

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 17th February 2020

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs H Shaw and Mrs L Newman

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor D Towns

Also in attendance 9 parishioners

64/19 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident asked what was happening with the shop as it had been sold. He raised this concern as he lived opposite and was worried about parking and traffic using his drive to turn around. The Chairman stated that he did not know what was happening with the shop but knew it had been sold to someone in the village.

A resident asked if anyone knew about an application being submitted for telegraph poles at the camping and caravan site.

The owner of the site was in attendance and he confirmed that he had put in an application for power for the 15 pitches on his site. There had been some discussion about which pole it was being taken off but he stated he did not need permission it would just be done.

The resident asked the owner if there were any plans to put a house on the site and he confirmed that there were not.

The Chairman that the Parish Council had not raised any concerns about the site other than the access.

The owner stated that there was agreement to change the speed limit to 40mph following discussions with Northumberland County Council and it was hoped the work would be carried out in the new financial year.

Councillor Mrs Newman asked if it would be possible to include something in the promotional material for the site asking users not to use Ulgham Ford to access the site and the owner thought this was a valid point and he would include this in the documentation.

He indicated that he was proposing to have motorhomes and trailer tents as he was concerned about the potential for travellers trying to use the site.

A resident reported that a sign had been knocked down in the village and it was stated that this had been reported at the last meeting.

65/19 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 January 2020.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

66/19 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Library Consultation

This item was deferred from the last meeting. The deadline for comments was the 18th March. The Clerk reported that the Library service were keen to hear from as many users as possible.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

(ii) Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) Alcohol consumption in designated Spaces

Information relating to the above had been received from Northumberland County Council and comments were required by 2 March 2020.

Members considered the information but did not feel it was relevant to Ulgham.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

(iii) Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee – Request for grant

A letter had been received from the Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee asking for a donation towards the cost of holding the 53rd Gathering in Morpeth between the 18th and 20th April.

RESOLVED – A grant of £50 be approved.

67/19 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

A meeting had been held on 23rd January 2020.

Plans for VE Day 75 had been discussed and it was likely that events similar to those held for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee would be held. A tea party would be held at the playing field on Friday 8th May which was a bank holiday this year instead of the Monday. Food and entertainment would be provided. An item would be placed in the newsletter regarding this event. There would be a small team of people who would help with organisation.

The Chairman of the UVA had spoken to Steve Lowe as suggested at the last meeting. Mr Lowe was the co-ordinator for the Northumberland Rivers Catchment and he had provided a few ideas of what can be done at the meadows which were outlined to the meeting. This included getting some volunteer help from universities who were looking for practical work which he had contacts with.

The Chairman of the UVA and the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council had met with Peter Barratt from the Community Foundation to look at the meadows. He had advised not to do anything on the site until the weather had improved. He also suggested that before the Management group stated doing anything it would be a good idea to monitor the area.

The Chairman of the UVA also asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to meet half of the cost of producing the newsletter at a total of £108. This was agreed.

Councillor Brown asked if the veteran he had mentioned at the UVA could be involved in the celebrations. He also mentioned that Mrs Brown would be happy to help if required.

RESOLVED – The information be noted and the contribution towards the newsletter be approved.

68/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was noted that the following accounts were now due for payment:

- (a) Clerk, February salary, expenses, £204.50
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) UVA – contribution to newsletter - £108
- (d) MNGC – donation towards event £50

69/19 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs Shaw mentioned a tree on the Croft at the end of the bungalows as you leave the estate was overshadowing the path and she asked if this could be reported to NCC. She also mentioned mud on the road next to the ford which was making it difficult to use. There was very little that could be done about this.

70/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 16th March 2020 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.