

# Ugley Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11 July 2016

**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. L Johnson (Parish Clerk).

**Members of the Public:** District County Cllr. J Loughlin.

**1 Apologies for Absence** – Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding.

**2 Declarations of Interest** – None

**3** Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 May 2016 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**4.** District Councillor's report.

There is still no news on a decision regarding the Fairfield development.

Cllr. Loughlin as a member of the Planning Policy Working Group is attending a workshop on 12 July 2016, regarding the Local Plan Development Strategy.

The meeting will be chaired by Mr Richard Fox, Planning Policy Team Leader.

The workshop will be assessing a report on five potential distribution strategies for the Local Plan which were considered on a cross party member's workshop on the 28 June 2016. The five scenarios are:

1. All developments allocated in a new settlement(s).  
Conclusion – not a sound distribution strategy.
2. All developments pepper potted in villages.  
Conclusion – not a sound distribution strategy.
3. All developments in the two main towns (Saffron Walden and Great Dunmow)  
Conclusion – not a sound distribution strategy.
4. Combination of developments in main towns and villages.  
Conclusion – potentially sound option but not recommended.
5. Hybrid involving new settlement(s), main towns and villages.  
Conclusion – preferred distribution strategy.

Cllr. Loughlin said she would speak to Alan Hazelwood with regards to the ongoing problem of lorries breaking the width restriction through Ugley Green.

**5. Pond in Snakes Lane.**

It was agreed to find out who owns the pond in Snakes Lane, which is currently full of tree tops, before taking any further action; the Parish Clerk to carry out a land register search.

**6. Clerk's Report**

It was agreed to inform Uttlesford District Council that Ugley Village will be participating in the 2016/17 'Winter Salt Bag Partnership Scheme', but we would not be requiring any further salt as we have sufficient supplies from last year.

The banking mandate was signed by Cllrs Shutes, Cross and Reay which will enable the responsible financial officer to access online banking.

The following items have all been completed in the last month, the bus shelter re-felted, village pump and sign painted and the bench on the village green has been repaired.

## 7. Planning Applications

**UTT/16/1591/HHF** Enclosure of carport and erection of two storey extension to existing garage incorporating 4 dormer windows to form additional garage space and ancillary gym above. Alteration to gain access from north-east of the estate. Orford Hall, Pound Lane.

**No comment, leave to Officers.**

**UTT/16/1763/HHF** Proposed single storey extension and garden store shed. 31 Bedwell Road, Ugley.

**No comment**

**UTT/16/1792/OP** Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the demolition of outbuilding and the erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage. Land at Chestnut Cottages, Cambridge Road.

**The access on this development is extremely dangerous, with very limited sight line on to a fast, busy road.**

## 8. Finance Report

Cashflow circulated, there were no questions.

Statement balance brought forward	£8,412.55
Interest	£ 00.45
Precept grant	£ 226.00
Total	£8,639.00

### Payments

101018	Hilbery Turf	£ 84.00
101019	Internal Audit	£ 37.50
101020	Insurance	£ 330.54
101021	Hilbery Turf	£ 84.00

**Total** **£8,102.96**

### Represented by

Community account	£3,029.11
Business Premium account	£5,073.85
	<b>£8,102.96</b>

The following cheques and payments were approved for signing;

101022	Hilbery Truf	£ 84.00
101023	HM Revenue	£133.60
101024	L Johnson	£539.04

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

Essex Highways has sent an email stating that the problem that had been reported in North Hall Road had now been completed. The enquiry has not been resolved, North Hall Road is still in a bad state of repair with many potholes; the Parish Clerk is to contact Highways.

There is a caravan parked on the verge near the motorway; the Parish Clerk has reported the caravan plus the large pile of rubbish next to it, to UDC.

The kerb stones at the junction of Cambridge Road and Patmore End by the Chequers Public House have become dislodged, the Parish Clerk is to inform Highways.

The drains on the B1381 Cambridge Road, are blocked which causes flooding after heavy rain; the Parish Clerk to inform Highways.

Cllr. Turner thanked Cllr. Shutes for his help with untaglering the Union Jack flag from the trees in the Village Hall car park.

It was suggested that the Village Hall car park needed a tidy up as it was becoming very overgrown; the Village Hall Committee have this in hand.

The high brick wall in Home Farm Trust, that runs down to the entrance of the Garden Centre, that has a World War arrow embedded in the brickwork, needs to be cleared; the Parish Clerk to write a letter.

The public footpath sign in Pound Lane needs re painting as the letters have been blacked over; the Parish Clerk to report to Highways.

The waste bin by Millennium Wood in Pound Lane often overflows, this may be due to foxes; the Parish Clerk is to research fox proof litter bins; to be added to September's agenda.

The grass round the bench on the village green is very over grown, the Parish Clerk to ask Hilbery Turfs to strim round it.

The metal seat around the oak tree on the green is very rusty and in need of repair; the Parish Clerk is to ask advice on whether it would be worth repairing.

The wall mounted letter box near the Village Hall is looking very shabby, it was agreed however, that unfortunately all pillar boxes in the area were in the same condition.

The bus shelter by the public house is very overgrown with weeds, the Parish Clerk to ask Hilbery Turfs to remove them.

The foot path opposite the public house is unpassable due to foliage hanging over the path; the Parish Clerk is to report it to Highways.

It was agreed to carry out some research into purchase of a defibrillator for the village, the Parish Clerk to add this to next month's agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next Meeting; Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.00pm to be held in the Ugley Village Hall.

Signed

Chairman