Minutes of Ulley Annual Parish Meeting 25 May 2016, Village Hall 6.30 pm

Chair – Peter Hubbard, Chair of Ulley Parish Council

Present – 6 residents and Councillors David Wing

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to
discuss issues relating to the village, including what had worked well and any
concerns residents may have.

2. The previous minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and were
signed by the Chair.

3. The Chair reported on the past year. A great deal of work had been undertaken
by volunteers maintaining and improving the recreation ground. Work
continues with RMBC to agree on a lease for the Parish Council to take
over responsibility for the recreation ground.

4. Ulley in Bloom was again very successful, and a bid has been submitted to the
Halifax Fund for the planting and the hanging baskets this year.

5. Dead trees have been removed and the verges in the village were much
improved as a result. In addition, volunteer litter pickers had made a significant
contribution towards the upkeep of the village.

6. The village hall had just had cushioned seating installed, funded from the Banks
Fund.

7. The community events had not always been well supported last year, but we are
looking forward to better attendance in the coming year. However, the Well
Dressing was successful and another one is planned for June this year.
Additionally, a street party is planned for June this year. The childrens
Halloween and Christmas parties and Christmas meals for the over 60s are also
planned for 2016.

8. Concerns were expressed by residents as to traffic passing through the village,
and a 20mph was thought to be beneficial. However, RMBC had concluded that
the traffic and accident statistics did not meet the criteria required for such a
speed limit.

9. The general state of highways and footpaths were of concern to residents, who,
the Chair suggested, should continue to complain directly to RMBC. In this
regard, the Parish Council had invited a senior officer from RMBC to attend a
Parish Council meeting to explain its approach to the various highway related
matters. However, no response has yet been received.
10. The improved broadband service is due next year, and thanks for this go to David and Katie Wing.

11. The Halifax Fund is now operating, and the first tranche of bids have been received.

12. A question was asked about bids for the Halifax Fund. The Chair advised that the Parish Council will consider bids, and report the results in its minutes. Forms for bids are available from any councillor or the Clerk. The Chair further advised that the fund runs from May to May each year, but that any unspent funds carry over into the following period.

13. An area near Philip Lovely’s property was considered a disgrace over a 5-6 yard stretch, as nothing had been done to maintain this for 2 years. It was asked if this could be addressed via the Halifax Fund. The area is, apparently, private property, and if the owner agreed, it was possible that a bid could be made, though this may also need Sitwell’s agreement.

14. The issue relating to the wall on Main Street is on-going; the Parish Council is in contact with RMBC’s Conservation Officer, about possible enforcement action. Concern was also expressed about the condition of the wall bordering the pub and the field. This was said to be the brewery's responsibility, and the public were encouraged to complain directly to the brewery.

15. Concerns were also expressed about potholes on Main Street, and the dangerous effect they have on traffic. Again this is a RMBC responsibility, and the Parish Council is taking up such matters, though with little success currently. The Chair reiterated that the point of asking RMBC to send a senior officer to a Parish Council meeting was to enable residents to attend and raise their concerns directly, whilst also hearing at first hand, RMBC’s position. Residents’ frustrations were understandable, and the public should continue to complain directly to RMBC.

16. In response to comments on the permissive footpath, the Chair said that the Parish Council was working on this, and awaiting the Halifax estate’s views. Sitwell estates had already agreed in principle to a permissive footpath. This would also need RMBC and DEFRA’s input.

17. The road sign at Penny Hill Lane was thought to be in the wrong place. The Chair said that efforts were being made to identify the correct position for the sign. The next workabout group in June would tidy up an identified area and consider moving the sign.

18. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24 May 2017.