

Parish Council of Ugley

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ugley held on Monday 10 July 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. Roger Pryor (Vice-Chair),
Cllr. Nick Bowers, Cllr. Jonathan Harding, Cllr. Clayton Powter
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. Matt Francis and Cllr. Elizabeth Reay.

2. Declarations of interest: None.

3. Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 May 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. District Councillor's report.

A Full Council meeting is being held on 18 July 2023.

UDC held a meeting with Bloor Homes on 10 July 2023. The meeting was to discuss the planning application for access off Henham Road for 200 houses, landscaping, open space and infrastructure.

Rochester Properties planning application for 50 houses south of Bedwell Road has now been approved by the inspectorate.

UDC are nearing their 5-year land supply which may help to slow down the number of houses being built in the district.

5. Essex County Councillor's report.

A Full Council meeting is being held on 11 July 2023.

The Highway Panel held their first meeting in this financial year. The remit for the Highways Panel has changed, there will still be 4 County Councillors as panel members, but the meetings will be open to all District, Town and Parish Councillors. The meetings used to be held every three-months, but now an interim meeting will be held in-between each meeting to monitor how works are progressing.

Highways Panel is progressing with making Patmore Road into a 'Quite Lane' the funding is in this financial year, however, it is just a matter of extra signage.

Large lorries are still causing a problem by using the roads around Ugley Green. The police have visited Essex Waste and are looking into the problem in great detail.

Cllr. Bowers is trying to arrange for PCSO Alex Stewart to attend the Parish Council meeting on 11 September, to answer questions on the problem of the lorries unlawfully using Ugley Green.

A consultation is to be published in about 3 months regarding the problems with traffic using Grove Hill; Ugley Parish Council will be a consultee.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and adult social care in England.

With the NHS, the CQC have been asked to inspect and regulate every County Council's adult social care service within the next 15 months.

Cllr. Clayton reported that the road opposite Foxtan Farm on Ugley Green looks as if it is subsiding towards the pond. Cllr. Gooding said he would investigate the matter.

6. Planning decisions by UDC.

UTT/23/1085/FUL Proposed new detached dwelling and garage following demolition of existing property. Newlands Cottage, Ugley Green, Ugley.

Refused on grounds of failing to demonstrate a connection to the highway.

7. Communication.

As Cllr. Frances was not at the meeting this item will be carried over to September's meeting.

8. Clerk's Report.

The Parish Clerk has now been issued with a debit card from Barclay's Bank. Mr David Cross has been removed as a signature and Cllr. Roger Pryor has been added.

9. Auditor Report - Circulated.

The internal audit for the financial year 2022/2023 has been completed.

The auditor found the record keeping was to a very good standard.

Items raised by the auditor were;

- The Financial Regulations were not available on the website. This has now been resolved.
- The agreement of the budgets was not minuted.
- As the council gives a grant to the local church it should be aware of the NALC L01-18 regarding grants to churches.

10. Finance

- Cashflow – Circulated.
- The following payments were authorised.
- The bank statement, reconciliation and a report of spending was presented to the council which was agreed and signed by Cllr. Shutes.

Opening balance 22 May 2023	£11,064.58
St. Peter's Church	£500.00
Insurance	£311.86
Hilbery Turf	£192.00
L Johnson	£39.95
A C Wood	£125.00

L Johnson	£695.46
ICO	£35.00
Inland Revenue	£168.66
Balance, agreed with Statement	£8,996.71

11. Any other business.

The hedge belonging to Rose Cottage is protruding onto the road. This is making the road dangerous as it is already very narrow at this point. Cllr. Gooding said he would ask ECC to write to the owner, requesting that the hedge is cut back.

Cllr. Loughlin said that she would be receiving the new home bonus again this year. The Parish Council needs to decide what they would like to spend their £500 on for the village.

The red public telephone box has been at an angle for many months. It was damaged by a lorry reversing into it. The Parish Clerk reported it in March, will contact BT again.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.