

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 24 October 2016

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

Members of the Public: District County Councillor Janice Loughlin, Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding.

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. Roger Pryor.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 September 2016, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **District Councillor's report**
Cllr. Loughlin said it was great news that the Fairfield Development had not been approved.
Uttlesford District Council has put on hold the formal decision making process for the draft local plan; with the public consultation being postponed until the New Year.
There is to be a new planning application for Cambridge Road. The Three Colts in Stansted is also submitting an application for a single dwelling.
Cllr. Cross asked if the car park at the new development in Lower Street, Stansted could cater for payments by debit/credit cards as well as cash; Cllr. Loughlin said she would put this idea forward.
5. **Defibrillator**
It was agreed that due to Ugley village being so spread out and the limited response time when someone had a cardiac arrest, regrettably, it would not be feasible to have a defibrillator installed in the village.
6. **St. Peter's Magazine**
Cllr. Reay reported that it cost £50 per month to produce 350 copies of the 'St. Peter's Magazine'. Members of St. Peter's church were holding a meeting on 9 November 2016, to discuss the future of the magazine.
It was agreed that Ugley Parish Council would fund any short fall up to £250 to help keep the magazine in circulation.
It was agreed to pay £400 to St. Peter's Fabric Fund towards the maintenance of Ugley churchyard.
It was agreed the budget for maintenance of the churchyard for 2017/18 would be £700.

7. Clerk's Report

It was agreed to adopt the Risk Assessment as a working document.
Dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2017 were agreed.

Actions from previous minutes

- **Caravan**

Essex County Council is aware of the caravan on the grass verge in Ugley and is continuing to monitor it. Before ECC serve the owner with a notice to 'move on' they take into consideration how many caravans are in the proximity and any disturbance, if any, the owners are creating.

The Parish Clerk is to report the caravan again to Essex County Travellers Unite (ECTU) stating that the caravan has been parked on the grass verge for many months, there is a large amount of rubbish by the side of the caravan, there is also no toilet facilities, and the caravan is stopping the hedge from being cut back, which should be carried out at this time of the year.

Home Farm Sign

- Essex Highways are happy for this sign to remain, and have closed the case.

Litter Bin

- The new litter bin has now been installed by Millennium Wood.

Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding enters the meeting.

8. Plans

- a) **UTT/16/2774/LB** Demolition of rear lean-to extension and erection of single storey rear timber orangery extension with associated internal alterations. Ugley Hall, Ugley Road. **No Comment.**
- b) **UTT/16/2773/HHF** Demolition of rear lean-to extension and erection of single rear timber orangery extension. Ugley Hall, Ugley Road. **No Comment.**
- c) **UTT/16/2902/FUL** Continued use of garage for car repair and spraying. Woodlands Bungalow, North Hall Road, Ugley. **No Comment.**

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

- d) **UTTUTT/16/1763/HHF** Proposed single storey extension and garden store shed. 31 Bedwell Road, Ugley. **UDC approved.**
- e) **UTT/16/1792/OP** Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for the demolition of outbuilding and erection of 1 dwelling and detached garage. Land at Chestnut Cottage, Cambridge Road, Ugley. **UDC approved.**
- f) **UTT/16/1179/FUL** The use of land for stationing of caravans for residential family gypsy pitch, together with the formation of hardstanding and utility/dayroom. Land at North Hall Road. **UDC refused.**

The Parish Clerk is to check the planning application for 7 The Square.

9. Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding's report

Cllr. Gooding reported that the government has released its green paper outlining plans to allow new grammar schools to open along with other major school reforms. The top 5% of students would attend grammar schools. Problems arising would be travelling to school, with some students having to travel considerable distances.

Cllr. Gooding explained that not all pot holes could be repaired in every road, as this would be a very lengthy job, so the most severe ones are prioritised.

10. Financial Report

Cash flow circulated, there were no questions.

Balance brought forward	£6,586.18
Precept grant	£2,387.00
Total	£8,973.18

Payments		
BACS	L Johnson	£ 546.74
BACS	HMRC	£ 136.80
BACS	Glasdon	£ 194.56
BACS	Mick Burke Landscaping	£ 65.00
101025	Association of local councils	£ 25.00

Total payments £ 968.10

Balance £8,005.08

Represented by	
Community account	£ 930.60
Business Premium account	£7,074.48
Total	£8,005.08

Payment requiring authorisation;		
101026	J Reay	£ 50.90
101027	CPRE	£ 36.00
101028	Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00

There is currently a consultation on whether to cap the Parish Sector. If capped, Parish Councils will only be able to raise their precept by 2%, in our case it would mean we could only increase the precept by £100. If this act is passed we would have to be cautious with our spending and save for any larger projects.

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

Cllr. Frances informed the meeting that she needed a volunteer to collect for the poppy appeal along Cambridge road; Cllr. Reay volunteered.

Despite the Parish Clerk reporting the matter to Highways, the sign post by 'The Chase' in Pound Land denoting the public footpath had still not been repainted; the Parish Clerk is to report it to Highways again.

A gentleman in the village was interested in converting and putting to use the red public telephone box in the village, into something that everyone could use, such as a library. However Ugley Parish Council does not own the telephone box and permission would need to be sort from British Telecom.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

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

Signed

Chairman