

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 19 March 2018

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)
Councillors G Brown and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance 2 parishioners.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs L Newman and County Councillor D Towns

73/17 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There was some discussion about dogs on the playing field during the bad weather. As far as Councillors were aware all dogs had been on a lead. It was suggested that another sign should be acquired for the wicket gate. This was agreed.

Mr Warlow pointed out that he had carried out some litter picking and was surprised at the amount of dog fouling in the area.

The Clerk offered to ask the NCC dog warden if some dog waste bags could be provided to the Parish which could be made available at the Rendezvous, free of charge.

The Chairman reported that a replacement, bigger dog waste bin had been provided at the bottom of the playing field.

Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that she had carried out some litter picking recently and noticed that one of the commemorative seats was in poor condition and she asked if it would be possible to purchase a new one.

The Chairman suggested looking at the seat to see if it could be repaired and Mr Warlow offered to do this.

Councillor Mrs Shaw also mentioned that some of the play equipment required painting and it was agreed that Michael Champion should be asked to do this.

The Chairman mentioned a huge pothole at the entrance to the Croft estate and the Clerk agreed to report this to NCC the next day.

74/17 MINUTES

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

Further to minute 68/17(viii) she had submitted a response re the Call for sites to NCC, Information had been received from the EA regarding the tree at the ford. The EA were unable to deal with the issue as it was not a flood risk. It had been referred back to NCC who had indicated they could not remove it but it had been reported that an individual had indicated that he would remove the tree for use as firewood once the river levels reduced.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

75/17 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Update re War Memorial

The Clerk reported that both applications had now been submitted in respect of the War Memorial. Additional information had been requested from the Leader fund officer which had been provided. It was unclear when a decision would be made on this application. There was a meeting of the Wind Farm Community Benefits Committee on 22 March and it was hoped that a decision on that application would be received soon after that date. The Chairman indicated that he had been appointed Vice Chairman of that Committee.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

(ii) Letter of thanks – Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee

A letter of thanks had been received from Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee in respect of the grant application which had been approved at the last meeting.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

(iii) General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Clerk reported that she was currently working on various policies that were necessary in respect of the above regulations and these would be reported to the April meeting for approval. Additional space on the website would be required and it was suggested that she approach the UVA secretary with this request.

There was some discussion about local groups and whether they were aware of this new legislation and how they would comply.

An email had been sent to the MP in relation to this matter as requested.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

76/17 Planning application – 18/00566/FUL – Proposed first floor bedroom extension and rear infill extension and new front porch – 6 Forge Estate

The above application had been received and had been circulated to Councillors for comments. The deadline for comments was 27th March 2018.

Members had examined the plans and had no comments to make.

RESOLVED – The Council agree that there were no comments to make in respect of this application.

77/17 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

The Treasurer of the UVA asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to meet the cost of providing hanging baskets in the village again this summer.

An extra two were required in addition to the 12 that had been provided last year.

RESOLVED - The Parish Council agreed to provide £200 for the hanging baskets and they would be informed if any additional funds were required.

78/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, March salary, expenses, mileage £210.00 + £35 reimbursement for registering with the Information Commissioners Office = total £245
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) NCC – additional three grass cuts - £166.73
- (d) Ulgham WI – hire of hall for 2017-18 - £154
- (e) Ulgham Village Association – payment for hanging baskets for the village - £200

79/17 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Brown reported on a couple of trees that were down in the meadow.

He also referred to the car that had been stuck in the snow during the recent bad weather. He had reported it to NCC who had had it removed and cleared within two hours and he commended them for the service provided.

Councillor Brown was thanked for dealing with this matter so quickly.

Local farmers were contracted to help with snow clearance which had been helpful.

80/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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