

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 16th December 2019

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown and Mrs H Shaw

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor D Towns

Also in attendance 6 parishioners

48/19 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident asked if the Parish Council had any further information regarding the recent application for stabling near to the Ford on the road opposite to the Forge pub.

The Planning department had visited the site and he understood the work was on hold.

The Chairman stated that nothing further had been received to date however, the Parish Council had not objected.

49/19 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 November 2019.

Further to Minute 40/19, it was reported that nothing further had been received from the Police regarding the suggestion for a speed watch scheme in the village.

Another car had gone through a hedge about two weeks ago in the middle of the afternoon.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

50/19 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Ulgham Meadows Land

The Chairman reported that the purchase of the meadows land had been completed and the legal documents had been signed, witnessed and returned. The dispute regarding the fencing of the land had been resolved. The Chairman had spoken to the owner of the neighbouring land and he is willing to discuss this further with the Parish Council as the land was not suitable to allow access for fencing at the present time. The Council needs to find out what he wants in terms of type of fencing before tenders can be sought.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

(ii) Update re haul road

The Chairman had written to NCC asking for an update regarding the restoration of the haul road.

A response had been received and was summarised for the benefit of the meeting. The land had been sold to a local company at the end of the summer and therefore NCC were not in a position to take enforcement action against the previous owner. The current owners were aware of previous enforcement action and had agreed that the haul road would be restored and

that it was urgent given previous delays. It was understood that the current owner intended to produce a revised scheme which would be subject to the approval of NCC.

The agent for the owners has been contacted recently by NCC in order to understand their intentions and if they were not satisfied with their timescales, they would consider what further action to take.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

(iii) Asset of Community Value

The Chairman reported on further correspondence received from the co-owner of the Forge Public house.

This had been considered by Councillors and members had decided not to withdraw the application.

A letter had been received from County Council regarding the application and after consideration, they had decided that the building met the legal definition of 'community value' and therefore, it would be listed in the Public Register of Assets of Community Value for five years.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

51/19 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

The next meeting was due to be held in January 2020.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

52/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, December salary, expenses, £210.00
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham PCC – half share of 6th cut of churchyard - £60 and half share of Hedge cutting at churchyard - £120 = a total of £180
- (d) Northumberland County Council – payment for additional grass cuts in 2019-20 – £183.76

53/19 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Brown reported that he had received a complaint regarding parking on the footpaths again on the corner of Woodlands when a person in a wheelchair could not get past. Three cars were parked there in the morning. The Parish Council had no powers to deal with this obstruction other than speak to the home owner privately.

54/19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 20th January 2020 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.

It was reported that someone who works for Northumberland Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency would be attending the January meeting to discuss measures to be taken to improve the water quality within the River Lyne. This was part of a river basin wide project led by the EA. Contact had also been made with the UVA.