

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ULTING PARISH MEETING HELD AT CROUCHMAN'S BARN ON TUESDAY 20th MAY 2025 AT 7.30PM

Those present: Cllr Irene Allen (Chair), Cllr Lester Magness, Cllr Jenny Clemo, and Theresa Trotzer Wilson (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr Simon Morgan (Maldon District Council)

Members of the public: 5

Apologies: None received

1. Minutes of the last Annual Meeting – 21st May 2024

The minutes were read out by the Chairman, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report.

Firstly, I must once again give a vote of thanks to everyone on the Parish Council for their sterling work in the past year.

It was, as always, a delight to meet so many villagers and friends at the Bonfire night on 3rd November, and grateful thanks go to everyone who helped build the bonfire itself, and also organised the setting off of the fireworks – always a delight to watch. The occupants of Ulting Lane were inconvenienced for three weeks while the entrance from the B1019 was (finally) investigated for all the flooding that we have endured. This meant a long trek through Ulting (to access Chelmsford) or Hoe Mill (to access Maldon) and, being a very narrow lane, meant that there were several 'close call' incidents where oncoming traffic, often going far too fast, meant difficulties in passing. Thankfully things have returned to normal after they found five leaks under the road, and we await to see if the works have really done the trick.

In March we welcomed our new Parish Clerk, Theresa Trotzer Wilson, and she is proving to be a very valuable member of the team. I would like to pass on grateful thanks to John Clemo who stood in as temporary clerk after our previous clerk, Justine Atterbury, had to relinquish the post. Just when he thought he had left the Parish Council behind after stepping down as a Councillor himself.

I would also like to record grateful thanks to everyone who took part in the Litter Pick on 29th March. We were joined by our new Parish Clerk and her daughter which was a great delight. Sadly, although some parts of the villages seemed to have less litter, other parts had more, and the bags weren't really man enough to take all the bumpers, wing mirrors and other car parts that we seem to collect each year.

The Art Show this year was again great success, and grateful thanks must be passed on to the organisers who did such a great job, and to everyone who helped in any capacity – from car parking to making the tea. An especial thanks go to the makers of the wonderful cakes. It was a boon to those of us volunteering that the show closed at 4 p.m. each day as it can be exhausting and that extra hour in the past had caused some fatigue for those working there. Sadly, I don't have the figures to hand, but I know we did very well.

Thanks are due once again, to Colin Ashby and his team for keeping the churchyard and cemetery of St. Giles' looking so good, and to Alan Marks and his sons for keeping the green in Ulting Lane well mown.

We should also mention the arrival of the new Lord of Ulting, John Wright, who will be visiting us again in July. John hopes to meet everyone at a tea party in Langford & Ulting Village Hall, and to get to know more of us. He is very enthusiastic about his new role, and is keen to get people interested in all things heraldic.

Finally, I would like to record my own thanks to those members of the public who attend and take an interest in what goes on in our communities. It can often be a lonely task being a Parish Councillor, and one that is often misunderstood as the public can sometimes over-estimate our powers. However, with the limited ones that we do have, we aim to do our best for the communities that we serve, so thank you all for your support.

4. Items from parishioners.

Pot holes in Bumfords Lane were mentioned.

Hare coursing earlier in the year that was reported to the Police was mentioned.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:58pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: