

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held virtually via Zoom on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7.45pm.

Present Councillors: Lesley Chamberlain, Hugh Robertson Smith, Simon Smith and Steve Smith.

In attendance: Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk) and District and County Councillor Rosita Page and one member of the public.

20-135 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Geoff Turley.

20-136 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.

- Cllr Simon Smith declared an interest in agenda item 20-126.

20-137 To note any questions or comments from the public (15 minutes)

Suzanne Hayto attended the meeting to discuss wildflower provision in the village. It was agreed that UPC will submit application for wildflower verges to Leicestershire City Council for two sites, one on Lutterworth Road and one on Claybrooke Road.

At this point the Suzanne Hayto left the meeting.

20-138 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2020

Cllr Simon Smith proposed signing the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2020 as accurate, Cllr Robertson Smith seconded, all agreed. The minutes are to be signed electronically as per the temporary standing orders.

20-139 To review any actions arising from the meeting held on 5th October 2020

Update on actions not covered under other agenda items:

- The Clerk has sent Declarations of Acceptance of Office to Cllr Simon Smith and Cllr Robertson Smith to be signed and returned.
- Harborough District Council have confirmed that UPC are now able to co-opt a Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy.
- Cllr Page has found the contact details for the housing association to contact regarding the overgrown hedge at Orchard Walk.
- UPC have written to the residents of the White House and York House regarding the traffic cones placed on Main Street.
- UPC have submitted their consultation response to the Government White Paper on Planning Reform.
- UPC have contacted the Clerk at Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva Parish Council's to find out what reserves they hold for burial land provision.
- Cllr Simon Smith was unable to attend the recording of the service to lay the remembrance wreath, Cllr Robertson Smith stepped in at the last minute.

20-140 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.

20-141 Financial Matters**a) To note the Bank Reconciliation to 02.11.20**

The last bank statement received, dated 05.10.20, has been reconciled to the cash book. Copies of the reconciliation have been circulated to the Parish Council. The reconciled balance is £33,558.07.

b) Accounts for payment

- Cllr Chamberlain proposed and Cllr Robertson Smith seconded payment of the following accounts, all agreed:

CHQ NO	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001351	Harborough District Council	Emptying of waste bins – Jan 20	£156.41
001352	Harborough District Council	Emptying of waste bins – Oct 20	£159.70
001354	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£308.53

c. Other financial matters

UPC approve the costs of printing a newsletter to be distributed mid-December.

20-142 Planning Matters**a. Other planning matters**

No other planning matters raised.

20-143 To discuss environmental matters including wildflower verge provision

Matter discussed under agenda item 20-137.

20-144 To receive an update on village maintenance

Cllr Simon Smith has removed the brambles overhanging the railway bridge, adjacent to the bus stop.

20-145 To discuss the maintenance of the railway cutting

- Cllr Turley is in the process of preparing a long-term vision statement for the maintenance of the cutting and has circulated his initial document. Cllr Robertson Smith asked Cllr Simon Smith of the tree works he is investigating will have any impact on the vision statement. Cllr Simon Smith advised that the initial works were required for health and safety reasons, future tree works will tie-in with the vision statement.

20-146 To discuss grass cutting provision for 2021

- Leicestershire County Council will undertake the main cuts for Ullesthorpe in 2021.
- It was proposed that Cllr Simon Smith, Cllr Robertson Smith and Cllr Turley could undertake the grass cutting at the playing fields on a rota basis.
- Cllr Robertson Smith agreed that of an additional village cut was need for an exceptional reason he would be prepared to do it.

20-147 To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

No update received.

20-148 To discuss s106 contributions

Cllr Simon Smith advised UPC that the Baldwins Charity Trust are looking at developing additional allotment provision, it was noted that there is potentially s106 funds available at Harborough District Council.

20-149 To discuss the precept requirement for 2021/22

UPC discussed the precept requirement for 2021/22. The Tax Base and Band D figures will be released by Harborough District Council in December. It was noted that provision needs to be made for the maintenance of the railway cutting and for the expansion of the burial ground.

20-150 A.O.B. - FOR NOTIFICATION ONLY

- Cllr Robertson Smith advised UPC that Harborough Mail have featured an article on the Scarecrow Competition.
- Cllr Simon Smith advised that he has obtained a choke cable for the mower.
- Cllr Simon Smith is concerned about the road damage from lorries using Frolesworth Road.
- Cllr Simon Smith advised that the overgrown hedge on Claybrooke Road has been cut.

20-151 Clerk's Report and Correspondence

The Clerk advised that Brian Fowler has asked if anybody from UPC would like to join the Zoom Remembrance Service. Cllr Robertson Smith and Cllr Simon Smith will join.

20-152 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.45pm and will be held remotely via Zoom.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.53pm.

Signed:

Date: