside. This development contravenes policies S7 and GEN1(e) of the adopted Uttlesford Local Plan 2005, and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021. The adverse impact of the development significantly outweighs its minimal benefits.

4.3. UTT/23/2318/FUL Erection of 4no. detached dwellings, with associated planting and cart lodges. Willow House Cambridge Road.

Residents spoke against this application regarding the access to and from the proposed properties. The access would be via Church Lane onto the B1381. Church Lane is a single track. The junction onto the B1381 has a very limited sight line. There have been three fatalities at this junction within the last few years. Plus, other serious accidents. The new properties would be on a higher level and would be able to look down on the existing properties.

Ugley Parish Council objects to this planning applications on the grounds of overdevelopment in the countryside. This development contravenes policies S7 and GEN1(e) of the adopted Uttlesford Local Plan 2005, and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021. The adverse impact of the development significantly outweighs its minimal benefits. The site is unsustainable. There is poor visibility at the access.

5. District Councillor's report.

The draft Local Plan 2021 -2041 was published on 26 September 2023. The plan will be presented to the Full Council for approval on 30 October 2023. Regulation 18 consultation will be held from 3 November – 15 December 2023.

There are no further developments in Ugley. The greatest impact on Ugley would be development in Stansted, another 250 houses on Walpole Meadows and 140 houses on High Lane. The biggest development proposed is 1,636 houses in Takeley.

UDC is preparing its budget for 2024/2025.

6. Essex County Councillor

Cllr. Gooding has reported all the potholes in Ugley to Highways. Cllr. Gooding's 'buddy' is looking at the indentation at Ugley Green. There is nothing that ECC can do about the M11 noise barriers, this has been reported to Highways England on 29/3/2023.

Cllr Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Sustainable Transport on ECC has resigned.

ECC are 4th in the country in trying to improve the youth service in Essex. Opening a youth club will not solve all the problems. It is trying to engage with the young people that do not attend youth clubs, the ones on street corners or that stay in bed all day. 95% of young people said that they only felt safe at home or at school. Drug dealers tend to hang around youth clubs to start grooming young people to a life of drugs. ECC has placed youth workers in hospitals where they have found that many young people will open up to youth workers and this is a key time to try and help them. So far youth workers are in Southend and Colchester hospitals, next year Harlow hospital will be added.

7. Communication

Cllr. Frances said there was capacity on the Ugley Parish Council's website to add village events to the calendar plus photos and a list of local tradesmen, although the tradesman must not be endorsed by the Parish Council.

However, the website does not have many visitors and most residents are on Facebook. It was agreed to start with Cllr. Reay producing a list of issues she would like added, which Cllr. Frances would then place on the website.

8. Clerk's Report.

Ugley Parish Council are currently in a good financial position and may be able to give a grant to the Ugley Village Hall to help with some of the repairs and upgrades that are needed. The £500 from Cllr. Loughlin could also be given to help the Village Hall. The precept could be increased for 2023/24 to give a larger grant to the Village Hall if required.

It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to supply a list of all the necessary expenditure the hall required before the next Parish Council meeting.

Fundraising should also be considered, such as a village fete or a quiz evening.

9. Finance.

- Cashflow – Circulated.
- The following payments were authorised by the Parish Council.
- Cllr. Shutes agreed and signed the bank statement.

Balance	£8,996.71
Hilbery Turf	£120.00
Hilbery Turf	192.00
L Johnson	£695.46
Inland Revenue	£168.60
The Link	£55.00
Hilbery Turf	£120.00
Hilbery Turf	£192.00
Hilbery Turf	£288.00
L Johnson	£27.96
Balance	£10293.22

10. Any other business.

There was no other business.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm.