

Parish Council of Ugley

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ugley held on Monday 15 January 2024 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. Clayton Powter. 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.** None.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 December 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.
- 4. Open to the public. None present.**
- 5. District Councillor's report.**
UDC had received some bad press written by Mr. Michale Gove regarding the new Local Plan. UDC are disputing all the claims Mr. Gove has made. UDC are holding an extraordinary meeting to discuss the article.

Regulation 18 Consultation is now closed. Regulation 19 is due summer 2024. It is hoped that the Local Plan will be passed by the independent inspector by 2025.

UDC planning department are still under designation for quality of decision-making in respect of planning applications.

The election that is to be held this year, could change the dynamics at UDC.

A resident of Pound Lane had complained to Cllr. Loughlin and Cllr. Gooding about the number of leaves laying in the gutters.

- 6. Planning applications.**
There had been no planning applications submitted to UDC since the last meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would contact Nigel Brown at UDC to ask if a payment to the Ugley Village Hall could be added to the Section 106 agreement for planning application UTT/23/2318/FUL, Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings, with

associated planting and cart lodges. Willow House Cambridge Road, which is currently waiting for a decision.

7. Clerk's Report.

Budgets

The budgets for 2024/25 were discussed.

Proposal Ugley Parish Council agree the budgets for 2024/25.

Cllr. N Shurts proposed and Cllr. R Pryor seconded the vote was carried unanimously.

8. Precept

The precept for 2024/25 was discussed. It was agreed not to increase the precept to allow a grant to be given to the Ugley Village Hall. The precept would need to raise by 80% just for a £6,000 grant. If the Parish Council decided to raise the precept by a large amount for 2025/26 a referendum would be held first to establish the residents' views.

Proposal Ugley Parish Council set a precept of £7,500 for 2024/2025.

Cllr. Shurts proposed, Cllr. R Pryor seconded; the vote was carried unanimously.

9. Finance.

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

Balance	£10,293.22
Hilbery Turf	£96.00
British Legion	£35.00
L Johnson	£214.88
Inland Revenue	£168.60
Taylor Computers	£75.00
Balance	£9,872.34

10. County Councillor's Report

The work to install new water main in Stansted has caused roads to be closed.

The work started on 15 January and is due to finish on Sunday 11 February 2024.

The B1383 Pines Hill will be closed between The Old Bell and the junction of Forest Hall Road. The reason for the work is slow leaks in the water pipes that are allowing condemnation from the soil into the water.

The plans for making Pound Lane into a Quiet Lane are going ahead. A consultation is to be held in Ugley Village Hall on 8 February 2024 between 10am – 2pm. This will allow residents to have their say.

Cllr. Gooding said that the potholes in Pound Lane and Snakes Lane have been logged.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.