

ULGHAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday 14th September 2017

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

1. **Apologies**

Helen Dunn (HD), Keith Lowes (KL). In the absence of HD, HS chaired the meeting. EC remains ill.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Item 14: It should be Ben Kaner and the spelling, marquee

The minutes were agreed and will be signed at a later date, as the secretary forgot.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

Item 16(2): JS reported that the planning application at Southcroft Stables had been unanimously rejected on the grounds of being outside the village boundary and on green belt land.

Item 16(3): this is incorrect and the Forge continues to serve food.

Item 16(4): HS said that a written profile of the Parish Council will be produced before Christmas.

Item 16(5): The calendar section of the newsletter has been changed and the new format is appreciated.

Item 16(6): Public liability for the playing field is covered by the PC insurance. BC had not yet produced the notice for the WI Hall and is tasked to do so.

4. **Officers' reports**

Treasurer

TW reported that there is £1583 in the bank and the statement was passed around. Eric Winton has audited the accounts. The 2017 Feast in July raised £152.10. He suggested a donation to Ulgham Film Club to help with the hire of the WI Hall. All agreed to donate £100. A discussion followed about the pros and cons of the cost of the Christmas meal. It was agreed that if UVA funds are insufficient to cover the cost that donations would be accepted from attendees.

5. **Rendezvous**

There was £50 in cash and the number of attendees varies. HS applauded its success.

6. **Wind Turbines**

JS reported that he had received an email from Peter Barrett stating that the fund had still not been set up, but applicants to the committee would hear soon. £50k had been put into the fund and will receive £13k each month. It is expected that the first meeting would be in January 2018 after members had received training. The maximum grant for large projects will be £80k and £40k for smaller projects.

7. **Ulgham War Memorial**

GB reported that planning permission had been obtained. The War Memorials Trust were waiting for a consultant engineer's report. £8.5k required for the work. It is possible that funding may be required from other sources.

8. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Veronica Duffield had not been asked to report. CT reported a burglary at the pavilion. A grass cutter had been stolen and attempt had been made at breaking into the container. GB reported that he heard a horse and trap coming thru the village at 7am most mornings. JS said that it came from Ashington.

9. **Ulgham Meadows**

JC said that Terry Patterson had donated a bench in memory of his wife, recently deceased, who had been a warden for many years. 2 cuts of the grass verge had been done. The 3rd cut still needed.

10. **Playing Fields Management**

JS and LN reported £644.99 remains in the bank. Gate to be replaced and hedge round tennis court to be cut. The children's equipment had been vandalised, but generally behaviour is good.

11. **Ulgham Village Cricket Club**

CT said planning application for the new garage is progressing. People had been found sitting on the tennis court and on top of the container. The memorial match for Peter Donkin had been played and his wife had donated a chair. The 40th Anniversary Dinner will be on 7th October in the Masonic Hall in Ashington. All past members were invited, including GB who was a founding member. There was a total of 250 previous members.

12. **W.I.**

PL reported a very successful Warkworth Show. The longest serving member had passed away just days before her 104th birthday. The double entrance doors to the hall are to be replaced. The piano is to be removed, but all inquiries required payment. GB to ask his RAF friends if they would help out. The Macmillan coffee morning is on Saturday 23rd September. Tea and cakes were provided to spectators of the Tour of Britain cycle race through the village on 4th September. A Craft and Table Top sale was taking place on Saturday 19th September.

13. **Hanging Baskets**

The baskets had now been taken down. Thanks were offered to all who helped with the watering.

14. **Ulgham Feast 2017**

TW reported that donations for KEVI Steel Band came to £160, which included sums from the Church and WI. He had been unable to find a better replacement for the megaphone, so did without one.

15. **Fireworks Display**

JS will use the same supplier. BC asked if the current risk assessment report was still valid. JS reported that it is valid as no changes had occurred. Soup, buns and sweets will be provided as in previous years. Eric Winton and TW will cover the main entrance. GB will supply brighter lighting over the main entrance. Cones will be put in front of the entrance to Orchard Close to prevent parking.

16. **AGM**

HD had suggested that the committee remains the same and the officers too, if everyone agreed. KK said she would be unable to attend.

17. **Village Website**

BC reported that messages continue to be left on the website Contact Us page, including one by Helen Groves regarding the haul road around the Cockles. JS and HS stated that this was being dealt with by the Parish Council.

18. **AOB**

- a. CT said that following the attempted break into the container an extra lock had been put on and keys were available.
- b. GB had found spare keys for the PC notice board.
- c. TW mentioned that the Indoor Bowls was to restart 4th October at 2pm. Evelyn Cuthbert who played regularly would be 90 on 26th September, so a small celebration would be arranged for her.

19. **Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 11th January 2018 7:30pm in W.I. Hall.

AGM – Thursday 12th October 2017 7:30pm in W.I. Hall.