

Ugley Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Virtual Meeting held at 7.00pm on 4 August 2021 in Ugley Village Hall

Present:

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairperson), Cllr. David Cross (Vice-Chairperson),
Cllr. Nick Bowers, Cllr. Roger Pryor, Cllr. Elizabeth Reay and
Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

Members of the Public:

1 plus County Cllr. Ray Gooding

1. Declarations of interest.
Cllr. Reay declared an interest in 6.4, as it is a neighbouring property.
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr. Matt Francis, Cllr. Clayton Powter and District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 was signed as a true and accurate record.

4. District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Loughlin was unable to attend the meeting and she sent the following report.

Meetings are taking place at the Council offices again although workshops and briefings continue to be via Zoom. UDC staff continue to work from home, but reception is open to the public again.

The Council is challenging, in the High Court, the Planning Inspectors' decision to approve MAG's application and the phenomenal costs which will be made against the council. There has been quite a lot of controversy as it was felt by some that the Planning Committee's decision was changed at appeal and became approval with conditions. I listened to most of the appeal hearings, and it certainly was not what I voted for which was against!!! We now await the High Court's decision.

The call for sites has been published and may be found online. Not all these sites will be deemed suitable. 14,100 houses are required up to 2040. (This includes houses already granted planning permission in 2020/2021.) 70,000 new houses were submitted in the call for sites.

Those that may impact on Ugley are:

Bollington Hall, Ugley	4,800
Land at Tye Green, Elsenham	135
Eastfield's Stables, May Walk, Elsenham Road, Stansted	99

At this time, the council still does not have a 5-year land supply and will still be vulnerable to speculative development until the numbers are reached and/or the new local plan is in place. If it is adopted, it will not be in place until 2024.

Last week the Chief Executive, Dawn French, attended her last full council meeting. She handed in her resignation earlier this year. An Interim Chief Executive has been appointed until a full time Chief Executive is in place.

5. Essex County Councillor's Report Cllr Ray Gooding

Cllr. Gooding had not been happy with how the Highways Engineers conducted the meeting regarding the closure of North Hall Road. They had not fully explained why the road has been closed for so long and how Highways had to wait for the utility companies and environment agencies before they could progress. One point raised at the meeting was the extra time that it would take for the emergency services from Newport to reach properties along North Hall Road including Little Henham. Cllr. Gooding said that the emergency services were contacted on the 23 July 2020, and on further occasions regarding the closure of North Hall Road, however, Highways never received any replies from the emergency services raising any concerns they had.

A resident had asked Cllr. Gooding if Patmore End down to North Hall Road could be made into a 'Quiet Lane', however, this only involves a sign being installed giving pedestrians and cyclists right of way. Cllr. Gooding said instead he is trying to make the road into a 30mph speed limit and thinks this will be far more effective.

Cllr. Bowers raised the point that residents in Ugley are genuinely concerned about the speed of the cars around Ugley. It is extremely dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists, and they are afraid that someone will be seriously injured or die before anything is done to make the village safer. Cllr. Gooding said if a petition was started stating how dangerous the roads were for pedestrians and cyclists, with all the residents' signatures on, he would submit it to Highways, Highways engineers would then have to consider what could be done to help this situation.

6. Planning Applications

6.1. UTT/21/2205/HHF Proposal raise existing roof to form a new first floor and enlarge existing porch together with internal alterations. The Laurels, North Hall Road, Ugley. **Objection on the grounds that the development is out of keeping in its scale and character with neighbouring properties. It has a detrimental impact on occupiers of neighbouring properties, particularly in terms of privacy and overshadowing.**

6.2. UTT/21/2247/HHF Proposed two storey side extension and new roof to entire building. Little Hudson Farm, Field Gate Lane. **No Comment.**

6.3. UTT/21/2268/HHF Proposed side extension to existing dwelling, with new garage to the rear of garden. Little Hudson Lodge, Field Gate Lane.

Objection on the grounds that the developer has not addressed any of the issues raised on the previous application UTT/21/1280/HHF which had been refused on its size, design, and layout, and over development of the countryside.

- 6.4. UTT/21/2261/HHF** Proposed conversion of second floor creating dormers to front and rear, proposed new front porch and new chimney. Ugley Hall Farm, Ugley Road. **Councillors to look online at this planning application and send comment/objections to the Parish Clerk.**

Decisions made by Uttlesford District Council

- 6.5. UTT/21/1280/HHF** Proposed side extension to existing dwelling, with new garage and stable block to rear of garden. Little Hudson Lodge, Field Gate Lane. **Refused. The proposal is unacceptable by reason of its size, design, and layout, because it will lead to over-development of the site and material harm to the character and openness of the countryside.**

- 6.6. UTT/21/1258/FUL** Proposed demolition of an existing stable block and erection of one bungalow. Yard rear of Little Hudson Lodge, Field Gate Lane. **Approved.**

7. Clerk's Report

The Clerk is to contact Essex Highways Panel and ask if the 30mph signs either side of the motorway bridge could more prominent. The signs are not clear, and drivers are speeding, it is on a bend and there are often parked cars along this stretch of road. Signs painted on the road would be more noticeable to drivers.

A new bench has been installed on Ugley Green, dedicated to the late Cllr. Tony Turner. Mrs. Rose Turner paid for the bench.

It was agreed to continue to have two poppy wreaths.

8. Financial Report

Cash Statement, July 2021

Balance brought forward	<u>£8,843.92</u>
Mrs Turner	£ 441.62
Total	<u>£9,285.54</u>
Internal Auditor	£ 50.00
Insurance	£ 262.15
L Johnson	£ 14.49
Uttlesford Association of Local Councils	£ 5.00
HMRC	£ 152.40
Hilbery Turf	£ 384.00
L J Johnson	£ 610.05
Total	<u>£,7,807.45</u>

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

The Parish Clerk to investigate what is required for installing a defibrillator at the village Hall.

10. Meeting Closed at 8.22pm.