

**ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday  
18 June 2018**

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance 4 parishioners and County Councillor D Towns

**14/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

A resident asked if any progress had been made in relation to the dogs barking at the Stables. The Clerk reported that she had contacted NCC to raise this as an issue but was told that individuals themselves would have to report this to NCC.

A two week log sheet would be sent out and residents were expected to fill this in when there was a problem.

Councillor Brown reported that a resident had already done this and sent in the log which NCC had said they had not received. Councillor Brown had also reported this directly to NCC and he too had received a log to complete.

Councillor Towns reported that he was trying to obtain a start date for the speed reduction works. He reported that a speed survey had recently been carried out in the village opposite the Forge pub. It demonstrated that speeding was not a significant problem. The highest speed entering the village was 34 mph and 37 leaving the village. This demonstrated that the proposed works should be sufficient to assist with any speeding issues.

Councillor Mrs Newman mentioned the problems at the other end of the village, particularly for those trying to exit the junction leading to Ulgham Grange.

**15/18 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2018.

Further to Minute 4/18, it was reported that the NCC Tree officer had attended a site visit and had agreed to do something with the trees at the corner of Ulgham Lane. It was possible that one or two of the large conifer trees would be removed completely.

He also agreed to carry out some work to the Sycamore tree at the Croft.

The Chairman reported that the bus shelter had been repaired. A local firm had carried out the work quickly after submitting a quote.

Further to Minute 12/18, it was reported that some work had been carried out at the old cross and the railings had been removed. It was hoped that quotes could be obtained for new railings.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

## 16/18 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Councillor Brown reported that there had been a meeting held at the War Memorial on 13<sup>th</sup> June with the contractor, the Planning officer, a representative from the PCC and himself.

The planning officer had agreed to the use of stone rather than the granite due to delivery issues. The stone matched the church windows and the extension at the front of the memorial. Councillor Brown had completed the Discharge of Conditions forms and he would drop them off at County Hall the following day with a covering letter. Some additional work had been necessary to complete the method statement

The contractor had asked for a 25% deposit for the work in the sum of £2028. If the Council agreed to this he would drop the cheque off to the contractor the following day.

The work would take approximately three weeks to complete and should be done well before the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October.

RESOLVED – The information be received and the Parish Council approve the payment to the contractor as outlined above.

### **(ii) Renewal of NALC Subscription**

The Clerk reported that she had received details of the NALC subscription in the sum of £116.38.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council approve the payment of the subscription to NALC.

### **(iii) Information received from NCC re the Northumberland Local Plan - Forthcoming Consultation on a Draft Local Plan from 4/7/18 to 15/8/18**

The Clerk reminded members that she had previously sent out an email regarding this consultation which started on 4 July.

Members would review the plan when the hard copy was received.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

### **(iv) Planning application 18/01392/REM – Reserved matters application for approved Planning permission for land east of Lynebank, Ulgham**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from NCC Planning stating that the above application had been approved and permission granted.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

## 17/18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

There was nothing to report as a meeting had not been held.

## 18/18 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 churchyard - cuts 1-4 - £240.00
- (d) NALC Subscription - £116.38
- (e) Art of Stone – 25% initial payment for works to War Memorial - £2028

## 19/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.

Councillor Brown mentioned the recent roadworks in the village and stated that the day before works were due to start on the road leading to Widdrington Station, there were still roadworks in the middle of the village. He had contacted the company concerned who said they were unaware there were other roadworks starting. They were removed very quickly but Councillor Brown felt this was a lack of communication that could have been avoided.

Councillor Towns asked if Councillor Brown would submit these details to him and he would take it up with Highways Officer.

Councillor Mrs Newman asked about the display panels at the Meadows and whether any progress was being made to repair them.

The Chairman stated that contact was being made with a firm from Hexham regarding the repairs. It was intended to remove it and have it repaired.

Councillor Mrs Newman also stated that a resident had passed on her thanks for the cutting of the paths in the Meadows. She further mentioned that the tree in the ford had still not been removed.

Councillor Mrs Shaw mentioned that she had received complaints re the grasscutting and the amount of grass that was left behind. She asked if the Clerk could find out how much it cost to have the grass collected so that she could inform residents.

Councillor Brown mentioned that one of the cricket club buildings was left unlocked. The Chairman agreed to raise this with the Cricket Club.

Councillor Mrs Shaw mentioned that there had been items stolen from the village in broad daylight. Some outdoor furniture had been taken.

The Clerk said that she had obtained a catalogue and price list for the commemorative seats etc. Councillors agreed to look at this and decide on the item they wished to order.

The Chairman mentioned the recent press release regarding Wind Farm Community Benefit funds. The next round of funding applications opened on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and ended on 20<sup>th</sup> August. He mentioned that three bolts were missing from the Roundplay equipment at the play area and asked if these could be ordered from Wickstead.

He also mentioned recent correspondence from NALC which related to a meeting the NALC officers had had with NCC Planning. The planning officers had mentioned that they were grateful for the input of parish and town councils in the planning process.

20/18/17      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 16 July 2018 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.