

**Minutes of the Ulley Parish Council Meeting**

**held at the Village Hall, Ulley at 7.00 pm on 26th February 2025**

Members: Cllrs: R Robson (Chairman), S Hubbard, C Myers

Apologies: Cllr W Cooper (Ulley PC), Jake Richards (MP), Dawn Thomas (RMBC)

In attendance: Sarah Whitaker (Clerk), Cllr Robert Taylor (RMBC), Cllr B Clark (Thurcroft PC) 5 members of the public

A public session of 15 minutes was held prior to the formal Council meeting, in accordance with Section 3 of the Council’s Standing Orders. This was increased to 40 minutes as directed by the chairman of the meeting to discuss important items.

1. **Whitestone Solar Farm –** A discussion took place regarding the solar farm. RMBC will be a statutory consultee during the process. Any objections raised are recommended to be sent to RMBC Planning department.

Cllr Clark, Chairman of Thurcroft PC, suggested we work together to raise objections, The Chair of Brampton Village Association will facilitate this.

It was suggested that RMBC could invite representatives from each Parish Council effected to meet and speak on behalf of their parishioners. Cllr Taylor will take this suggestion to RMBC for consideration.

1. **Speeding** – It was raised that we have not had a response from PC Cooper in relation to speed monitoring. The narrow pavements increase safety issues. There are cars parking on pavements which is dangerous. Cllr Clark (Thurcroft PC) confirmed that their local Councillors had funded their speed bumps after many years of campaigning.
2. **Push Mower –** A resident queried whether the mower was still broken – clarified this has been repaired.

**67/24 To receive and approve any apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received by Cllr W Cooper.

**68/24 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**69/24 To consider any matters to be excluded from the public.**

There were no matters to exclude.

**70/24 To approve and sign the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27th November 2024 and the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 29th January 2025.**

**Resolved: The minutes of the meetings be approved as a true record.**

**71/24 To receive written applications and to co-opt a candidate to fill the vacancy for Parish Councillor.**

There were no applications received.

*Items 10 and 15 on the Agenda were brought forward to accommodate Cllr R Taylor (RMBC) and Cllr B Clark (Thurcroft PC)*

**72/24 To receive an update on Speeding and Highway matters.**

1. Resurfacing of footpaths – This has now been completed, no further action required.
2. Village petition – This has been completed and handed to RMBC.
3. Traffic Issues – Cllr Hubbard met with Nat Porter (Interim Head of Transportation Infrastructure Service, RMBC), following the meeting the VAS sign as now been relocated, and the HGV signs chased. It was confirmed that tackling speeding concerns in Ulley are not a priority for RMBC. Await a summary of the meeting from Nat Porter along with data from the satellite speed monitoring system. Residents are encouraged to continue to report incidents to RMBC. **Resolved: Cllr Hubbard to chase Nat Porter. Clerk to follow up speed monitoring with PC Cooper.**

**73/24 To discuss the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm**

Discussions in the public session were noted. A unified approach with Thurcroft PC was agreed. **Resolved: Clerk to forward UPC objections to Planning, RMBC and contact any residents who have copied UPC into their objections to do the same.**

**74/24 To receive a report from the Millennium Trust**

A very successful Xmas 2024. 2025 dates, tbc, but will include, gin night, summer bbq, race night, Halloween party, brass band concert and possible social nights. A new regular booking of tai chi has been confirmed.

**75/24 To discuss the Village Hall Repairs**

The current manager of the Royal Oak is leaving and the pub will be vacant until a new manager is found.

**Resolved: Clerk to contact secretary of MT to ask if they would be prepared to take back the project and liaise with the brewery to enable the required work to the Village Hall to take place?**

**76/24 To consider any issues arising from the management of the Play Area.**

1. **Monthly & WeekIy Inspection report -** Nothing new to report, still low risk. The broken ‘no dogs’ sign near the new shed has been removed, this needs to be repaired. Algae on the boulders needs removing, suggested a family day at the play area to help. **Resolved – Clerk to check the warranty terms of the HAGs equipment. Cllr Robson to take over weekly inspections from Cllr Myers. Cllr Robson to assess the broken sign. Clerk to ask for the ‘family day’ to be advertised in the newsletter, date tbc.**

**77/24 To receive an update on the new shed for storage of equipment.**

1 new key and a kay safe has been purchased. All costs have been reclaimed from HEUVG.

