

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. Clayton Powter, Cllr. Elizabeth Reay
and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public:

District Cllr. Janice Loughlin and County Cllr. Ray Gooding.

1. **To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Cllr. Roger Pryor.
2. **Declarations of interest:** None.
3. **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.
4. **Election of Vice-Chair.**
Proposal Cllr. Pryor is elected as vice chair.
Cllr. Shutes proposed, Cllr. Clayton seconded; the vote was carried unanimously.
5. **District Councillor's Report.**
The revised plan will be considered by the Local Plan Panel on 15 July and then Cabinet on 18 July. If approved by councillors at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 30 July, the plan will go out for a period of public consultation, known as the "Publication Version (Regulation 19) Local Plan", before it is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for assessment via public examination later this year.
The fact that a new Government was elected on the 4 July 2024 should not make any difference to the number of houses required in the local plan.
Cllr. Loughlin gave £500 from her Home Bonus this year to the Ugley Village Hall.
UDC are still trying to sell one of their successful investments, Chesterford Research Park. This is to ensure UDC can maintain services and to pay off much of UDC short-term borrowing; after this sale the council's portfolio will have 6 assets.
6. **Planning application.**
 - 6.1. **UTT/24/1009/TCA** Planning in principle for up to 3 no. dwellings. Land West Of The Cottage Snakes Lane Ugley. **Decision Refused.**
It was refused as the location is not sustainable and the access is not safe, the adverse impact of the development would significantly and demonstrably outweigh its minimal benefits.
This location already has planning permission for 2 new dwellings.
 - 6.2. **UTT/24/1690/FUL PROPOSAL:** S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of UTT/24/0986/FUL (S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans))

of UTT/23/1822/FUL (Proposed new detached dwelling and garage following demolition of existing property) in order to facilitate design changes to the approved scheme). - to facilitate design changes to the approved scheme, Newlands Cottage, Ugley Green.

The Parish Clerk is to establish what condition 2 on the approved plans UTT/23/1822/FUL, are, before the Parish Council decide.

7. Clerk's Report.

It was agreed to join the Salt Partnership Scheme 2024/2025.

Ugley Parish Council's finances for 2023/2024 has now been audited and sign off by the internal auditor. All the documentation is now on the website. A report has been sent by the auditor which will be circulated to all councillors.

There were no problems with the bookkeeping, payments, VAT, general power of competence, pay role, reconciliation, meetings and minutes, GDRP and ICCO.

There are some improvement recommended on polices, asset register and insurance.

The Parish Clerk will go through the report and address all the recommendations.

NALC have produced a new Model Financial Regulation template for Local Councils.

The Parish Clerk will send a copy to all councillors. Each councils needs to adapt the model to suit its size. However, they are legal requirements which councils cannot change.

Cllr. Shutes left the meeting.

The Parish Clerk said she had been told by a planning officer at UDC that the Gladman planning application for 240 will be brought to the Planning Committee on 24 July 2024. The Parish Clerk is to contact Nigel Brown at UDC reminding him of his promise to arrange a meeting with Ugley Parish Council to discuss the Section 106 agreement. This must be agreed before the application goes to the Planning Committee. Ugley Parish Council have asked for a payment to the Ugley Village Hall, for a reduction to the speed limit on Pound Lane, due to all the extra traffic and a sum of money to be paid to Highways for improvement to the pathway from the junction of Patmore End along the B1383.

8. Essex County Council report.

Many roads around the area are currently closed due to the 'iron mains risk reduction program' The program is to decommission all 'at risk' iron pipes before 2026.

Cllr. Gooding has put the repairs of the potholes in Snakes Lane on his priority list.

The subsidence in Ugley Green has been investigated but Cllr. Gooding had not received a report, Cllr. Gooding said he would chase it up.

There is a large hole on the pavement in Patmore End, caused by a three-section BT damaged manhole cover, it is just right of the Cheques Public House. This has been reported to Highways, Cllr. Gooding said he would chase it.

When Highways were cutting the verges along Pound Lane, they damaged a traffic safety mirror belonging to a resident: the resident would like it replaced. Cllr. Gooding said he

was trying to get Highways to replace it, but Highways do not like traffic mirrors as they distort the image; Cllr. Gooding said he would continue to try.

9. Financial Report.

The following were all agreed for payment.

It was proposed that Cllr. Reay becomes a signature for Ugley Paish Council's bank account.

Proposed by Cllr. Shutes, seconded by Cllr. Bowers, the vote was carried unanimously.

Action the Parish Clerk

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

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

The hedge on the entrance to the Village Hall is looking very untidy and needs cutting back. The Paish Clerk to contact Matthew Robinson.

There is a hedge encroaching on the pavement in Bedwell Road. It is difficult for people with buggies and disabled people to use. The Parish Clerk to inform UDC.

The hedge belonging to Rose Cottage on Pound Lane is protruding into the road even more that it used to, reducing the road to single traffic. The Parish Clerk is to contact the owner, asking them to cut the hedge back.

11. The meeting finished at 8.30pm.