

Parish Council of Ugley

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ugley held on Monday 20 May 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (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. Janice Loughlin

1. Election of Chair.

Cllr. Reay proposed Nick Shutes as Chair, Cllr. Harding seconded; the vote was carried unanimously.

2. Election of Vice-Chair.

As Cllr. Pryor was absent the election of the vice chair was carried over to 8th July's meeting.

3. To receive and approve apologies for absence: Cllr. Clayton Powter.

Not present Cllr. Roger Pryor and ECC Cllr. R Gooding.

4. Declarations of interest: None.

5. Approval of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

6. District Councillor's Report.

The Local Plan. The draft Regulation 18 consultation ended in December 2023. There were 5 exhibitions held across the district. The only one in the Stort Valley ward, being held at Manuden. 35,000 leaflets were sent out, press releases were issued to inform residents of sites, numbers and relevant information in the plan.

All responses have been collated. The government has imposed a figure of almost 14,000 homes over the next 20 years in Uttlesford. Approximately 8,000 have already been built or have planning permission. The draft plan currently proposes allocations for 6,076 additional homes over the period 2021-2041.

Regulation 19 will be examined by an independent planning inspector, and finally the Local Plan will go to Full Council for, hopefully, adoption. The last 2 Local Plans have failed. An up-to-date Local Plan is needed to put an end to speculative development which has been affecting the district for some time.

There are no new developments for Ugley or Farnham, Manuden have 40-57 new houses proposed.

The Independent Boundary Commission for England's recommendations, which will come into effect at the next general election. Saffron Walden constituency will become Northwest Essex and Broad Oak and the Hallingburys plus Hatfield Heath will come

under Harlow parliamentary constituency. Felsted and Stebbing plus The Sampfords will come under Braintree parliamentary constituency.

There will be no change to local council services such as bin collections, schools, etc. There is to be a Full Council meeting on 21 May 2024, where a new Chair will be elected.

Cllr. Loughlin is coming off the New Local Plan Committee for personal reasons.

7. Planning application.

UTT/23/2526/FUL Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings, with associated planting and cart lodges. Willow House Cambridge Road Ugley Essex Withdrawn - 1st May 2024.
Withdrawn.

8. Clerk's Report.

The clerk asked for confirmation as to who oversaw the defibrillator at the Village Hall, as she has been receiving emails that it needed servicing. It was agreed to contact Matthew Robinson, Chair of the Village Hall.

Since the sad passing of Rose Turner, the grass between the Old School House and Old Homestead is no longer being cut. This area was previously cut at the same time as the Green, but then taken over many years ago by Rose Turner's gardener. The clerk contacted Hilbery Turf, who said they would start cutting that area again without any pay increase.

9. Signing the Annual Governance Statement 2023/2024.

Cllr. Shutes signed the Annual Governance Statement.

10. Signing the Certificate of Exemption 2023/2024.

Cllr. Shutes signed the Certificate of Exemption.

11. Signing Accounting Statement 2023/2024.

Cllr. Shutes signed the Accounting Statement.

12. Financial Report.

Brought forward	£8,233.44
Precept	£3,750.00
UDC	£500.00
Total	£12,483.44
Hilbery Turf	£96.00
EALC Membership	£166.64
L Johnson	£739.16
H M Revenue	£184.60
Hilbery Turf	£192.00
Village Hall	£500.00
L Johnson	£36.55
Business Service Insurance	£336.10
Total	£10,232.39

13. Any Other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made)

14. Many of the verges in the village need cutting back. It was thought that Essex Highways usually does this twice year once in the spring and once in the autumn.

Patmore End will be closed in the next few weeks to repair a water leak.

15. The meeting finished at 7.47pm.