

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held at Ullesthorpe Village Hall on 1st July 2024 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: Simon Smith, Julie Kavanagh, Hugh Robertson Smith and Hugh Edgley
Also present was Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk) and three members of the public.

24-122 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence

No apologies for absence received.

24-123 Declarations of interest

- a. To receive members' declarations of interest:** Cllr. Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to the Baldwins Charity, Joint Burial Committee, Marc Smith and Pre-School. Cllr. Kavanagh declared an interest in any matters relating to the Playing Fields Association, the Baldwins Charity and the Joint Burial Committee. Cllr. Edgley declared an interest in any matters relating to the Village Hall Committee.
- b. To receive and consider members' requests for dispensations:** Dispensations granted for Cllr. Smith, Cllr. Kavanagh and Cllr. Edgley to discuss and vote on items relating to their declared interests.

24-124 To receive an update on the casual vacancy

Cllr. Smith proposed co-opting Linda Buckland to UPC, Cllr. Edgley seconded the proposal, all agreed. Co-option will take place at the September meeting of UPC.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

AC and assistant joined the meeting.

24-125 To adjourn the meeting for contributions from other representatives and members of the public

- A resident who has lived in the village since 1993 attended to raise real concerns regarding the speed of traffic going through the village. They reported that the speed cars are travelling along Lutterworth Road is unbelievable. They want to fill in the questionnaire on the Road Safety website and see if they can reduce speeds. Cllr. Page advised of the limitations of the County Council and said that she could request the police to come out. The Speedwatch project was discussed, 12 volunteers are required to run the scheme and they need to attend a training course.
- Phil Hague has spoken to Piers Lindley regarding the clearance of footpath W86.
- It was reported that the Magna Park Country Park is looking good..
- It was reported that the bench at the end of Hall Lane and the bench near the playing field are both in need of refurbishment.
- It was reported that the definitive map of the road between Claybrooke Road and Manor Road is wrong.

COUNCIL SESSION

Two parishioners left the meeting at this point.

24-126 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2024

Cllr. Kavanagh proposed signing the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2024 as accurate, Cllr. Edgley seconded the proposal. The minutes are to be signed electronically.

24-127 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2024 not included on the agenda

- It was agreed that it is not financially acceptable for UPC to cover the cost of the streetlight on Forlesworth Road, Cllr. Page will ask Leicestershire County Council if they will adopt it and if not what the disconnection fees would be.

24-128 Matters arising from County and District Cllr. Rosita Page

Cllr. Page has been in regular contact via phone and email throughout the month with the Councillors and the Clerk updating and advising on issues concerning UPC and assisting with any concerns UPC have raised.

24-129 Financial Matters:

a. To note the bank reconciliation to 1st July 2024

The reconciled balance on the Parish Council bank accounts on 1st July 2024 is £20,933.15.

b. To review and consider payment of accounts

Cllr. Kavanagh proposed payment of the following accounts, Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal:

| CHQ. NO. | ACCOUNT | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
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| 0001657 | ICO | Data protection fee | £40.00 |
| 0001658 | S Jukes | Plants for planters | £26.72 |
| 0001659 | K Clarke | Parish Clerk salary and expenses (Jul 24) | £487.71 |
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c. To note receipts

| TYPE | RECEIPT | DETAIL | AMOUNT |
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| BACS | NatWest | Reserve account interest | £57.20 |

d. Other financial matters

No matters raised.

24-130 Planning Matters

- Planning applications:** no applications to consider.
- Any other planning matters:** no other planning matters raised.

24-131 To consider approval of proposed Reserves Policy

It was agreed unanimously that UPC adopt the proposed Reserves Policy.

24-132 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding Claybrooke Joint Burial Committee

Cllr. Smith advised that the cemetery has been inspected. The maintenance is not going to plan, however, the committee has met with a contractor and obtained pricing to get the cemetery back up to standard.

24-133 To receive and update and discuss matters arising at the Village Hall

- Cllr. Robertson Smith stated that the contribution by UPC of £2,500.00 to the Village Hall project was

not acceptable. He would like UPC to give assurance to the Village Hall Committee that it will sponsor activities to 'x' amount. Worst case scenario would mean an extra levy on the precept for 2025/26.

- UPC discussed the possibility of selling the mower that is no longer used to raise additional funds to support the project.
- Cllr. Edgley attended the Village Hall Committee meeting on 06.06.24. The Committee thanked UPC for their financial support.
- Cllr. Robertson Smith advised that the Committee is struggling to cover the costs of Phase 2 of the refurbishment project.

24-134 To receive an update regarding Ullesthorpe Playing Fields Association

There has been no further meetings and there is still no access to the bank account. Cllr. Kavanagh advised that they have tried to engage an accountant to verify ID documents etc, this didn't work out and they are now looking to engage a solicitor. Cllr. Kavanagh is going to suggest a meeting before the schools break up for the summer.

24-134 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding the railway cutting

- The second bench is scheduled to be fitted in August.
- A maintenance contractor is required to undertake some tidying up.

24-136 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding village maintenance

- It was reported that bungalows on Orchard Walk are empty, Cllr. Page will liaise with Platform Housing Group.
- It was agreed to hold the selling of the mower at the present time, UPC will put an advertisement for a contractor in The Swift Flash.

24-137 To discuss Parish Councillor training

No update to report.

24-138 To discuss social media communications

Item deferred.

24-139 To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence and consider any recommendations

Letter of thanks received from the Committee for the financial support.

24-140 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

- Updates on matters arising from agenda items above.
- Grass cutting.

24-141 To set the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council

The date of the next meeting of the UPC is Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm in Ullesthorpe Village Hall.

24-142 To resolve to discuss items of a confidential nature to be debated in the absence of the press and public. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to the Meetings) Act 1960 (due to the matters being protected by legal and professional privilege).

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No matters raised.

Cllr. Smith closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

APPROVED AS ACCURATE ON 02.09.24.