

## ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 16 July 2018**

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance 6 parishioners

#### **21/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

The issue of barking dogs at the Stables was raised again. It was explained that the Clerk had tried to report it to NCC but individuals were being asked to report this themselves and log sheets were available from NCC. Councillor Brown agreed to print off log sheets for anyone bothered by the noise.

A resident suggested that a request for a noise nuisance recorder should be made to NCC.

Also it was suggested that contact should be made with the RSPCA.

A resident asked if the village was in a 'dark smoke' area. The Parish Council were not aware of this but the Clerk agreed to try and find out.

#### **22/18 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 June 2018.

In relation to Minute 14/18 relating to problems at the Ulgham Grange junction, it was pointed out that there was a three car accident there on the day of the Feast.

Further to Minute 15/18, it was reported that the railings from the cross had been removed and it was felt this improved the appearance.

Further to minute 19/18, the Chairman reported that he had not yet had the opportunity to look at the panels at the Meadows.

It had been reported at the last meeting that one of the Cricket Club buildings had been left unlocked and this was found to be the scoreboard.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

#### **23/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **(i) Update re War Memorial**

Councillor Brown reported that the Discharge of Conditions certificate had been received the previous week and this allowed the work to proceed.

He had spoken to the contractor; Art of Stone and they were hoping to start work on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. The work could take up to 4 weeks. Some thought should be given to an appropriate launch before the next PC meeting in September and the Church representatives were asked to see if the Diocese wanted to be involved with this.

There was some discussion about the commemorative seat that had been discussed at the last meeting. A catalogue had been obtained from the manufacturer, David Ogilvy who was making

WW1 commemorative seats. Everyone agreed they liked the War Horse seat which would cost just under £1000 with delivery. The Clerk was asked to order the seat and arrange delivery to Councillor Mrs Shaw's address in mid-October.

RESOLVED – The information be received and the Parish Council agree to proceed with the purchase of the WW1 commemorative seat as outlined above.

**(ii) NCC Northumberland Local Plan - Consultation on a Draft Local Plan from 4/7/18 to 15/8/18**

It was reported that a copy of the above-mentioned plan had been received. One hard copy and a CD was available for Members to view.

Comments had to be made by 15<sup>th</sup> August. There was a drop-in session being held in Morpeth on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Morpeth Town Council between 2 and 7pm.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council agreed to review the document and submit any comments by the deadline date.

**(iii) ROSPA Play Safety – report of inspection held at Play Area on 5 June 2018.**

The Clerk had previously circulated a pdf copy of the report and a hard copy was provided at the meeting. The majority of the items raised were low priority including work to carousel. The Clerk had reported the missing bolts to Wicksteed who had asked for photographs of the equipment and of the bolts. This would be provided and sent off to Wicksteed.

RESOLVED – It was agreed to review the report and carry out any work required.

**(iv) NCC Local Transport Plan (LTP) Letter for 2019-20**

The Clerk reported that the usual letter had been received from NCC asking for the Parish Council's three options for LTP Projects. Unfortunately, the letter related to a scheme in Ashington. The Clerk had reported this to NCC and would also check what the Parish Council had submitted last year.

Councillors were concerned at the use of the road to Ulgham Grange via the ford being used by HGVs, particularly as one had recently become stuck. It was felt that a 'not suitable for HGVs' sign could be erected.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

**(v) Sisters & North Steads Wind farm Community Benefit Fund**

Information had been received from above providing information on how to apply for the second round of funding which closed on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

The information had been placed on the Ulgham Village website and posters had been displayed in the village.

A drop in session would be held on 1 August, between 5 and 7pm at Hadston House.

It was hoped that one or two applications from the village would be submitted.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

## **24/18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **(i) Ulgham Village Committee**

It was reported that the Ulgham Feast had been very successful in terms of numbers of people attending and funds raised.

The UVA wished to express their thanks to everyone who was involved.

It had been necessary to suspend any further showing of films or the Salsacise as the equipment was not working.

A decision was needed about the equipment about whether to send it off to the manufacturer for possible repair or to submit a grant to the Sisters wind farm for simpler equipment. One of the residents at the meeting had agreed to review the equipment at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

## **25/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- (a) Clerk, July salary, expenses, mileage £210.00
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) JM Champion – village warden duties - £320
- (d) Play Safety – play area inspection - £100.80

## **26/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.**

Councillor Brown reported about the electricity that had been off at the east end of the village for 10 days. Generators had been brought in for residents to access power. Communication between the electricity company and residents was very poor. The Clerk was asked to write to the company concerned.

The hedges at Lindisfarne had become very overgrown making it difficult to walk on the path. Councillor Brown and Mr Warlow had cut the hedges and the estate agents had been informed. Councillor Brown thanked Mr Warlow for his help with this.

Councillor Mrs Shaw mentioned the overgrown hedges next to Ulgham Hall. It was suggested that a polite reminder should be included in the newsletter regarding cutting back of hedges. It would be useful to include something about the Wind Farm Community Benefits Fund round of applications.

Councillor Mrs Shaw had also agreed to raise the issue of difficulty in obtaining a signal in the WI hall and she raised the issue of Broadband again.

A resident who was present at the meeting said it should be possible to get a mobile network with companies like Talk Talk. The Parish Council would need to consider how they could assist with costs.

## **27/18/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 17 September 2018 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.