

# **Ugley Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 17 January 2022 in the Ugley Village Hall**

### **Present:**

Cllr. Nick Shutes (Chairman), Cllr. David Cross (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr. Matt Francis, Cllr. Clayton Powter, Cllr. Roger Pryor,  
Cllr. Elizabeth Reay and Mrs. Louise Johnson (Parish Clerk).

### **Members of the Public:**

Mrs. Lynda Webb and Essex County Cllr. Ray Gooding

1. Declarations of interest; None
2. To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr. Nick Bowers and District Cllr. Janice Loughlin.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 December 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **District Councillor's Report**  
Cllr. Loughlin sent the following report.  
The Leader of the Council stepped down and Cllr. Lees, has taken his place.

Most officers continue to work from home, but Councillors are expected to attend meetings as they are decision makers and must attend to vote.

Complaints have been received regarding the floodlit football pitch in Ugley. Enforcement Department had been informed that a planning application would be made, but this has not happened. Enforcement is now going to chase it; a stop notice may be applied until a decision is made by UDC.

5. **Essex County Councillor's Report**

Essex Highways are to improve the signage on the width restriction through Pound Lane and Ugley Green. Large vehicles have been reported as regularly using Pound Lane and churning up the narrow verges. The current signs are not enforceable, the new signs will give the police more powers to act.

Essex County Council budget for 2022 -2023 is £830 million; £650 million of that total is used for adult social care.

Cllr. Gooding is attending a meeting on Monday 24 January 2022 with Essex Cabinet Member, Lee Scott. On the agenda to be discussed is the state of Patmore Road and the continuing closure of North Hall Road.

Cllr. Reay said that plans should be put in place now to ensure that as soon as North Hall Road is reopened, Patmore Road is closed so repairs can be carried out on the road and verge immediately.

The signage to be erected in Patmore Road denoting that it is a 'Quite Lane' is on the Highways Panel agenda for the next financial year which starts 1 April 2022.

## **6. Planning Applications**

**6.1. UTT/22/0046/HHF** Demolition of existing garage/workshop and erection of ancillary outbuilding. The Cottage, Snakes Lane, Ugley. **No Comment.**

### **Appeals**

**6.2. UTT/21/0414/LB** Replacement windows. Holly Cottage, 2 Batts Row, Ugley Green. **Appeal dismissed.**

## **7. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk thanked Cllr. Ray Gooding for his contribution of £1,000 towards the village defibrillator from the Locality Fund.

The defibrillator should have been delivered this month, but due to a global shortage on microchips, there will be a lengthy delay and it is now due to be delivered in April 2022.

## **8. Proposal;** Ugley Parish Council request a precept of £7,000 for the financial year 2022/23.

The Chairman and the Parish Clerk sign the Precept Upon Charging Authority.

## **9. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Mrs. Lynda Webb would like to organise a village picnic on Ugley Green to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which would be held on Saturday 4 June 2022.

### **Items to purchase.**

- A marquee in case of rain. Cllr. Gooding said he still has £1,000 in the Locality Fund, but the request would need to be submitted this week. It was agreed that Mrs. Webb would look at the price of a marquee that would hold 100 people standing up.
- Flags, bunting and balloons.
- Flyers to post through every door in Ugley.
- Gifts, for the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, the Parish Council gave each household an engraved bone china cup. The cups are £15 each, it was agreed by the Parish Council that this would be too much to pay, and the precept would have to be increased to cover the cost. Other smaller gifts are to be researched.

### **Other things to be considered.**

- Music, sound system and electrics.
- Toilets, Cllr. Pryor has two portable toilets that he can provide for the day.
- Litter bins.
- Insurance, the Parish Clerk to contact the insurance company to see if extra cover is required.
- Road closure, for safety reasons Pound Lane should be closed.

## **10. Financial Report**

Cash Statement for January 2022 – Circulated.

### **Payments for signing;**

Village Hall	£ 90.00
L Johnson	£610.05
Tax and NI	£152.54
Expenses	£ 44.91
Norton protection	£ 89.99

**Bank Total** **£6415.86**

## **11. Any Other Business (no decisions can lawfully be made under this item).**

**There was no other business.**

## **12. Meeting closed at 8.35pm.**