

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 4th November 2019 at Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

Present Councillors: Hugh Robertson Smith, Geoff Turley and Simon Smith.

In attendance: Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk), District and County Councillor Rosita Page and four members of the public.

The Chair is unable to attend the meeting. Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Clerk asked the Vice-Chair, Cllr Robertson Smith to Chair the meeting. At this point Cllr Robertson Smith asked the councillor's present if they agreed. Cllr Smith and Cllr Turley had no objections to Cllr Robertson Smith chairing the meeting.

19-140 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lesley Chamberlain, Cllr Stephanie Oswald and Cllr Paul Longhorn.

19-141 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.

19-142 To note any questions or comments from the public (15 minutes)

- A parishioner noted a vote of thanks to the all those involved in the railway cutting project.
- A parishioner requested that the footpath behind Green Gardens (*prior to signing the minutes as accurate it was noted that the property is located on Fairway Meadows, not Green Gardens*) is cleared as overgrowing vegetation is encroaching Green Gardens.
- A parishioner asked the Parish Council to investigate the implementation of raised kerbs at the bus stops on the main road.
- Two parishioners attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council why they had made a unanimous decision not to support an application to extinguish the footpath behind Green Gardens. Cllr Robertson Smith advised the parishioners of the reasons as detailed in the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019. The parishioners advised that they were unhappy with the decision and asked the Parish Council to reconsider the matter.

19-143 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019

- Cllr Smith noted that under agenda item 19-137 the amount committed by the Baldwins Charity to the playing fields was £400.00, not £500.00 as recorded in the draft minutes. The Clerk annotated and initialled the final minutes to note the correct amount prior to signing.
- Cllr Turley proposed signing the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019 as accurate, Cllr Smith seconded, and Cllr Robertson Smith agreed. Cllr Robertson Smith signed the minutes.

19-144 To review any actions arising from the meeting held on 7th October 2019

- There are still brambles etc. to be removed on Claybrooke Road. Cllr Turley will send some images to Cllr Page. The bush outside La Cabana was planted by a previous occupant of the property on

highway land. In summertime it obstructs the view of the road. The bush could be maintained and kept to a reasonable size or it could be removed which would make grass cutting easier.

- The Clerk has reviewed websites offered by Hugo Fox which seems suitable for the Parish Council. Cllr Turley and Cllr Oswald are meeting with Maggie Pankhurst on 11.11.19.
- The Clerk has contacted the Environment Group as detailed in the minutes of the meeting held on 07.10.19. Cllr Robertson Smith will speak to Sue Rowell.

19-145 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.

19-146 Financial Matters

a) Bank Reconciliation to 04.11.19

The last bank statement received, dated 04.10.19, has been reconciled to the cash book. Copies of the reconciliation have been circulated to the Parish Council. The reconciled balance is £35,878.16.

b) Accounts for payment

Cllr Smith proposed and Cllr Turley seconded payment of the following accounts, Cllr Robertson Smith agreed:

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001300	LRALC	Councillor training	£40.00
001301	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£338.45
001302	CPRE	Annual subscription	£36.00
001303	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath and donation	£50.00

19-147 Planning applications

a) To consider planning application 19/01595/REM

Variation of conditions 8 (highways design standards) and condition 9 (off-site highway works) of 16/00373/OUT to extend time scales

Land North side of Ashby Road, Ullesthorpe

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the application and fully supports the response of the Local Highway Authority to the application dated 23.10.19. The Local Highway Authority objected as it does not consider the application to be in the best interest of highway safety for the dwellings to be occupied prior to the delivery of the site access or the required offset highway works. The proposed variation of conditions may prove especially detrimental to pedestrians and vulnerable users who may be residing in the new dwellings without having a safe and suitable access to appropriate pedestrian infrastructure.

19-148 To receive an update on the railway cutting project

The Parish Council reported that work has started on the project.

19-149 To receive an update on village maintenance

Cllr Turley advised that once the railway cutting project is complete he will obtain quotes for replacement fencing.

19-150 To receive an update on environmental matters

No update on environmental matters to report.

19-151 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

The initial Neighbourhood Plan meeting with the Neighbourhood Plan Consultant and the Rural Community Council will take place on 07.11.19 at 7.30pm at The Chequers Pub, Ullesthorpe.

19-152 A.O.B. – FOR NOTIFICATION ONLY

- A councillor raised concerns about a drain on Claybrooke Road that is potentially blocked and leaking. The councillor will send an image of the drain to Cllr Page and the Clerk to report to Leicestershire County Council.
- A councillor enquired about the precept-setting process. It was noted that the maintenance of the railway cutting needs to be included in any budget planning.
- A councillor raised the matter of the single streetlight on Frolesworth Road that is the responsibility of the Parish Council asked that it is included as an agenda item at the next meeting.
- A councillor advised that a parishioner has approached the Parish Council regarding a dead tree has been felled on the green at Fairway Meadows, currently managed by Harborough District Council. The parishioner has requested that if a replacement tree is planted it isn't a beech tree due to allergens.
- A councillor noted that the footpath at the rear of Green Gardens would be an ideal location to provide a quiet place for disabled access, a bench could be provided where residents could sit and overlook the railway path and provide a nice spot for bird-spotting. This would also preserve the historic nature of the path.
- Cllr Turley will investigate the cost of signs for the village entrances to be discussed at the next meeting.

19-153 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

- A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order from Leicestershire County Council for Main Street for one day on 18.11.19 to undertake carriageway patching.
- A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order from Leicestershire County Council for Ashby Road for two days from 26.11.19 to undertake carriageway patching.
- Details of the unitary proposals received from Leicestershire County Council, details have been circulated to the Parish Council in case they wish to submit any comments.
- Notification of Consultation on Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) from Harborough District Council, the consultation period is from 20.11.19 to 08.01.19, details have been circulated to the Parish Council for them to submit comments
- Notice from Claybrooke Joint Burial Board that the precept for 2020/21 will be £1,131.00. This amount is based on an electorate of 754 and is an increase of £28.50 on 2019/20.
- Email from Balfour Beatty re. railway cutting project.
- Cllr Smith has advised that there are problems with the mower that need repairing. Cllr Robertson Smith has sent a letter to Euromec advising of the issues. Cllr Smith advised that he believes the mower is in a robust condition and would be happy to take on maintenance of the mower for 12 months, the problems that the mower is currently experiencing need repairing urgently. Cllr Smith has received quotes for the parts needed which will cost approximately £330.00 plus VAT. Cllr Turley proposed Cllr Smith to undertake repairs under Financial Regulation 4.1, Cllr Robertson Smith seconded, all agreed.
- The Clerk advised that a parishioner has contacted the Parish Council regarding the poor state of the children's play area at the playing fields. The Clerk has reported the matter to the playing fields association but has not received a response. The Clerk will contact the association again.
- The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the budget will be being reviewed prior to submitting the precept request for 2020/21 to Harborough District Council in January 2020. Any items for precept consideration should be submitted to the Clerk asap.

- The A5 Action Group have requested the support of the Parish Council, the Parish Council will discuss the matter at their December meeting.
- The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that if they wish to comment on the Community Governance Review by Harborough District Council the deadline is 31.01.20.

19-154 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7.45pm in Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall. Members of the public are welcome.

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.25pm.

Signed as accurate by Cllr Chamberlain on 02.12.19.