

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held at the Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall on 2nd October 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: Simon Smith, Marion Coombes, Julie Kavanagh and Hugh Robertson Smith

Also present was Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk) and four parishioners

23-167 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Mooney.

23-168 Declarations of interest

- a. **To receive members' declarations of interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct and Standing Orders:** Cllr. Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotments, Joint Burial Committee and pre-school. Cllr. Kavanagh declared an interest in any matters relating to the Playing Fields Association and the Village Hall Committee.
- b. **To receive and consider members' requests for dispensations in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct and Standing Orders:** No requests for dispensations received.

23-169 To receive an update on the ordinary vacancy and consider co-option

No update to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

23-170 To adjourn the meeting for contributions from other representatives and members of the public

- Residents asked for an update regarding the uncut grass verge at Fairway Meadows. The Parish Council advised that Harborough District Council and Leicestershire County Council have both confirmed that the land is not their responsibility. The Parish Council have contacted the developers, Bloor Homes, to find out what the arrangements are for the maintenance of the land, no response has been received. There is no registration for the strip at the Land Registry. The Parish Council will continue to try and get a response from Bloor Homes.
- Residents asked for an update on the rubbish being dumped outside a property on Fairway Meadows. The Parish Council advised that the Platform Housing Group have confirmed that they are responsible for the property and will arrange for the rubbish to be removed. The residents advised that further rubbish has been dumped since the original report.
- Residents asked for an update on the two streetlights that are on all the time. The Parish Council has reported the one on Main Street to Leicestershire County Council and the one on Fairway Meadows to Balfour Beatty who it belongs to.
- Residents asked for an update on the parking issues at the school. The Parish Council advised that the school have sent out two communications to parents and carers in recent days asking them to park considerately and carefully.
- A resident raised concerns regarding persistent speeding through the village. The Parish Council will contact Leicestershire County Council to ask them to assess options that may be available. The Parish Council will also investigate the Speed Watch Scheme. The Parish Council will also contact the local police to see if there is anything they can do to help.
- Clare Robertson Smith from the Village Hall Committee advised that the Committee have been successful in obtaining s106 funding and planning permission for the improvements to the village hall. The Parish Council congratulated the committee on their achievements.

Four parishioners left the meeting at this point.

COUNCIL SESSION

23-171 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023

Cllr. Smith proposed signing the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023 as accurate, Cllr. Kavanagh seconded the proposal. The minutes are to be signed electronically.

23-172 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023 not included on the agenda

Cllr. Smith will take a photo of the gap at the railway bridge and UPC will write to the bridge owner to find out whose responsibility it is.

23-173 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.

23-174 Financial Matters:

a. To note the bank reconciliation to 2nd October 2023

The reconciled balance on the Parish Council bank accounts on 2nd October 2023 is £22,651.96.

b. To review and consider payment of accounts

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

CHQ. NO.	ACCOUNT	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001619	CPRE	Annual subscription	£36.00
001620	E-on Energy Solutions	Maintenance contract	£26.40
001501	M Coombes	Litter picking refreshments	£19.82
001502	S Smith	Varnish for litter picking	£44.36
001503	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£497.17

c. To note receipts

TYPE	RECEIPT	DETAIL	AMOUNT
BACS	NatWest	Reserve account interest	£50.48

d. Any other financial matters

No other financial matters raised.

23-175 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications

- To consider planning application 23/01274/TCA
Works to trees (fell)
The Manse, Manor Road, Ullesthorpe

Resolved: The Parish Council has no comments to submit on the application.

b. Any other planning matters

No other planning matters raised.

23-176 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding Claybrooke Joint Burial Committee

There have been no further meetings of the Joint Burial Committee.

23-177 To receive an update regarding Ullesthorpe Playing Fields Association

Cllr. Kavanagh advised there has been a further meeting of the Association that was not quorate. There is a problem with the insurance which Cllr. Kavanagh is trying to resolve. There is a potential new Trustee that may also stand as Treasurer.

23-178 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding the railway cutting

- Cllr. Smith has obtained a quote for the distinctive entry point. It is proving difficult to obtain further quotes. Cllr. Smith proposed accepting the quote for the second design at a cost of £1,037.38, Cllr. Robertson Smith seconded the proposal.
- Cllr. Smith has had a walk through with the tree surgeon.
- The contractors that undertook the tree works are happy to erect distinctive entrance point. The oak has dried out and Cllr. Smith is obtaining quotes to get the wood planed.
- The Parish Council will endeavour to get the final parts of the project that Lottery funding was received for completed as soon as possible.

23-179 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding village maintenance

- There has been some social media activity regarding the bins at the playing fields.
- The Environment Group have been advised by Leicestershire County Council that they will be contacting parish councils to offer free markers for wildflower areas to help prevent any unauthorised cuts.
- Regarding issues with bins, Cllr. Smith will get photos of the bins on Claybrooke Road and Ashby Road.

23-180 To receive an update on the litter pick held on 24th September 2023

Cllr. Coombes provided an update on the litter pick, there were eleven people who joined the pick which was a success. Cllr. Coombes will arrange another pick in March 2024. Cllr. Smith thanked Cllr. Coombes for organising the event.

23-181 To discuss Parish Councillor training

Cllr. Smith has been booked on to the LRALC chairman's training course on 8th November 2023.

23-182 To discuss matters arising from Ullesthorpe Pre-School

UPC noted thanks to the pre-school for the wrap around care they are providing.

23-183 To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence and consider any recommendations

No correspondence received that has not been covered.

23-184 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

- Updates on matters arising from agenda items above.
- To receive a report on the Baldwins Charity and Allotments
- To discuss precept setting

23-185 To set the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th November 2023 at the Ullesthorpe Village Memorial Hall.

23-186 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).

The Parish Considered correspondence relating to legal proceedings.

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The meeting closed at 9.52pm.

APPROVED AS ACCURATE ON 06.11.23.