

## **ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)  
Councillors G Brown, Mrs H Shaw and Mrs L Newman  
Also in attendance 3 parishioners

#### **43/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Councillor Brown stated he had received a query regarding the Blue-Sky project and whether it had been raised again.

Councillor Mrs Shaw replied that she had not heard about this although she had heard that an application had been submitted to NCC but had been withdrawn. It was not like the original Blue-Sky project but seemed to relate to a number of holiday lodges.

#### **44/18 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 October 2018.

Further to Minute 36/18, the Chairman reported that there still seemed to be a large number of tyres near to the Meadows and he queried whether this was the same ones that had been reported to NCC last month. The Clerk agreed to report this to NCC again.

The Chairman reported briefly that there had been another dog related incident which had involved the Police.

In relation to Minute 41/18, the Chairman reported that he intended to speak to Mr Dungait about getting the tree cut back near to the ford.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

#### **45/18 CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **(i) Report re War Memorial and seat**

Councillor Brown reported that the work was all but finished except for one or two minor issues. These items required discussion with representatives of the PCC and UVA after the meeting.

In relation to the seat, it had been very well received and much admired.

The Parish Council would like to put a small plaque somewhere near to the seat and this would also be discussed after the meeting.

Councillor Brown would provide a specification for this.

It was also felt that a handrail was required. All of these items required the approval of the Archdeacon.

The officer from NCC who had dealt with the application had driven through and looked at the Memorial and she had said how delighted she was with the finished work.

RESOLVED – The information be noted and the various items would be discussed with the PCC and the UVA.

**(ii) Trees**

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would be contacting the Tree Officer at NCC to find out which trees had TPOs on them in the parish. He believed there were very few trees in the ownership of the Parish Council, mainly those at the playing field. The remainder of the trees were owned by NCC or were in private ownership.

A site visit may be required with the Tree Officer.

RESOLVED – The Clerk contact the Tree Officer at NCC again to find out about the trees with TPOs.

**(iii) Email from Enforcement Officer at NCC re the Haul road**

The Chairman reported on correspondence he had received from the Enforcement officer at NCC who was dealing with the Haul road issue.

He had stated that this time last year enforcement action had been taken which led to the submission of a restoration plan which included the road. There were some issues with this document around impact on conservation and wildlife. This led to a re-submission of the document which was currently out for consultation.

Any further updates received would be reported.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

**46/18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**(i) Ulgham Village Committee**

The Chairman of the UVA reported that the fireworks event on 5<sup>th</sup> November had been very successful with approximately 600 in attendance. She wished to thank the Parish Council for their donation. She thanked all of those who had helped with the event in various capacities and she also expressed gratitude for those who had helped to clear up after the event.

The Chairman of the UVA also reported that notification had been received from the Community Foundation that their grant application had been successful for the film equipment. It had not yet been paid as the UVA had to provide a safeguarding policy. She thanked Councillor Mrs Shaw for her help with this and asked if she would check the finalised document prior to submitted it to the Foundation.

She reported that there was a shortfall in the grant of £1200 and after looking at the paperwork she could see why this had happened. The Parish Council were asked if they would be willing to meet the shortfall or to provide a loan to the UVA to enable the equipment to be installed as soon as possible.

After some discussion, it was felt that the shortfall could be met if required.  
There was some concern expressed regarding paying for the labour in advance.  
The Chairman of the UVA agreed to contact the company to see when they could do the work and report back.

RESOLVED – The information be received and the Parish Council would wait to hear from the Chairman of the UVA regarding payment for the equipment.

#### **47/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- (a) Clerk, November salary, expenses, mileage £210
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) J M Champion – Village warden duties – £400 and partial  
Painting of play equipment to date - £122 Total £522
- (d) Ulgham PCC – cutting of churchyard – half share of cuts 11-14  
£240
  
- (e) Community Action Northumberland – donation agreed at October meeting  
- £50

#### **48/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.**

Councillor Mrs Shaw mentioned the amount of leaves lying on paths in the village and asked if NCC could look into clearing them.

Councillor Mrs Shaw complained at the lack of response from some County officers to queries from parish councils. She thought County Councillors should be made aware of this. She asked if County Councillors Towns could attend the next meeting if possible to discuss this issue.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the last meeting of the Castle Morpeth Local Area Council meeting. There were no applications relating to Ulgham, however there was a similar application to the outstanding Stables application that had been agreed, despite being recommended for refusal by the Planning Officer.

There had also been some discussion regarding the winter gritting programme. There were 29 gritters in the county and additional staff were being trained to operate them. There was 37,000 tonnes of salt in stock.

There was additional storage areas for grit at Powburn and Rothbury.

The Chairman mentioned that the other bus shelter required a repair to the glass. It was non-essential as it did not pose a danger to anyone and it was agreed to organise the repair in the New Year.

**49/18/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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