

Parish Council of Ugley

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ugley held on Monday 21 October 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chair), Cllr. Roger Pryor (Vice Chair), 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. Nick Bowers.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** No declarations.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9 September 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.
- 4. District Councillor's Report.**
Wicken Hall in Farnham submitted a planning application to UDC, this was refused on the grounds that the development would be on the Green Belt. The application then went to appeal, where it was approved by the Inspectorate. It was hoped that this would not set a precedent for future planning applications that wanted to build on the Green Belt.

As consultees UDC have objected to the planning application S62A/2024/0058, for 16 houses at Land East of Ugley Village Hall, which was submitted as a S62A. The main reason for the objection was for unstainability.

The public constitution on the Draft Local Plan has now finished. All the evidence and objections/comments will be sent to the inspectorate.

5. Planning application

- 5.1. UTT/24/2394/FUL** Erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling and cartlodge. Land At Field Gate Lane, Ugley. **Ugley Parish Council have no further objections as long as the application now meets all the requirements for a traditional style design, preserving the rural character and appearance of the location, plus they can demonstrate that a safe and suitable access can be provided.**

- 1.1. UTT/24/2478/HHF** New pitched roof one-storey pavilion in timber construction situated at rear of garden. Wickets Pound Lane. **Ugley Parish Council have no objection but have reservations about its size in relation to the property and its garden and possible future use.**

6. Essex County Councillor's report

A property in Snakes Lane has extended their access bridge that go over the ditch. However, they have not attempted to clear the ditch which is blocked and causing flooding in the lane. Highways are investigating the situation.

All the documentation from The Highways Panel to make Patmore Road into a 'Quite Lane' have now been finalized.

Uttlesford has come top in a recent survey carried out on early years education; 8.2% above the average.

The feasibility study of Grove Hill has now been published. It shows the changes to direct large vehicles through Takeley is not feasible. Two separate studies were taken the last one in November 2023. The study shows 1.5% of the traffic flow, going up Grove Hill from Stansted to Elsenham, were vehicles over the weight limit, with 2.5% coming down Grove Hill. The study therefore showed the weight restrictions are working. The 1.5% going up could represent the buses and local delivery vehicles. The other issue is that Takeley already has too many large vehicles going through their village.

Some years ago, Cllr. Gooding reported to England Highways that the noise barrier along part of the motorway had gaps in it. No repairs have been carried out. Cllr. Gooding said that it has been reported to England Highways and there was nothing else he could do.

7. Parish Clerk's Report

Cllr. Reay completed a bank form to become a signature on Ugley Parish Council's bank account, Cllr. Shutes and Pryor both signed the form.

Elsenham Parish Council have given their permission for a memorial to twin brothers to be placed in the cemetery in the High Street, Elsenham. The family live in Ugley Green.

A request had been received to purchase another set of Christmas light for the tree on Ugley Green, at a cost of £39. All Councillors agreed that the lights could be purchased. The council would be happy to spend more money to purchase a larger set if necessary.

The Parish Council agree to pay for a 2-year plus care plan for servicing the defibrillator, which is installed on the Village Hall, at a cost of £389.

8. Financial Report.

Balance	£7,203.63
Stansted Link	£55.00
HMRC	£61.60
L Johnson	£738.96
L Johnson	£21.00
Precept +	£3,750.00
Balance	£10,077.07

The payments and the bank statement were signed by Cllr. Shutes and Cllr. Pryor

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

Cllr. Shutes had met PCSO Alex Stewart at the Village Hall and walked to Ugley Green, discussing police issues in the village. Cllr. Shutes invited the PCSO to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 9 December 2024.

The large hole on the pavement in Patmore End, caused by a three-section BT damaged manhole cover, has now been enclosed by a metal cover. This has made it safe, but it was still hoped that a permanent repair will be carried out.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.