**78/24 Grounds Maintenance**

1. **RMBC maintenance schedule –** The clerk requested the dates of actual cuts but has had no response. **Resolved – Clerk to chase the request and copy in the Parish Council Liaison Officer.**

**79/24 To receive an update on the phone box and approve a HEUVG bid.**

It was highlighted that gold paint will be needed for the crown.

**Resolved**: **£396 HEUVG approved.**

**80/24 To discuss Ulley in Bloom 2025**

**Resolved: £1,000 HEUVG approved.**

**81/24 To receive an update on the Risk Assessments for the Equipment**

No update.

**82/24 Discuss Cyber Security Requirements and Backing up Files**

Cyber cover does not prevent an attack but covers data loss investigation, recovery and data breaches. Based on the level and classification of data processed we are considered quite low risk

**Resolved: Considering risk vs cost, no cyber cover insurance to be taken, Clerk to record on risk assessment and continue backing up files.**

**83/24 To note any Planning Applications received since the last meeting**

Planning Applications and updates noted.

**84/24 To receive a financial update including;**

1. To receive a report to 31st January 2025, including Bank Reconciliation, Payments for Authorisation & Budget vs Actuals.

**Resolved: The following items were authorised for payment:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 04/11/24 | HMRC | Clerks Tax October 24 |  £ 76.40  |
| 19/11/24 | EDF  | Electricity Village Hall |  £ 83.45  |
| 21/11/24 | RMBC | Hedge Trimming |  £ 2,353.02  |
| 28/11/24 | Hobsons | Ulley in Bloom |  £ 1,200.00  |
| 28/11/24 | Flexiform Business | Shed |  £ 2,908.01  |
| 29/11/24 | Scottish Water | Water Village Hall |  £ 52.72  |
| 03/12/24 | Whitaker, S | Clerks Salary November 24 |  £ 246.56  |
| 03/12/24 | RMBC | Basket Swing |  £ 1,884.91  |
| 03/12/24 | RMBC | Election Costs |  £ 55.38  |
| 06/12/24 | HMRC | Clerks Tax November 24 |  £ 61.80  |
| 17/12/24 | EDF | Electricity Village Hall |  £ 109.32  |
| 02/01/25 | HMRC | Clerks Tax Dec 24 |  £ 61.60  |
| 06/01/25 | SSE Energy | Electricity Village Hall |  £ 130.07  |
| 07/01/25 | Whitaker, S | Clerks Salary Dec 24 |  £ 246.76  |
| 17/01/25 | EDF | Electricity Village Hall |  £ 138.74  |
| 20/01/25 | Broadfield Mowers | Servicing of Equipment  |  £ 450.02  |
| 31/01/25 | Whitaker, S | Shed Key |  £ 22.00  |
| 31/01/25 | Whitaker, S | Shed Key Safe |  £ 69.95  |
| 31/01/25 | Whitaker, S | Clerks Salary Jan 25 |  £ 317.91  |

**Balance – Current £5,431.06 Reserve - £4,238.72**

1. Renewal of Insurance contract – The contract is due for renewal 18 May 25, this is before the next scheduled meeting. **Resolved: To agree by email.**
2. Renewal of Electricity contract – Fixed until May 2027.
3. Review of asset register checklist – **Resolved: Cllr Robsn and the Clerk to complete the checklist.**

**85/24 To consider a review of policies, including:**

1. Standing Orders – **Resolved: Agreed**
2. Asset Register – **Resolved: Agreed**
3. Risk Assessment Procedure – **Resolved: Amendments needed**
4. Statement of Internal Control - **Resolved: Agreed**

**86/24 To consider any general correspondence received, including:**

1. White Rose Update– no update.
2. CAP Meeting – no update
3. PC Network Meeting – not attended.
4. Request for Memorial Bench – Agreed with conditions.
5. VE Day 8 May 2025 – no plans

**60/24 To consider any agenda items and arrangements for the next Meeting of the parish council to be held on 21st May 2025 –** none.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed …………………………(Chairman). Date: 21st May 2025