

ULLESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ullesthorpe Parish Council held at the Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall on 4th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors: Simon Smith, Marion Coombes, Hugh Robertson Smith and Julie Kavanagh
Also present was Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk) and four parishioners

24-042 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence

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

24-043 Declarations of interest

- a. To receive members' declarations of interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct and Standing Orders:** Cllr. Smith declared an interest in any matters relating to the allotments, Joint Burial Committee, Marc Smith and pre-school. Cllr. Kavanagh declared an interest in any matters relating to the Playing Fields Association, the Joint Burial Committee and the Village Hall Committee.
- b. To receive and consider members' requests for dispensations in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct and Standing Orders:** Dispensations granted for Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Kavanagh to discuss and vote on items relating to their declared interests.

24-044 To receive an update on the ordinary vacancy

UPC have received some expressions of interest. One candidate was in attendance at the meeting. Cllr. Smith proposed that Hugh Edgely is co-opted to the Parish Council, Cllr. Coombes seconded the proposal. UPC will make the co-option an agenda item and will co-opt Hugh at the April UPC meeting.

24-045 To receive an update on the casual vacancy

No update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

24-046 To adjourn the meeting for contributions from other representatives and members of the public

- Phil Hague advised that he will arrange for a plaque with the benefactor details on for the archway at the railway cutting.
- A resident advised that the Frolesworth Road sign, opposite Hall Lane, needs replacing.
- A resident advised that there is an extremely overgrown hedge at 6 South Avenue. UPC will contact the agents responsible for marketing the property.
- Representatives from Claybrooke Magna and Claybrooke Parva attended to discuss a village fete they are holding at the end on Sunday 30th June 2024. They asked if Ullesthorpe would like to participate. Cllr. Smith advised that he thought it was a good idea but the village finds it difficult to get volunteers for events. Cllr. Coombes will pass on the details of the two volunteers who were considering holding an event previously to see if they are interested in getting involved.

COUNCIL SESSION

24-047 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024

Cllr. Kavanagh proposed signing the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024 as accurate, Cllr. Coombes seconded the proposal. The minutes are to be signed electronically.

24-048 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2024 not included on the agenda

No matters raised.

Three parishioners left the meeting at this point.

24-049 Matters arising from County and District Cllr. 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.

24-050 Financial Matters:

a. To note the bank reconciliation to 4th March 2024

The reconciled balance on the Parish Council bank accounts on 4th March 2024 is £22,282.46.

b. To review and consider payment of accounts

Cllr. Coombes proposed payment of the following accounts, Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal:

CHQ. NO.	ACCOUNT	DETAIL	AMOUNT
001639	K Clarke	Newsletter	£172.63
001640	NatureSpot	Annual website fee	£50.00
001641	S Jukes	Village planters	£97.97
001642	K Clarke	Expenses	£60.00
001643	Clear Insurance	Mower insurance	£336.39
001644	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£493.99

c. To note receipts

TYPE	RECEIPT	DETAIL	AMOUNT
-	-	-	£0.00

d. Any other financial matters

No other financial matters raised.

24-051 Planning Matters

a. Planning applications:

- To consider planning application 24/00139/FUL

Erection of 7 new dwellinghouses

Land South-West of Playing Field, Ashby Lane, Ullesthorpe

Resolved: The Parish Council objects to the application and has comments to submit, the Parish Council supports Cllr. Page in calling in the application to the Planning Committee.

b. Any other planning matters

No other planning matters raised.

c. To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan process was started in 2017. A resident has contacted UPC to ask why there isn't a Neighbourhood Plan in place. Cllr. Page advised that to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan you

need volunteers, a secretary and a consultant which is costly. It was agreed that UPC does not have enough manpower at this time to undertake the task. Cllr. Smith proposed deferring a decision on the future of a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage, Cllr. Kavanagh seconded the proposal. UPC will contact Harborough District Council to see if the Neighbourhood Plan area can be redesignated to remove Bittesby.

24-052 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding Claybrooke Joint Burial Committee

Cllr. Smith advised that a meeting was held on 13th February 2024 and a working party was held on 3rd March 2024.

24-053 To receive an update regarding Ullesthorpe Playing Fields Association

- Cllr. Kavanagh advised that a meeting was held in February, mainly to discuss s106 grants.
- Three quotes have been obtained for play equipment, assistance with grant applications is being received from a lady who is experienced in the process.
- Negotiations are on-going with the bank.

24-054 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding the railway cutting

- The bench has been ordered from Glasdon UK, once it arrives UPC will arrange for the bench to be installed.

24-055 To receive an update and discuss matters arising regarding village maintenance

- Cllr. Smith will send the Clerk images of the damaged Frolesworth Road signage.
- It was noted that Leicestershire County Council have been to look at the blocked drainage system on Claybrooke Road and have put in a maintenance request.

24-056 To discuss Parish Councillor training

It was noted that LRALC do not have any scheduled dates for Cemetery Training at present.

24-057 To receive the Clerk's report on correspondence and consider any recommendations

- Communication regarding a Neighbourhood Plan as detailed in agenda item 24-051c above.
- The Environment Group have provided an update on the wildflower verges.

24-058 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Updates on matters arising from agenda items above.

24-059 To set the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council

The date of the next meeting of the Parish Council is to be confirmed due to the Easter Bank Holiday.

24-060 To resolve to discuss items of a confidential nature to be debated in the absence of the press and public. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to the Meetings) Act 1960 (due to the matters being protected by legal and professional privilege).

No matters raised.

Cllr. Smith closed the meeting at 9.49pm.

APPROVED AS ACCURATE ON 30.04.24.