

Parish Council of Ugley

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Ugley held on Monday 9 December 2024 at 7.00pm, in the Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chair), Cllr. Roger Pryor (Vice Chair),
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 and Cllr. Matt Francis.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** No declarations.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.
- 4. District Councillor's Report.**

The Draft Local Plan will be sent to the Inspectorate at the end of December.
The planning application for 1000 houses in Stansted is not part of the draft Local Plan. If it was in the Local Plan, it would be difficult for planning officers to refuse it. This application is on the Green Belt.

There are some incongruities whether UDC has sold one of their commercial assets, Chesterford Research Park.

A decision on the planning application in Pound Land is due to be made public on 16 December 2024.

It is unlikely that UDC will be coming out of special measures soon.

The new Labour Government is trying to change planning issues so that applications cannot be refused due to wildlife.

There have been some dogs in the village that continue to get loose and cause problems. Unfortunately, one of the dogs was killed by car on the B1318.

UDC no longer has a dog warden, so it needs to be reported to RSPCA.
- 5. Planning application.**

Submitted to UDC.

UTT/24/2947/FUL S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of UTT/24/1841/HHF - proposed changes to the 1st floor layout including to the useable space and head height to 1st floor, rear facing bedroom 4 and introduction of french doors with Juliet balcony. St Aubyns, Cambridge Road, Ugley.

No objects, leave to officers.

Decision made under the S62A procedure

Consultation on S62A/2024/0049 - Approval of reserved matters following outline approval UTT/20/2908/OP for Up to 50 market and affordable dwellings, public open

space and associated highways and drainage infrastructure. Land South Of Bedwell Road Ugley. **Approved.**

6. Parish Clerk's Report.

Dates for Parish Council meetings 2025 were circulated.

It was agreed to inform Highways that the 'Quite Lane' cover the whole of Patmore End Road. Signs need to be placed at the junction of the B1383, the other sign at the triangle near the cross roads at Church Lane.

7. Financial Report.

Precept 2025/2026.

The Parish Clerk handed out to each Councillors an up-to-date bank statement, predicted balance as of 30 April 2025, a budget table and the increase to a Band D household with various precepts.

The precept will need to be agreed at the January's meeting.

Total	£10,077.07
Royal British legion	£ 25.00
Deliberator services	£ 466.80
M Burke	£ 65.00
Inland Revenue	£ 64.20
Inland Revenue	£ 64.40
Ugley Village Hall	£ 218.00
Expenses	£ 39.99
Hilbery Turf	£ 192.00
R Mckean	£ 124.98
Total	£ 8,816.70

8. County Councillor's report.

Essex County Council has come out top for two years running for Adult Social Services. The number of children in foster homes have reduced.

The new increase in the National Income is likely to affect Adult Social Care, not so much by the increase, which has risen to 15 percent, but by the Secondary Threshold which drops by £4,100 to £5,000 from April 2025. The Government have said the extra income from the increase will go to the NHS. But making it harder to employ adult carers will put greater pressure on the NHS.

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

The toot toot bridge is still in a dangerous condition. The barrier has not been replaced, so there is nothing to stop cars from driving off the road and into the river.

Cllr. Gooding said he would chase Highways.

Two trees have fallen over, one opposite the Chequers public house, which has fallen onto a road sign and another by the T-junction, Cllr. Pryor will rectify both, as they are on his land.

The meeting finished at 7.55pm.