

ULGHAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday 12th April 2018

Present: Helen Dunn (HD), Keith Lowes (KL), Kathleen Keay (KK), Jim Scott (JS), Barbara Chandler (BC), Lesley Newman (LN), Tony Warlow (TW), Pauline Martin (PM)

Note: PC is for Parish Council

1) **Apologies**

George Brown (GB), Pamela Lamb (PL), Colin Tait (CT), Maureen Shotton (MS).

2) **Minutes of the last meeting**

Item 6: JS said the distances from the wind turbines was 3kms and 5kms, not 2-5 and 8kms. The minutes were agreed and signed.

3) **Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

4) **Officers' reports**

Treasurer

TW reported that the PC had put £200 towards the hanging baskets. £216 was paid to BC for printing the newsletter and the PC had contributed half the cost of £108. £100 has been paid to Little Owls to help cover costs. The drinks at the Christmas meal came to £93.05. £150 had been given to Sheila Caisley towards the cost of the hanging baskets, 12 in total. Total at bank £2441.81. TW was unhappy that the account at HSBC carried no interest. He had made enquiries at other banks to no avail. Virgin Money did have an interest-bearing Treasurer's Account, but it was deemed not worth the effort at .25%. HD showed everyone the Thank You card from the Little Owls.

5) **Village Association Matters**

a) **Rendezvous**

HD said funds have increased to £120. The atmosphere is very nice. Table-tennis and dominoes are still very popular.

b) **Neighbourhood Watch**

BC read out the report provided by Veronica Duffield. Not crimes reported for Ulgham in January and February. VD continues to post warnings from Action Fraud of various scams on the village website.

c) **Hanging Baskets**

HD said that Sheila Caisley has ordered the plants for the baskets. JS and Mike Dunn will put cable ties around the top of each basket to secure them as one had fallen last year. The double basket will be returned to the end of the Woodlands and the single basket will be put on the post opposite.

d) **Village Website**

BC reported that a new page had been created for the PC regarding policy and Data Protection law. The OwlFest and the All Stars Cricket flyers had been posted on the news page. CT had sent the cricket schedule in an email and BC printed them for HD and TW.

e) **Ulgham Feast 2018**

Saturday 7th July and the KEVI steel band is booked. Barbara Jones knew of a lady who would be happy to judge a Dog Show. It was decided that the Pet Show will have 2 sections, one for dogs and the other for general pets. JS will arrange extra rosettes. Some people have been unaware of the time of the Pet Show in the past, so a notice will be on display at both entrances showing the times. BC to ask Adrian Shotton if he will produce a flyer. PM is happy to distribute them. A few Classic Cars are available for display. Request for gazebo for KEVI Steel Band. Request for a site will be charged and should bring their own gazebo. PM said she has large outdoor draughts and snakes'n'ladders and would ask if Northumberland Sausage Co. was available. KK asked if UVCC would be holding a dance as in previous years. JS will provide stocks. Mr & Mrs Duffield will provide ice-cream. Sue Gill will provide a child play area. WI to provide refreshments. Books, Treasure Hunt and Bric-a-brac stalls too.

f) **Garden Sculpture 2018**

15/16th September - theme is to be Sport for All, following a long discussion as to whether a traditional scarecrow should be considered.

6) **Parish Council Matters**

a) **Wind Turbines**

JS reported that the first meeting of the panel had taken place. 8 grant applications were entered, of which 3 were rejected. The rejections had been wrongly submitted and were given advice how to re-submit changes. Total £38K awarded. The village had submitted applications for the War Memorial and for pointing the Church, and had been awarded £8k and £7k respectively. Awards for apprenticeships take priority. Minimum award of £500 to max of £10k. One award of £16.5k for school was granted outside area under discretionary rules. Cutting of tennis court hedge may be submitted. Each tranche totals £115k. Next session opens 25th June for 6 weeks.

b) **Ulgham War Memorial**

GB, in his absence, has written a report, see attached.

c) **Ulgham Meadows**

No report. The tree overhanging the ford is still causing an obstruction.

d) **Playing Fields Management**

LN said a letter from the bank stated £644 in the account, which has caused confusion and will make enquiries. JS reported all the signs about dogs on short leads had been removed and people had been reported exercising dogs on the grounds. New signs had been ordered. The child play equipment needs painting and a quote obtained for £220. KL will source the paint. TW said he thought there were many more dogs in the village.

7) **Representative Matters**

a) **Ulgham Village Cricket Club**

TW mentioned the All Stars Cricket promotion for 5-8-year-olds. KL said the season start had been postponed til 21st April due to the weather. Field was well-prepared then the snow came. All Stars starts 11th May, every Friday for 8 weeks. Costs £30 and includes uniform, bag, bat and ball. Average number per club is 21. 11 already registered. Treasure Hunt is on Wednesday 23rd May. A Quiz Night will be held in the pavilion in August, a day TBA. Ulgham Feast Day BBQ may not take place. Suggested that the UVA makes some arrangements. New garage plans are being drawn up, application to be submitted soon with a video containing aerial drone footage available on YouTube.

b) **W.I.**

PM said the WI catering competition organised by the owner of the Coach Inn at Lesbury changed the times and the team had to pull out. The Valentine's Dance was a great success. There are 3 new members. No new events soon, but the Warkworth Show in August and Marty Scraggs performance in November.

c) **St. John's News**

PM said that a new initiative arranged for Churches Together in a Pop-up Café in Widdrington Station Community Centre Thursday 9-12 for 6 weeks. OwlFest has grown to the full weekend of 5-7 May, 2-5pm each day at the church. Many donations already made for the exhibition. Many children's activities and refreshments have been organised. £1 an adult, 50p under 16. Old English Falconry will bring owls for displaying and handling on all the days. A treasure hunt finding letters to make words arranged for children, plus arts and craft. Request for bunting held by UVA. Advertising in Morpeth and papers. Parking will be guided to the playing fields.

8) **AOB**

- a. HD said that the ICO registration regarding Data Protection is £35 pa. However, the UVA is exempt on grounds of not for profit rules.
- b. BC distributed copies of the Constitution for review. It was agreed to make changes to bring it up-to-date at the Rendezvous, to be discussed at the next meeting and brought before the AGM in October.
- c. KL reported that Clive Johnson, the President of UVCC died from a heart attack on 10th March. His funeral took place on 26th March in Blyth.
- d. BC asked if general correspondence addressed to the UVA should be raised in meetings. It was agreed that only relevant correspondence should be raised.

9) **Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 13th September 2018 7:30pm in W.I. Hall.
AGM Thursday 11th October 2018 7.30pm in W.I. Hall.