

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 17 December 2018

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)
Councillors G Brown, Mrs H Shaw and Mrs L Newman
Also in attendance 5 parishioners

50/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no questions raised by those present at the meeting.

51/18 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 November 2018.

Further to Minute 44/18, the Chairman reported that there the tyres had been reported to NCC and had been taken away.

He reported that he had not managed to speak to the landowner re the tree being cut back near to Ulgham ford.

There had been no reply from the Tree Officer at NCC re the issue raised under Minute 45/18 (ii).

Further to minute 46/18, the issue re the UVA grant would be discussed later in the meeting.

Further to minute 48/18 The Clerk reported on the up to date situation regarding the Stables application. Correspondence had been received from the Planning Officer stating that the application was to be determined under delegated authority despite the Parish Council objection and several others from residents. Also, there were several letters of support from people who lived outside of Ulgham. A comment had been made by the officer stating that the stables were in a dilapidated condition. This was not the case. The Clerk was asked to write to NCC to see what the protocol was for taking applications to the Planning Committees and to challenge the statement regarding the condition of the buildings. The Clerk was also asked to contact the Castle Morpeth Local Area Committee Chairman to see if he would attend the next PC meeting in January.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

52/18 CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Request from Ulgham PCC for the Parish Council to meet a half share of maintenance carried out at the Churchyard.**

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from the Ulgham PCC for a 50% contribution towards the cost of maintenance that was recently carried out. This included the trimming of the conifer hedge and strimming of the wildflower meadow. The total cost was £270 and a half share of £135 was requested.

The Parish Council discussed the request and agreed to meet the costs involved.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council agreed to meet the 50% share of the maintenance costs which totalled £135.

53/18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

The Chairman of the UVA reported that she had received a letter from the WI offering a £1000 contribution towards the shortfall between the grant received for the film equipment and the total cost. They had also supplied a copy of their insurance document which stated that the equipment would not belong to the WI. They were also meeting the cost of electricity used which was much appreciated. The total shortfall was £1968 and the UVA had also offered to pay £500 towards this amount. Mrs Dunn asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to meet the shortfall of £468. The equipment was being paid for in advance and installation would be paid for once the work was completed.

Councillor Brown suggested splitting the cost of the shortfall three ways between the Parish Council, the WI and the UVA, meaning a contribution of £656 for each organisation. Everyone agreed this was a fairer solution and the UVA confirmed they could meet this payment. Mrs Dunn agreed to contact the WI but she felt they would be happy with the proposals. Mrs Dunn thanked everyone involved for their help with this matter.

RESOLVED – A contribution of £656 be made from the Parish Council as their contribution towards the shortfall between the grant and the cost of equipment.

54/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, December salary, expenses, mileage £210
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham PCC – 50% contribution to maintenance at the Churchyard - £135.
- (d) Ulgham Village Association – a contribution of £656 representing a third of the shortfall between the grant for the film equipment and the total cost – see Minute 53/18 above
- (e) Councillor G Brown – reimbursement for cost of turf for area at War Memorial - £21.60

55/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

Councillor Mrs Shaw stated that she had received some concerns regarding the sign at the Forge public house which seemed to be unstable in windy weather conditions. It was agreed that this was not the right time to raise this with the owners.

In relation to discussions at the last meeting regarding some additional work near to the War Memorial, Mrs Lamb reported that she had raised this with the Diocese and a Faculty would be required. From memory the payment was over £200. The work involved was for the installation of a small plaque near to the seat and a handrail.

The Parish Council reluctantly agreed to this payment to enable the work to proceed and in the meantime, Councillor Brown and Mrs Lamb liaise on what was necessary for the Faculty to be submitted to the Diocese.

56/18/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 January 2019 which would be held in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.