

## ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held in Ullesthorpe Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Present Councillors:** Simon Smith, Hugh Robertson Smith, Geoff Turley, Marion Coombes and Nick Mooney.

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

#### **21-105 To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence received.

#### **21-106 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.

#### **21-107 To note any questions or comments from the public (15 minutes)**

Two parishioners attended from the Environment Group and advised that there has been a lot of progress with the project and the grass has been cut back on both sites. To get a decent result the areas need to be scarified. The seeds will be put out in patches rather than the entire area. The Environment Group have prepared a report with four options for the areas:

- Option 1 – scarify only
- Option 2 – scarify and plant yellow rattle seeds
- Option 3 – scarify, plant yellow rattle & wildflower seeds, sites should improve each year – c. £110
- Option 4 – invest in turf that has been pre-seeded, should give a good result quickly, ongoing implications would be scarifying and cutting each year - c. £200 – 300

*Resolved: Cllr Turley, Cllr Smith, Cllr Mooney and Cllr Coombes all voted in support of Option 4, Cllr Robertson Smith voted in support of Option 3. The Environment Group will proceed with implementing Option 4.*

- The condition of the village entry signs has been reported to Leicestershire County Council. UPC are now waiting for an inspection of the signage to see if the County Council would be prepared to replace them.
- The Environment Group noted that the troughs at the village entry signs are difficult to plant and don't look great and asked if they can be relocated. Cllr Page suggested retaining the troughs for now. UPC requested that conifers are removed from the troughs as they obstruct the signs.

#### ***Three parishioners left the meeting at this point.***

- Phil Hague attended the meeting to discuss the railway cutting. He advised UPC that there is an undertaking to install a bench and entrance archway and improve security to the railway bridge. UPC advised that a palisade fence has been installed on the face of the bridge.

#### ***The fourth parishioner left the meeting at this point.***

#### **21-108 To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Cllr Mooney proposed approving the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 as accurate, Cllr Smith seconded the proposal, all agreed. The minutes will be signed electronically.

**21-109 To approve adoption of revised Standing Orders to remove all virtual meeting regulations**

Cllr Turley proposed adopting the revised Standing Orders to remove all virtual meeting regulations, Cllr Robertson Smith seconded the proposal, all agreed.

**21-110 To receive an update from the Environment Group**

Matter dealt with under agenda item 21-107.

**21-111 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.

- Cllr Page advised that a working party has undertaken on some clearance on the railway line.

**21-112 Financial Matters**

**a. To note the Bank Reconciliation to 06.09.21**

The last bank statement received, dated 05.08.21, has been reconciled to the cash book. The reconciled balance on the account is £25,850.34.

**b. Accounts for payment**

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

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001461	HDC	Emptying of waste bins	£162.89
001462	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£348.38

**21-113 Planning Matters**

**a. To consider planning application 21/01278/FUL**

Erection of a single storey rear extension, two storey side extension comprising car port and additional floorspace to first floor, porch to front, increase to roof pitch and raising of ridge height, conversion of attic to create habitable accommodation to first floor, dormers to front and rear, change to fenestration and addition of render

The Bungalow, Manor Road, Ullesthorpe

*Resolved: The Parish Council has comments to submit on the application.*

*UPC have no objections to the development in principal but suggests serious consideration is given to the discharge of the main surface water run-off for the village which may run under this site.*

**b. To consider planning application 21/01534/FUL**

Erection of a single storey extension to existing residential outbuilding to create a self-contained annexe

Mill Side, Mill Road, Ullesthorpe

*Resolved: UPC is concerned that by virtue of massing and sizing this application is too ostentatious for the plot detracts from the historical setting of the mill.*

**21-114 To discuss any matters arising regarding village maintenance and environmental matters**

Three of the councillors undertook a village walkaround in early August. It was noted that the village sign, sited opposite the shop, needs some maintenance which needs to be addressed relatively quickly. Cllr Robertson Smith will speak to the person that originally made the sign to find out what preservative method is best. UPC need to look at the condition of items we have already got around the village and improve those items before acquiring lots of new stuff. Obtain quotes.

**21-115 To consider the railway cutting prospectus circulated by Cllr Robertson Smith**

- Cllr Smith noted that the proposal is a well laid-out document but expressed concern at what the associated costs would be and the potential usage.
- Cllr Robertson Smith stated that there is an amenity which as it stands in his view is decrepit and the question is what UPC do with it.
- Cllr Page was concerned that there would be great costs and an awful lot of problems. UPC have an oasis and she would like to see it maintained as such.
- Cllr Turley felt that putting wood on paths and planting etc. was a good idea. He is not against the project but not 100% sold on it. Cllr Turley suggested UPC should ask the village if it is something they would want.
- Cllr Mooney was concerned about potential noise pollution. He stated that it is not a bad idea, but is it too big a project for what Ullesthorpe wants right now?
- Cllr Robertson Smith demonstrated some prototype models for seating etc.
- It was resolved that UPC would consult with parishioners until the end of the year. Details of the proposal will be put on the website and Cllr Robertson Smith will be available at 7.00pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to answer any questions from members of the public.
- Cllr Smith advised that there are several dead and diseased trees that need to be removed for health and safety reasons. Cllr Smith will obtain pricing for these works and for fencing.

#### **21-116 To receive an update on the Joint Burial Board**

Cllr Robertson Smith has met with the Clerk to the Joint Burial Board and the Claybrooke Magna representative in his roles as UPC representative.

#### **21-117 To consider plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022**

Cllr Mooney advised there will be a lot of activity over the weekend. Cllr Mooney would like to contact all the groups and organisations in the village to co-ordinate plans. Cllr Mooney is happy to co-ordinate the project.

#### **21-118 Clerk's Report and Correspondence**

A parishioner has contacted UPC regarding speeding within the village. They would like to know how Claybrooke Magna obtained their speed mitigation measures. Cllr Page advised that s106 funding had been used and that speed concerns in Ullesthorpe have been assessed on several occasions by Leicestershire County Council.

#### **21-119 A.O.B. – FOR NOTIFICATION ONLY**

- Cllr Smith reported a hedge encroaching the footpath on Hall Lane.
- Cllr Smith reported that the Frolesworth Road sign, opposite the Hall Lane entrance has been hit and is leaning over.
- Cllr Smith reported footpath overgrowth between the rear of Green Gardens and Fairway Meadows.

#### **21-120 Date of next meeting**

- The next ordinary meeting of UPC will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm at Ullesthorpe Village Hall.

***The Chair closed the meeting at 10.13pm.***

**Approved as accurate on 18.10.21.**