

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 29 October 2018

Present:

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

Members of the Public: 8, including

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

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** None
2. **Declaration of Interest** Cllr. D Cross and Cllr. B Francis are both members of the Village Hall Committee and therefore declared an interest with item 8 on the agenda.
3. **Signing of the Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **District Cllr. Janice Loughlin report**
Uttlesford District Council's Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday 14 November 2018 to determine the Stansted Airport Planning Application. Three additional public speaking sessions are to be held, Tuesday 6 November 2018, 10am – 1pm and Wednesday 7 November 2018, 2 – 5pm and 6 – 9pm. With large planning applications it is not un-common for them to be 'fast tracked', with payments being made from the applicant towards the costs of the extra work that it generates. The development on land to the West of High Lane Stansted has been deferred to Highways, for consideration of installing a zebra crossing. The Local Plan is going to the Inspector. UDC is consulting on an Addendum of Focused Changes to the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan. The reason for the change is due to a risk that the West of Braintree Garden Community may not be delivered. If this Garden Community cannot go ahead, UDC will undertake an early review of the Local Plan.
Cllr. Loughlin is holding a meeting with Rissa Long from the Highways Panel on Thursday 1 November 2018, Cllr. Loughlin asked that Councillors and the public email her with any matters they would like raised. Cllr. Pryor asked if Cllr. Loughlin would mention the posts in the centre of the road at the junction of Saunders Art Auctioneers on the B1383; although Highways had erected a new pole, it was still waiting for lights to be installed.



5. Dellows Lane

Six members of the public, who reside in Dellows Lane, had attended the meeting to ask Cllr. Gooding when the repair work to the surface of the lane would be carried out. Cllr. Gooding said the designs for the re-surfacing was now complete and he had been assured that the work would be carried out this financial year. Mr. Robinson asked for a copy of the design so he could get it reviewed to confirm it met British Standards. Mr. Robinson also wanted a written guarantee that the work would be carried out this financial year, if he did not receive this, he asked if Ugley Parish Council would start proceedings against Essex Council under section 56 of the 1980 Highways Act. Cllr. Shutes said that since Cllr. Gooding had been made aware of all the facts, proceedings have progressed, and given the commitment by Highways to complete the works this financial year and Cllr. Gooding's promises to update all concerned regarding the progress should the matter be delayed, it would be best to entrust it to Cllr. Gooding. Having the design reviewed would only hold up procedures. Cllr. Gooding said he would arrange a meeting with Mr. Robinson and the Portfolio Holder. Once the repair work has been carried out Cllr. Loughlin will arrange for a smaller refuse lorry to collect the waste bins down this lane.

6. Ugley Village Hall Web Site – Cllr. D Cross.

St. Peter's and Ugley Magazine may have to be discontinued, unless a volunteer offers to take over the editing. If it is discontinued, Ugley Village Hall Committee have asked if the £250, which the Parish Council donate to the magazine each year, could be donated to the running of the new Ugley Village Hall web site. This website has been set up to help promote the hall and hopefully bring in more revenue, the website will also advertise the companies that currently use the Ugley Magazine. It was agreed to review the donation once the future of the Ugley Magazine was established.

7. Clerk's Report

The dates for 2019 Parish Council meetings were circulated.

Local elections are to be held on 2 May 2019. UDC would like all parishes to advertise the elections and encourage residents to stand for Council.

Nigel Brown is running further planning enforcement meetings, for clusters of Parish Councils. Ugley Parish Council's meeting is on the 19 November 2018 at 7pm. Cllr. Shutes, Cllr. Cross, Cllr. Francis and the Parish Clerk, to attend.

Two quotes have been received for the repairs of the bus shelter near the Village Hall. If the work went ahead, the precept for 2019/20 would have to be increased. It was agreed that Councillors would assess the bus shelter before the next Parish Council meeting, and then decide if it was reasonable to increase the precept for repairing a bus shelter that wasn't greatly used.

- 9. Planning Application UTT/18/2755/FUL** Change of use and extension of the existing Coach House into a 3 bedroom holiday let. Revised scheme to that previously approved under planning permission UTT/18/0489/FUL).
Erection of garden store. **No Comment.**

9. **Financial Report**

Cashflow – Circulated

Payments requiring authorisation

BACS	L Johnson	£ 569.67
BACS	HM Revenue	£ 142.20
BACS	St. Peter's Fabric	£ 250.00
BACS	Hilbery Turf	£ 108.00

Cash Statement as at October 2018

Balance brought forward	<u>£ 7,033.89</u>
Precept	£ 3,000.00
Total	£10,033.89

101034	Jean Reay	£ 48.90
BACS	L Johnson	£ 569.67
BACS	HM Revenue	£ 142.20
BACS	St. Peter's Fabric	£ 250.00
BACS	Hilbery Turf	£ 108.00
Total		£ 1,118.77

Bank Balance **£ 8,915.12**

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

Cllr. Turner reported that the seat on the left hand side of the village green had collapsed; the Parish Clerk is to arrange for it to be removed.

Cllr. Turner can no longer manage to cut the piece grass in front of his house; this grass verge belongs to Highways. It was decided to add this to the Parish Council's grass cutting contract as from next year.

Cllr. Gooding reported that Essex County Council are in the process of setting the 2019/20 budgets, the Council have to reduce the budgets by 59 million.

In the national budget, the Chancellor announced that business rates for small businesses will be reduced; this however, will put greater financial pressure on the County Councils.

A review of the evening and weekend bus services are to be reviewed; it may not be economic to run busses which only have one or two passengers.

Cllr. Fred Frindle from Henham Parish Councillor had informed Cllr. Loughlin that once the PCSO is working in Stansted, Elsenham and Henham he would arrange for him/her to drive through Ugley on their way to Elsenham. It was pointed out that Cllr. Frindle had no authority on the PCSO's movements when working and being paid for by the residents of Elsenham, and although there were no reasons why this could not be arranged, it would have been courteous if Cllr. Frindle had asked Elsenham Parish Council first.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

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

Signed

