

# ULGHAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

## Committee Meeting

### Minutes

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Present: Helen Dunn (HD), John Carpenter (JC), Helen Shaw (HS), George Brown (GB), Kathleen Keay (KK), Jim Scott (JS), Barbara Chandler (BC), Lesley Newman (LN), Keith Lowes (KL), Pamela Lamb (PL), Tony Warlow (TW), Colin Tait (CT), Pauline Martin (PM), Maureen Shotton (MS)

1. **Apologies**

Pauline Martin is standing in for Eunice Cockburn (EC)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Item 10: JS stated that a steel gate would be cheaper rather than last longer, but a wooden gate would be more in keeping with the site.

4. **Officers' reports**

**Treasurer**

TW reported that David Duffield, who had offered to prepare a new bench for the Feast, has been ill and would not be able to do so before the Feast. The present holder of the bench is happy to comply and DD has offered to repaint the bench and supply ice-cream at the Feast. The alpacas that TW had hoped to invite to the Feast have already been booked elsewhere. There is £1443.16 in the bank and the statement was passed around. Sue Gill had sent a thank you card for the receipt of £100 in respect of insurance and equipment for the Little Owls Stay and Play group.

5. **Rendezvous**

HD had nothing new to report.

6. **Wind Turbines**

JS reported that he had received a letter from the panel processing board stating that there would be a delay in the panel setup and may not be ready for the May deadline.

7. **Ulgham War Memorial**

GB gave an update on the progress of the planning application for the work on this. A decision from NCC is expected after the 5<sup>th</sup> May with the DAC decision around the same time. If approved, the target date for completion is still November 2017.

8. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Veronica Duffield had nothing to report and no incidents had been reported.

9. **Ulgham Meadows**

JC said that the first annual cut of the grass verge should be done before the end of the month.

10. **Playing Fields Management**

JS and LN reported £644.99 remains in the bank. JS had not yet got a price for the replacement gate. TW said that Sue Gill had collected a lot of litter on her visits. There is a rubbish bin on the site. A sign will be put up.

11. **Ulgham Village Cricket Club**

CT said the season starts in 2 weeks. The field had the first cut in February, but it had been too wet for any further cuts. KL said work on the pavilion was on-going, with the interior refurbished, including the ladies toilet and remedial work completed in the gents toilet. The net at the end of the pavilion had been removed and they now have a mobile net. The planning application for the new garage is close to completion. Fundraising events include a Treasure Hunt on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May starting 6.30pm. This will be put in the newsletter. It was suggested that the fixtures be displayed on the notice board. The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be on 7<sup>th</sup> October, venue TBA.

12. **W.I.**  
PL said the total membership is now at 30. The plaque for the playing field seat had been ordered.
13. **Hanging Baskets**  
HD said that Sheila Caisley had bought the plug plants. Some brackets needed replacing. JS had the bracket from the Woodlands where the lamp post had been replaced, which was narrower. He was confident of finding a solution. Help in watering will be requested in the newsletter.
14. **Ulgham Feast 2017**  
Ben Caner has offered the use of a large marquis suitable for the steel band. JS will be away, but will ensure that the stocks and equipment he has will be available. TW will store items donated for the bric-a-brac stall, which HS has offered to man. A book stall and treasure hunt will be available. Classic Cars will be on display. BC will inform NCC of the event and more notices to be posted in local villages. The Pet Show will take place at 1.45pm.
15. **Village Website**  
BC reported that Barbara Jones was no longer able to update the website with Parish Council agenda and minutes. Mrs Mavin, the Parish Clerk had offered to update the website and BC was happy to give her access and instructions. A message had been left on the website Contact Us page and was passed to the relevant person.
16. **AOB**
- BC reported that Active Leisure Resorts, the company involved with the Blue Sky Project was in liquidation. HS and JS confirmed that the company involvement had come to nothing after due diligence had been carried out.
  - JS reported that the Parish Council is preparing an objection to the planning application for 25 house development at South Croft Stables, which was refused by NCC, but raised again on appeal.
  - JS said that The Forge will no longer be serving food.
  - GB had been asked to raise the profile of the Parish Council and Ulgham Village Association and a discussion followed.
  - KL suggested a revamp of the newsletter and a discussion ensued about advertising and changing the format of the calendar. It was pointed out that the newsletter is only produced by volunteers and for minimal cost, hence a single A4 sheet. The church already supplies a multi-page magazine with advertising for a small fee.
  - HD mentioned the PC minutes and agenda publication requirements. The Little Owls group had sent a thank you card for the donation towards the insurance costs. The issue of public liability insurance was raised for events in the WI Hall and on the playing field. It was decided that BC produce a flyer stipulating that all events are undertaken at the participant's own risk.
17. **Date and time of next meeting**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 7:30pm in W.I. Hall.  
AGM – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 7:30pm in W.I. Hall.