

## ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 15 October 2018**

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)  
Councillors Mrs H Shaw and Mrs L Newman  
Also in attendance 4 parishioners

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Brown

#### **36/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

A resident raised a number of queries which had been referred to him.

He reported that at least 18 tyres had been dumped in the picnic area by the Meadows. They had been rolled down the hill. The Clerk agreed to report the fly tipping the next day.

Rubbish had been dumped in Ulgham Lane. The Chairman reported this had been removed. The vehicle had been seen and was reported to the Police but it was found to have false number plates.

He also mentioned the sign for the pub which was moving in the wind. The Chairman reported that it had been like that for some time now. He did not think this should be raised with the owner at the present time.

A resident had complained again about the barking dogs at the stables.

The Clerk reported that after the last Council meeting she had heard the dogs and had contacted NCC the next day. She had been told there was nothing more NCC could do until a resident agreed to have a noise monitor installed in their house for a period of time. The public protection officers had visited the premises and had stated that the dogs were not being mistreated and were well looked after. There was nothing further the Parish Council could do as this was a County Council matter. She urged residents to contact NCC direct if the problems continued and agree to have noise recording equipment installed. Another resident in attendance who had knowledge of such equipment explained how it worked and why it was necessary to have it inside of the premises.

Finally the resident asked if there had been any further information regarding the Stables application. There had been nothing received from NCC on this matter.

Another resident asked about the tree at the Ulgham Lane junction that was now covering the footpath and making it difficult to negotiate. This was to be raised again with the NCC tree officer.

The overgrown hedge that had been raised at the last meeting had been cut back but still required some trimming.

The overhanging trees at Orchard Close had been cut back.

#### **37/18 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 September 2018.

Further to Minute 29/18, the seat had been delivered on the previous Friday. The old seat had been taken away and installed at the Croft. The area where the new seat was to be installed had been tidied up. It would not be possible to put a plaque on the seat.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

### 38/18 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

It was reported that the work was virtually complete at the War Memorial. The contractors would return on the 17<sup>th</sup> October to point the paving.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

#### **(ii) Letter from Community Action re request for donation**

A letter had been received from Community Action Northumberland requesting a donation towards the cost of the work they carried out.

RESOLVED – A donation of £50 be approved.

#### **(ii) Donation towards cost of fireworks**

RESOLVED – The Parish Council agreed a donation of £200 towards the cost of fireworks for the annual display being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### 39/18 **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

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

It was reported that the last meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

The Committee had re-examined the Constitution and suggested amendments had been made which would be reported back to the AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

It was also suggested that it was not necessary to have two representatives from each organisation on the Committee and if all organisations were agreeable, only one person needed to attend.

Arrangements were in hand for the annual firework display.

The outcome of the application to the Community Benefits Fund was still awaited.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

### 40/18 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- (a) Clerk, October salary, expenses, mileage £206.00
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £92.00
- (c) UVA – donation towards the cost of fireworks - £200

#### **41/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended the Town and Parish Council conference with NCC held on 11<sup>th</sup> October. The conference started with a market place that allowed delegates to meet with NCC officers. Councillor Mrs Shaw had had a discussion with a Public Protection Officer regarding the dogs at the Stables. She had also spoken to an officer regarding the problems with trees and had been assured of a reply.

The street lighting issue had been discussed with one of the street lighting team who had promised to get in touch regarding an additional street light in the village.

The issue of the damaged 40mph sign had been raised with one of the Highways officers. They had also mentioned about carrying out another speed survey.

The issue of the haul road had been raised again with Planning. The officer dealing with the issue had left the authority, but the replacement officer would be asked to get in touch.

There had been a welcome by the Leader of the Council who had spoken about the vision for the future.

Parish and Town Councils were asked to check their grit bins and alert NCC if they required filling. There had been some discussion about recycling and waste collection.

One session was presented by the Director of Public Health for NCC and she had talked about health and wellbeing in Northumberland. A survey project was to be carried out about identifying community assets and what makes communities resilient. Examples for Ulgham were the Ulgham sports fields, the WI, Little Owls, the UVA etc.

Various statistics were provided about the differences in life expectancy across the county based on ward information with a difference of 17 years between the most deprived and the most affluent areas.

Councillor Mrs Newman raised a complaint she had received about an overhanging tree on the road to the ford which doesn't get cut. It was suggested that Arnott Clark be asked to cut it back. The Chairman agreed to get in touch with him.

#### **42/18/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 19 November 2018 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.