

ULGHAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting

Minutes

Thursday 24th January 2019

Present: Helen Dunn (HD), George Brown (GB), Pamela Lamb (PL), Pauline Martin (PM), Jim Scott (JS), Barbara Chandler (BC), Tony Warlow (TW), John Carpenter (JC), Helen Shaw (HS), Colin Tait (CT).

Note: PC is for Parish Council

1) Apologies

Lesley Newman (LN).

2) Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

3) Matters arising from the minutes

Item 4 – BC noted that the termination clause has been kept in the Constitution as it may be required if subscriptions are applied in the future.

Item 6d – JS reported that the weeds behind the container which were of concern to the couple at 3 Manor Court had been resolved.

4) Officers' reports

Chair

HD reported that the new AV equipment was to be installed in February. PM had spoken with the company and installation would go ahead 19th/20th February. TW asked for an invoice for the accounts.

HD and HS had produced a new Safeguarding Policy document, which is required for events where children and vulnerable adults may attend. HS gave a detailed report of what was required. Any reports to HS and LN as the leads. All members should have a copy and one will be kept in the WI hall.

Treasurer

TW passed round a copy of the latest bank statement. £629 had been withheld until the installation of the AV equipment was completed. A grant had been obtained from the Community Fund. A shortfall will be split between the PC, UVA and WI. The balance at the bank is £2987.41.

For clarification purposes, Little Owls had produced 3 years accounts. TW then proposed and GB seconded a donation of £100 towards insurance costs.

Secretary

BC to raise an invoice for printing the village newsletter, £216. PC agree to pay half the costs.

5) Village Association Matters

a) Rendezvous

HD said the group is still well attended and table-tennis remains popular. There are funds in the bank and it is to be decided how it should be spent.

b) Neighbourhood Watch

BC had spoken with Veronica Duffield (VD) and crime reported still remains low for Ulgham. VD continues to post warnings from Action Fraud of various scams on the village website.

c) Hanging Baskets

HD said that Sheila Caisley is happy to provide the baskets for this year. TW will be able to provide funds for plants.

- d) **Ulgham Feast 2019**
The first Saturday in July is the 6th. Details shall be discussed in the next meeting.
- e) **Fireworks Display 2018**
All agreed that the display was brilliant. There was a surplus of soup; it can never be certain how much is required. The Coffee Van had been very popular. If Henry Hall requests the site for next year's display, it was suggested that the price should be £50. JS will arrange fireworks from the same supplier, but the cost will increase to £850. To ensure that visitors know that the price of the ticket includes soup, roll and drinks and sweets for the children, BC to print tickets with suitable text, to be handed to visitors on entry.
- f) **AGM**
BC still to produce minutes. A notice for nominations for offices and the date and time of the AGM will be printed in the August newsletter. A provisional date is set to Thursday 10th October.
- g) **Village Website**
BC reported that updating the website is very difficult due to other commitments. JS said that he would ask for help from his neighbour.

6) Parish Council Matters

- a) **Wind Turbines**
JS reported that the current window for grant applications opened on 17th Dec and closes 7th Feb, but had not been informed. No applications have been submitted yet; see next item.
- b) **Playing Fields Management**
JS reported that a bid for a grant to cut the hedges around the tennis court had been submitted to the Community Fund. If it is awarded, then the cutting should occur in the early autumn. CT and JS discussed changing the entrance gates around. Funds remain at £644.
- c) **Ulgham War Memorial**
GB reported all work was completed before Remembrance Sunday and the unveiling took place the week before. The grass has been reset. The memorial should be cleaned with only water as any detergent could cause damage and only with the PC consent. He said that this item can now be removed from the agenda.
- d) **Ulgham Meadows**
JC reported that a tree branch had fallen into the lay-by and had been seen to. A fallen tree is still lying in the ford, but since it does not impede drivers, neither the Transport nor Environment Departments will take responsibility. JS said that the hedges at the village end are to be trimmed.

7) Representative Matters

- a) **Ulgham Village Cricket Club**
CT said the All Stars Cricket promotion for 5-8-year-olds will take place again this year. Fixtures have been arranged and will be provided for the newsletter. Keith Lowes has a new role as Education Officer for Umpires for the Northern Region. The grass has already had a first cut. Games on a Sunday are open to all, any gender or age, just for fun. BC to include invite in the newsletter.
- b) **W.I.**
PM said the WI now had 29/30 members. St. Valentine's Dance was sold out. Costs for the electricity and insurance for new AV equipment will be covered by the WI.
- c) **St. John's News**
PL said that the re-pointing was completed. The Carol Service and Christmas Fayre were both well-supported. PM said tickets were still available for the Chinese Banquet on Monday 28th Jan. The Annual Quiz Night will be on 30th March, tickets £7 including a light supper.

8) AOB - None

9) Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 7:30pm in W.I. Hall.