

ULLESTHORPE

Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council on Monday 2nd February at 7.30 pm at Ullesthorpe Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Simon Smith, Linda Buckland, and 1 member of the public. Also the acting clerk. Also 2 police officers from Market Harborough Police.

Agenda - The business transacted at the meeting was as follows:

Preliminary:

26-23 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence.

Apologies for absence received and accepted from Councillors Hugh Edgley and Julie Kavanagh.

As the meeting is not quorate no decisions will be made and any decisions will be deferred to the next meeting.

26-24 Declarations of interest

a. To receive members' declarations of interest

Cllr Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to the Baldwins Charity, Joint Burial Committee, Mark Smith Education Charity and Ullesthorpe Preschool. Cllr Buckland declared an interest in any matters related to the Baldwins Charity.

b. To receive and consider members' requests for dispensations

Dispensations granted for Cllrs Smith, and Buckland to discuss and vote on items relating to their declared interests.

26-25 To receive an update on the casual vacancy and the possible appointment of another councillor.

No update.

Public Participation Session (15 minutes)

26-26 To adjourn the meeting for contributions from other representatives and members of the public.

A member of the public raised the issue of excess speed of traffic through the village. The police officers explained that they have places where they use speed guns in the village when resources allow. Also that speeding is an issue county wide so resources are spread thinly.

A councillor asked if vehicle thefts are a problem in the village. The police officers explained that this is not a significant problem locally, however it is a national problem related to valuable cars being broken down for spares.

A member of the public raised an issue with speeding tractors in the area of the village. The police officers explained that tractors tend to be treated differently to cars, however officers

will enforce speed limits for tractors also.

A councillor raised a concern about the road junction immediately past the garden centre on the route to Lutterworth where a village resident was recently hit by a crossing car and other accidents have occurred recently. The police officers recognised the issue which is similar to a junction near Dunton/Ashby where the Fire Brigade have requested a mirror be installed for safety reasons; Highways have not yet installed a mirror.

A councillor asked about the local crime statistics. The police officers explained that Ullesthorpe is relatively low in crime.

A question was asked about Anti Social Behaviour locally. The police officers explained that there are no recent reports of this locally.

A councillor raised the issue of underage drivers in the Ullesthorpe and Lutterworth areas, citing instances of the youths changing drivers by shops in some cases. The police officers explained that in order to prosecute they must catch offenders in the act of driving vehicles. They also explained that Intel, for example photos and videos, help them to locate and target repeat offenders, and that all Intel is treated as anonymous; the more Intel they get the more chance they have of catching the offenders.

Council Session:

26-27 To sign as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2026.

Cllr Smith proposed, Cllr Buckland seconded, minutes approved.

26-28 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 acting clerk updating and advising on issues concerning UPC and assisting with any concerns UPC have raised.

26-29 Financial Matters:

a. To note the bank reconciliation to end January 2026.

The reconciled balance on the Parish Council bank accounts on 28th January 2026 is £45,294.18. Signed by Cllr Smith.

b. To approve accounts for payment.

Date	Payee	Invoice Number	For	£
05/01/2026	R Twiss		Clerk's Wages	400.00
14/01/2026	Hugo Fox	22203	Website Hosting	143.86
16/01/2026	HMRC		January PAYE	80.00
19/01/2026	AEH Accountancy	4340	Payroll Services	72.00

Cllr Buckland proposed the payments as above, Cllr Smith seconded. Invoices approved for payment and cheques issued.

c. To note receipts.

Date	Receipt	Detail	£
31/12/2025	Harborough DC	Section 106 Grant	15,245.00

d. To discuss the precept setting for 2026.

Precept was submitted and a confirmation email received.

e. Other financial matters.

All required changes have now been made to the bank account.

26-30 Planning Matters:

a. Discuss and agree comments re Planning Consultation 25/01565/OUT.

Comments can still be submitted, either online or by emailing planning@harborough.gov.uk, quoting the planning ref number and they will add to the system.

Comments to be discussed at next meeting.

b. Any other planning matters.

None

26-31 Correspondence:

- a. Update on the request from a resident on Main Street re work to the trees adjacent to their property (trees on UPC land). – planning permission required**
Clerk to ring HDC planning and find out what we need to do and get costings.

b. Any other correspondence.

None

26-32 Updates from sub-committees.

Deferred

26-33 To discuss the standing orders.

Deferred

26-34 To discuss potential support to community organisations.

Deferred

26-35 To discuss flooding on Main Street towards Claybrooke.

A resident has unblocked a drainpipe in a watercourse and the current indication is that the flooding from the field onto the road has abated.

- 26-36 To status of request for police attendance per previous minutes.**
Two police officers attended this meeting.
- 26-37 To discuss changes required to the Parish Council website and potentially councillors' emails.**
Deferred
- Also to discuss CJBC website requirements.**
Deferred
- 26-38 To discuss progress on changes to the postal address for the Parish correspondence.**
No update at this time – deferred.
- 26-39 To discuss village maintenance:**
Cllr Buckland has taken some pictures of the tree overgrowing a lamppost to forward to County Councillor Page.
- 26-40 To discuss progress on the S106 application and subsequent spend.**
Funds have now been received, Cllr Smith is in contact with the contractors arranging works.
- 26-41 To discuss possible applications for future funding from the Community Action Fund (CAF).**
Deferred
- 26-42 To discuss progress on responses to the public spaces consultation.**
Deferred
- 26-43 Any other business.**
How do we ensure we have a presence at the Magna Park CLG meetings?
Clerk to let Cllr Smith know the name of the parish councilor who attends to ask him how he got onto the invitee list.
- Use of Nuisance Parking Leaflet per emails from County Councillor Page. Deferred.
- Meeting dates for April and May to be booked with the Village Hall.
Clerk to email Cllrs re potential meeting dates for April and May (first Monday is a bank holiday for both months).
- 26-44 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.**
Update on training
- 26-45 To consider the date and time of the next meeting.**
Monday 2nd March
- Meeting concluded at 9.15

SIMON SMITH **CHAIRMAN** **2nd March 2026**