

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 18 February 2019

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)
Councillors G Brown, Mrs H Shaw and Mrs L Newman
Also, in attendance County Council D Towns and 3 parishioners

65/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

The Treasurer of the UVA asked if the Parish Council would make their usual contribution towards the newsletter. This was agreed.

66/18 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 January 2019.

Further to Minute 58/18 the Chairman reported that the hedge cutting works had been carried out at the ford and he felt that the Parish Council should meet the cost of the work.

In relation to Minute 59/18(iii) he reported that an application had been submitted to the Wind farm community benefit fund for hedge works at the playing field.

Further to minute 59/18 (iv) it was reported that a response had not been received from the planning officer.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

67/18 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Northumberland Local Plan – Publication Draft

The Clerk reported that the consultation in respect of the above document had commenced on 30th January and lasted until 13th March. This was the final document prior to independent examination and comments could only be submitted in relation to soundness. She had circulated information to the Council setting out what they had commented on in the July/August 2018 version of the plan and had examined the wording in the latest edition.

She reported that there was a drop-in session in Morpeth on Monday 25th February at Morpeth Town Hall between 2.00 and 7.00 p.m.

RESOLVED – The information be noted, and any comments be sent to NCC by the deadline of 13th March.

(ii) Information Commission – renewal of data protection fee

The Clerk had received a reminder from the Information Commission that the renewal of their data protection fee was due by 13th March. The fee was £40 but would be reduced to £35 if paid by direct debit.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council agree to make the payment by direct debit and the mandate would be signed by two members.

(iii) Email from resident re speeding traffic

The Clerk had circulated information received from a resident raising continued concerns about speeding traffic through the village, particularly later at night. The resident referred to an incident that had happened in the early hours recently which had resulted in the emergency services being called.

The Clerk had previously written to the Police last year raising the concerns of the resident but had not received a reply. She had emailed the Police again and had received a reply assuring the Parish Council that attention would be paid to the area when the community team were on late shift.

The resident had also asked that the speed indicator sign be checked, and the Chairman confirmed that it was working intermittently. This would be investigated to see if a new battery was required.

Councillor Towns referred to the speed survey that had been carried out last year which did not demonstrate a high level of speeding traffic through the village. This information would likely be accessed by the Police before committing resources to the area.

Councillors mentioned the possibility of acquiring a further speed indicator sign and the Clerk agreed to examine the costs involved.

The Clerk was asked to write to the resident and advise her of the various items discussed at the meeting.

RESOLVED – The Clerk agreed to reply to the resident as requested.

(iv) Letter from North East War Memorials Project

A copy of a letter received from the North East War Memorials Project had previously been circulated to Councillors.

The organisation was seeking donations towards the cost of replacing their technology which was out of date and required updating. They were seeking a donation towards the overall cost or sponsorship of the relevant web pages relating to their area.

RESOLVED – A grant of £100 be approved.

(v) Notification of planning appeal for land north of Lynebank for construction of Two dwellings

A letter had been received from Northumberland County Council indicating that an appeal had been lodged in respect of the above application.

The appeal would be determined on the basis of written representation. If the Parish Council wished to make further representations or modify/withdraw their previous comments, this must be done within 5 weeks of the date of the letter (6th February 2019).

RESOLVED – Any further comments that the Parish Council had would be submitted by the deadline date of 12th March.

(vi) Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering

A request for a donation towards the costs of staging the Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering even had been received.

RESOLVED – A donation of £75 be approved.

(vii) Letter from Northumberland Pride

The Clerk circulated a letter that had been received from Northumberland Pride requesting financial support towards the events they organised in the county. The main event would be held in Alwick, but they also organised a further 20 events.

RESOLVED – A donation of £75 be approved.

68/18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

It was reported that the UVA was making the application for a village defibrillator to the wind farm community benefit fund.

Some training on the use of the defibrillators had recently been held. It was hoped that 3 or 4 people would volunteer to check the equipment. The equipment took users through the various steps when being used.

69/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid:

- (a) Clerk, February salary, expenses, mileage £210
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Mr A Guy – hedge cutting works - £60
- (d) Ulgham Village Association – contribution towards newsletter - £108.00
- (e) North East War Memorials Project - £100
- (f) Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee - £75
- (g) Northumbrian Pride - £75

70/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

A resident from Ulgham Grange had asked about the sign and maps at Ulgham Meadows.

It was felt that there was a dwindling interest in the Meadows and it was suggested that an article be placed in the newsletter to try and generate more interest.

It was suggested that the notice board be removed, and the Parish Council examine looking at a new information sign.

The Chairman reported on his attended at the Castle Morpeth Local Area Council meeting held on 11 February.

71/18/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 March 2019 which would be held in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.