

## ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

**In attendance:** Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk).

#### **21-153 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Geoff Turley and District and County Cllr Rosita Page.

#### **21-154 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.

#### **21-155 To note any questions or comments from the public (15 minutes)**

No parishioners present.

#### **21-156 To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

- Cllr Smith proposed approving the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 as accurate, Cllr Mooney seconded the proposal. The minutes will be signed electronically.
- Cllr Robertson Smith asked UPC to revisit the decision to contribute £50.00 to the retirement gift for the Clerk to the Joint Burial Board, he proposed increasing the contribution to £100.00. It was resolved to keep the contribution at £50.00 in line with the contributions from Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva.

#### **21-157 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.

#### **21-158 Planning Matters:**

##### **a. To consider planning application 21/01949/FUL**

Erection of a single storey rear extension and alteration to side elevation - La Cabana, Frolesworth Road, Ullesthorpe

*Resolved: UPC has no comments to submit on the application.*

##### **b. To consider planning application 21/02038/FUL**

Erection of a single storey rear extension, porch to front, increase to roof pitch and raising of ridge height, conversion of attic space to create habitable accommodation to first floor, dormers to front and rear, change to fenestration and addition of render (revised scheme of 21/01278/FUL) - The Bungalow, Manor Road, Ullesthorpe

*Resolved: UPC has no comments to submit on the application.*

##### **c. To consider planning application 21/02060/OUT**

Outline application for the erection of 6 holiday accommodation units and related car parking and pathways (access and layout to be considered) – Ullesthorpe Court, Frolesworth Road, Ullesthorpe

*Resolved: UPC objects to the application and has comments to submit.*

**21-159 Financial Matters****a. To note the Bank Reconciliation to 06.12.21**

The last bank statement received, dated 05.11.21, has been reconciled to the cash book. The reconciled balance on the account is £30,878.40.

**b. To approve accounts for payment**

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

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
	Claybrooke JBB	50% of reserve fund for cemetery extension	£2,457.50
	H Robertson Smith	Fuel for mower	£105.93
	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£379.37

**c. To discuss precept setting for 2022/23**

Cllr Smith proposed that the precept requirement for 2022/23 is increased to give a 4.5% increase in Council Tax, Cllr Robertson Smith seconded the proposal, all agreed. *Post-meeting note: Following the release of the tax base figures by Harborough District Council on 14.12.21 it is confirmed that the Precept requirement for 2022/23 is £15,480.00.*

**21-160 To discuss village gateway pricing and the Highway Members Fund**

Cllr Robertson Smith advised that he is very much against the purchase of village entry signs. He strongly feels that Leicestershire County Council are responsible for the signs and should have perpetual responsibility to ensure they are maintained and in good condition. Cllr Smith agreed and commented that UPC cannot justify spending over £4,000.00 on new signage. Cllr Mooney proposed that the project is abandoned as it is not financially viable at this time, Cllr Smith seconded the proposal, all agreed.

**21-161 To discuss matters arising at the railway cutting**

- Cllr Smith is working with Phil Hague to obtain pricing for a bench and archway.
- UPC unanimously agreed that Cllr Smith should obtain quotes for a tree survey.
- The railway cutting consultation runs until 31.12.21.
- Cllr Robertson Smith and Cllr Smith have undertaken a walkabout of the railway cutting to identify any immediate issues.

**21-162 To discuss any matters arising regarding village maintenance and environmental matters**

- It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Smith should obtain costings for getting the village memorial sign opposite the shop professionally restored to prevent further deterioration.
- Cllr Smith has looked at the mower re. servicing and will arrange for an oil and filter change. Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Robertson Smith for the work he has undertaken cutting the playing field during the year.

**21-163 To receive an update on the Joint Burial Board**

Cllr Robertson Smith reported the following:

- The new fence has been erected.
- There has been a trim round of all the tree and bush growth back to the boundary line.
- Bushes and trees for planting have not arrived yet.
- Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Robertson Smith for the update.

**21-164 To receive an update on the Baldwins Charity Annual Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The Charity held an annual meeting followed by a trustee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was a productive meeting, and it has been agreed to increase allotment provision by eight plots, the Charity will apply for s106 money for the project.

**21-165 To receive an update on the Parish Council Facebook page**

Cllr Coombes advised we have 95 likes and 195 followers. Posts are typically seen by between 60 and 464 people. Cllr Coombes noted that the posts can be shared and if shared to another page it is possible for people to comment. Cllr Mooney thanked Cllr Coombes for setting the page up.

**21-166 To consider plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022**

The group have decided to proceed with quality events rather than quantity. There will be a beacon on Thursday, beer festival on Friday night, event at The Chequers on Saturday afternoon / evening, band on Saturday night at the Village and on Sunday there will be a village picnic with games etc. The next meeting is planned for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**21-167 Clerk's Report and Correspondence**

Claybrooke Magna Parish Council have asked if UPC would support them applying for £331.00 of the s106 greenways money that has arisen from developments in Ullesthorpe to support a community project they are undertaking. UPC considered the request but felt that all funds are needed within the village to support the railway cutting project.

**21-168 A.O.B. – FOR NOTIFICATION ONLY**

- Cllr Coombes advised that there are potholes on the carriageway and damage to the verges around the Ashby Road development. There are also concerns about contractors parking on the road.
- Cllr Robertson Smith advised that the Court Farmhouse on Frolesworth Road has been demolished.
- Cllr Robertson Smith advised that the new bin on Green Gardens has been damaged.
- Cllr Robertson Smith advised that the tree guards have been stolen from the three walnut trees adjacent to the wildflower area at the entrance to the village. The guards need to be replaced and Cllr Robertson Smith asked UPC to consider funding the replacements, all agreed.
- Cllr Coombes suggested it would be a good idea to publish a newsletter in the new year. Possible content could include the Platinum Jubilee, Facebook page, village memorial sign, casual vacancy and the railway cutting consultation.
- UPC are concerned about the operation of Ullesthorpe Playing Fields Association.

**21-169 Date of next meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of UPC will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm at Ullesthorpe Village Hall. Post-meeting note: The meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was cancelled due to covid issues. The next ordinary meeting is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

***The Chair closed the meeting at 9.58pm.***

**APPROVED AS ACCURATE ON 01.03.22.**