

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9 July 2018

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. David Cross (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. Betty Francis, Cllr. Roger Pryor, Cllr. Jean Reay, Cllr. Tony Turner
and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public: 4, including

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

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Cllr. David Hilton.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr. Francis declared an interest on agenda item 8, planning application UTT/18/1612/FUL, Cllr. Francis is a neighbour.
3. **Signing of the Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **District Cllr. Janice Loughlin report**
The latest version of the Draft Local Plan was approved for publication at a special meeting of Uttlesford District Council, on Tuesday 19 June 2018. Unfortunately, Cllr. Loughlin was unable to attend the meeting, but had she attended, she would have voted in favour. Ten members voted against the Local Plan, but if it hadn't been approved, the Government may have stepped in which would have increased the number of new houses by 2200.
There are three Garden Villages in the plan; these will be small communities with their own schools and healthcare. Cllr. Loughlin said that Garden Villages were a good idea, the alternative being, building the new housing in all the surrounding villages. Cllr. Loughlin was strongly against losing the rural villages.
A public consultation on the Local Plan is being held between 25 June – 13 August 2018.
Stansted Airport planning application is now to be heard by UDC Planning Committee in October 2018, the delay is due to more evidence being collected. Stop Stansted Expansion asked for the application to be 'called in'; but the Secretary of State said it was not a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), therefore UDC will decide.
6. **Clerk's Report**
It was agreed to participate in UDC 'Winter Salt Bag Partnership Scheme' for

2018/19. One tonne of salt in 25kg bags will be delivered in September 2018. Cllr. Pryor agreed to store the salt.

Essex Highways are carrying out road repairs to Field Gate Lane and Dark Lane, Lodge Road, Ugley; both roads will be closed from 24 July 2018 for 4 days.

7. **Planning Application**

UTT/18/1612/FUL Construction of 1 detached dwelling and garage with room in roof space. Land adjacent Maughans, Fields Gate Lane, Ugley.

Ugley Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

This development is proposed in the heart of a rural village, down a narrow country lane. If this development is approved it could set a precedence for further developments turning this quiet lane into an urban road.

This development is in a very rural location, and would have a detrimental effect on the wildlife. This area is the habitat to an abundance of wild life including, great crested newts, badgers and hedgehogs. – **Policy GEN7 Nature Conservation** Ugley Parish Council strongly feels the negative effect this house would have on the surrounding areas, far out ways the need for this dwelling.

UTT/18/1757/HHF Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of single storey side extension and two storey rear extension. Oak Beams, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **No objection.**

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

UTT/18/0051/LB Part demolition of northern boundary wall to create access. HFT Bradley Resource Centre, Pound Lane, Ugley. **Approved.**

8. **Financial Report**

Cashflow – Circulated

Payments requiring authorisation

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| BACS | HMRC | £ 142.20 |
| BACS | Hilbery Turf | £ 90.00 |
| BACS | L Johnson | £ 569.67 |
| BACS | Community Action Suffolk | £ 319.71 |

Balance brought forward **£9,551.95**

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Total funds in bank account **£8,033.46**

9. **County Cllr. Ray Gooding's report**

Essex Highways are still waiting for the electric company to connect the electric supply, to the two poles on the centre inland at the junction of Sworders Auctioneers on the B1383. Cllr. Pryor said that it would be less dangerous if the poles were removed completely, until the lights could be repaired.

Cllr. Gooding confirmed that the Henham Primary School is not going to be closed; there had been a lot of speculation on social media with regards to Persimmons Homes planning application.

Over 1000 people signed up for the 30/30 campaign. They were asked to complete 30 minutes exercise for 30 days; this was to encourage people to live a healthier life style.

10. Any other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).

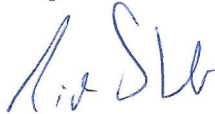
Cllr. Reay said the village green was looking very untidy. It was agreed to review the grass maintenance contract when it comes up for renewal next year.

Cllr. Turner said that vehicles over the width restriction were still using the road round Ugly Green; a double trailer from Ireland had used the road that morning.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Next meeting is on Monday 10 September 2018 at 7.00pm, in the Ugly Village Hall.

Signed

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. D. L.', is written below the word 'Signed'.