

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held at the Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall on 6th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: Simon Smith, Nick Mooney, Marion Coombes, Julie Kavanagh and Hugh Robertson Smith
Also present was Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk) and four parishioners

23-187 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence

Apologies for absence received from County and District Councillor Rosita Page.

23-188 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.

23-189 To receive an update on the ordinary vacancy and consider co-option

No update to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

23-190 To adjourn the meeting for contributions from other representatives and members of the public

- A resident thanked the Parish Council for contacting Bloor Homes to request that the green area on Fairway Meadows could be cut.
- A resident has contacted Alberto Costa MP regarding Rosita Page advising that he would not be able to do anything about the uncut green area on Fairway Meadows.
- A resident asked about school parking. Cllr. Coombes advised that The Chequers have offered use of the car park and that people are using it. The situation is not perfect but has improved.
- A resident asked about speeding issues, the Parish Council advised that the matter has been referred to Leicestershire County Council and they are waiting for a response.
- A resident asked if there were any rules regarding ball games on the green in Fairway Meadows. Cllr. Smith advised that he was not aware of any rules in place. Cllr. Coombes advised that the land does not belong to the Parish Council.
- A resident asked about the possibility of a bench on the green in Fairway Meadows. The Parish Council advised that permission would be needed from the developer.
- A resident asked about who is responsible for the street cleaning particularly in regard to the bridge.
- A resident thanked the Parish Council for their support with the issues at the cemetery and hopes that we can now move forward cohesively.

Four parishioners left the meeting at this point.

COUNCIL SESSION

23-191 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023

Cllr. Smith proposed signing the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023 as accurate, Cllr. Coombes

seconded the proposal. The minutes are to be signed electronically.

23-192 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023 not included on the agenda

Cllr. Robertson Smith advised that although the village hall has received s106 monies for the improvements to the village hall they need more to complete the project. Cllr. Smith suggested that the village hall committee submits a proposal for the Parish Council to review. Cllr. Smith advised that he recognises that the hall is a village amenity and would want to support it if possible.

23-193 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.

23-194 Financial Matters:

a. To note the bank reconciliation to 6th November 2023

The reconciled balance on the Parish Council bank accounts on 6th November 2023 is £29,623.73.

b. To review and consider payment of accounts

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

CHQ. NO.	ACCOUNT	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001507	Royal British Legion	Wreath and donation	£50.00
POA	Wellers Hedleys	Legal fees	£840.00
001508	J Horsfall	Defibrillator consumables	£400.80
001509	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£44.36

c. To note receipts

TYPE	RECEIPT	DETAIL	AMOUNT
BACS	Harborough District Council	Precept (payment 2 of 2)	£7,803.00

d. To discuss precept setting

Harborough District Council will release the precept figures in the middle of December with a submission deadline for the precept request in January 2024.

e. Any other financial matters

No other financial matters raised.

23-195 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications

No planning applications to consider.

b. Any other planning matters

It was noted that there will be an options consultation in January / February 2024 regarding the SHELAA.

23-196 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding Claybrooke Joint Burial Committee

Some of the historic documentation has been delivered to Harborough District Council and has now been collected by the Joint Burial Committee. It was noted that there are several items unaccounted for.

23-197 To receive an update regarding Ullesthorpe Playing Fields Association

- Cllr. Kavanagh advised that they have appointed a new trustee who will act as Treasurer.
- The committee are currently in the process of obtaining cost estimates for replacing the equipment in the play area.
- The bins are scheduled to be removed and by-law signage is being sourced.

23-198 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding the railway cutting

- Cllr. Smith has spoken to Symbiosis who undertook the tree survey regarding planting schedules. The person who completed the survey has since retired, Symbiosis provided some recommendations for other companies who may be able to assist.
- The wood for the distinctive entry point has been collected by the joinery company to be jointed. Before the wood is returned Cllr. Smith has suggested a meeting between the joiner and the contractor who will be responsible for installing it.
- UPC will report the gap between the railway bridge and the wall to Leicestershire County Council.
- Cllr. Mooney proposed purchasing a simple bench from Glasdon to be sited at the far end of the railway cutting, Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal.

23-199 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding village maintenance

- It was noted that the vegetation overhanging from the first property on Ashby Road is growing quite significantly and will soon become a problem for cars. UPC will write to the occupants.
- UPC have confirmed that they would like the free markers they are offering for the wildflower areas to prevent cutting. The markers will be installed over the winter period.
- Cllr. Mooney proposed withdrawing the application to site the Platinum Jubilee bench opposite the shop, Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal. UPC will investigate alternative locations.

23-200 To discuss Parish Councillor training

Cllr. Smith is attending the LRALC chairman's training course on 8th November 2023.

Cllr. Kavanagh is attending the LRALC parish councillor training on 22nd November 2023.

23-201 To receive a report on the Baldwins Charity and Allotments

No report received.

23-202 To discuss the content of a Parish Council newsletter

It was agreed that UPC will issue a newsletter in January 2024.

23-203 To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence and consider any recommendations

Harborough District Council are running a consultation on polling station suitability. It was agreed that the village hall remains the most suitable location for a polling station in Ullesthorpe.

23-204 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Updates on matters arising from agenda items above.

23-205 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 4th December 2023 at the Ullesthorpe Village Memorial Hall.

23-206 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.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.

APPROVED AS ACCURATE ON 04.12.23.