

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday
17 June 2019**

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance 1 parishioner

13/19 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There was some discussion regarding the situation re the grass cutting at the churchyard. It appeared that the current contractor was no longer available to carry out the work. Discussions had been held with the Chairman and the PCC. A price had been obtained but this was felt to be too expensive to be more than a one-off cut to get the churchyard back in decent condition. The Parish Council and the PCC had agreed to meet the cost if no other quotes were available. The Chairman agreed to check that this quote didn't include cutting the bottom half of the churchyard.

Work was ongoing to try and get other quotes to take over the work.

The Chairman had mentioned obtaining some dog waste bag dispensers, but Councillors felt this was too expensive. The Clerk was asked to look into the Green Dog walker campaign by NCC which involved parish and town councils being provided with free dog waste bags. If they were available, they could be delivered to Councillor Mrs Shaw who would drop them off at the Rendezvous.

14/19 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 May 2019.

Further to 4/19 the Chairman reported that the situation regarding the planning application for the Stables development of four houses had been approved back in December 2018 with 25 conditions attached to it. This information was available on the planning portal.

The Chairman reported that there had been some repair and maintenance work carried out at the stables in the last few weeks.

In relation to Minute 8/19 (iv), the Chairman had spoken to the officer at NCC today regarding the haul road. He did not have any up to date information, but he had a meeting this evening with the officer dealing with the matter and had agreed to report back to the Chairman.

ESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

15/19 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Northumberland Local Plan – Submission for Independent Examination

An email had been circulated from NCC regarding the above. The email was from the new Director of Planning at NCC who had included an open offer to meeting with groups of Councils to discuss planning issues. He had attended some sessions already which had been well received by parish and town councils.

The Parish Council would be interested in attending a meeting with the Director of Planning. One of the issues they would like to discuss is the impact of planning applications in neighbouring parishes. A recent application at Widdrington Station and Stobswood would impact on the traffic situation through Ulgham.

RESOLVED – The information be received and the Parish Council would attend a meeting if this could be arranged.

(ii) Speeding through the village – email from resident

An email had been received from a resident querying the situation with the speed indicator signs and whether they were working. She had also written to the Police asking for information on whether they had attended the village to monitor speed as indicated in an email to the Clerk some months ago. She also mentioned a further incident that happened on Saturday 15th June.

One of the speed indicator signs was working but the other seemed to be intermittent. The Clerk was trying to obtain prices for new signs in the village.

The Clerk referred to the Community speed watch volunteer scheme that seemed to be working well in other areas. Those who were over the speed limit received letters from the Police. She agreed to write to the Police on this subject to see if it would be possible to operate such a scheme in Ulgham. Parish Councillors felt that there would be volunteers interested in the idea.

RESOLVED – The information be noted, and the Clerk be asked to write to the Police again highlighting the continued concerns of the Parish Council and residents regarding speeding through Ulgham. She would also query the possibility of a Community speed watch volunteer scheme in this area.

16/19 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

It was noted that the hanging baskets had been erected.

Members were reminded that the Ulgham Feast would take place on 6th July.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

17/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, June salary, expenses, mileage £205.00

- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham PCC – 50% contribution towards cutting of the churchyard – cuts 1-4
£240.00
- (d) Playsafety Limited – annual inspection of the play area - £103.20

18/19 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

It was reported that there was a rumour that the Ulgham Meadows site had been sold. The Clerk was asked to contact Harworth Estates for more information.

Councillor Mrs Shaw mentioned the 'Making a difference' workshop being held at Stannington on 26th June between 10 and 2pm. This was all part of the Empowering Communities project. The Chairman and Vice Chairman plus Councillor Brown would likely attend. The Clerk was asked to book 3 to 4 places in case the UVA Chairman was interested in attending. The Clerk would send out the details to the Council after the meeting.

Councillor Mrs Newman had been in touch with Camping and Caravanning Club in relation to the licence for a site in Ulgham that had been discussed at the last two meetings. She had been asked to put the Parish Council's concerns in writing via email and the Clerk agreed to do this. A representative of the Club would come out and give their recommendations regarding the access to the site and the owners then had 6 months to carry out the work before another visit by the Club to check the work had been done.

The Parish Council still had concerns about the safety of the access in view of the location and the speeding traffic entering and exiting the village at this point.

There were also concerns regarding the disposal of waste. The Clerk agreed to email the Club and highlight the concerns raised.

19/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 15th July 20019 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.