

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th February 2019 at Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr Lesley Chamberlain, Cllr Simon Smith, Cllr Hugh Robertson Smith and Cllr Phil Hague.

In attendance: Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk) and District and County Cllr Rosita Page.

19-001 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Paul Longhorn and Cllr Alison Cave.

19-002 To receive Declarations of Members' Interests on items on the agenda

Members are asked to declare personal interests in any item on the agenda. Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct which took effect from 7 August 2012 provides that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interest at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is prejudicial they should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.

No declarations of interest received.

19-003 Matters arising from the public

None.

19-004 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018

The minutes were signed as a true record.

19-005 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2018

- Cllr Robertson Smith provided some feedback on the Unitary Authority Meeting he attended in December.

19-006 Planning applications

- **18/02120 | Conversion of stables and outbuilding to a dwelling | White House, Main Street, Ullesthorpe**

Resolved: UPC has no objections and no comments to make on the application.

19-007 Financial matters including the setting of the precept requirement for 2019/20

- Accounts for payment:
 - RBL Poppy Appeal – wreath and donation - £50.00
 - T J Robinson – bench installation £118.00
 - Euromec Contractors – mower servicing - £307.50
 - Ullesthorpe Village Hall – 2018 room hire - £165.00
 - Harborough District Council – emptying of bins - \$150.79
 - K Clarke – salary and expenses – £262.58
- The reconciled balance on the current account at 4th February 2019 was £12,345.52.
- The reconciled balance on the reserve account at 4th February 2019 was £15,323.78.
- The financial forecast for 2019/20 has been circulated to the Parish Council. Using the forecast figures the Parish Council discussed the precept requirement and the different options available.

Cllr Chamberlain proposed setting the Precept requirement for 2019/20 at £12,162.00, Cllr Robertson Smith seconded the proposal, all agreed.

19-008 Update and discussion on the Railway Cutting

Cllr Hague is liaising with the contractor regarding a start date for the project. A risk-assessment needs to be undertaken for insurance purposes.

19-009 Matters arising from the Councillors of Ullesthorpe Parish Council

- Cllr Robertson Smith circulated an article from the Harborough Mail regarding a planning decision in Foxton which did not take their Neighbourhood Plan into consideration. A disappointing response to the article from Cllr Phil King at Harborough District Council was also circulated.
- Cllr Robertson Smith reported that the verges on Ashby Road have been badly damaged.
- UPC have received a request for a contribution towards the maintenance of the wooden village sign opposite the shop. UPC has no objection.
- Cllr Smith has visited the primary school to discuss their long-term plans.
- Cllr Smith reported that there had been a large turnout for the Police Community Patch Walk with representative from multiple agencies in attendance.
- Cllr Smith reported that there is still overgrown vegetation on Manor Road.
- Cllr Smith reported that there is overgrown vegetation on the road next to the speed warning sign.
- Cllr Smith reported that the footpath along Claybrooke Road is overgrown.
- Cllr Hague reported that the yellow lines on the road outside the village hall and the school road markings need to be repainted.
- UPC need to find someone to undertake the grass-cutting in the village.
- Cllr Hague advised that he will be standing down as a councillor at the next AGM.

19-010 Matters arising from District and County Councillor 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.

19-011 & 19-012 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

- Responses to the modifications to the Local Plan need to be submitted to Harborough District Council by 12 noon on 26.02.19.
- Notification from Volker Fitzpatrick regarding the closure of Mere Lane.

19-013 Items for a future meeting

None.

19-014 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.45pm in Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.45pm.

Signed as accurate by Cllr Lesley Chamberlain on 04.03.19.