

## ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 17 September 2018**

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown and Mrs L Newman

Also in attendance 6 parishioners and County Councillor D Towns

#### **28/18 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Residents raised the issue regarding the overgrown hedge at Woodlands again. The Parish Council had written to the resident and he had been spoken to about the issue twice.

It was agreed that a further letter be sent to the resident stating that the Parish Council will arrange to have it cut and recharge him.

It was reported that several comments had been made regarding the overgrown trees in Orchard Close from the Old Vicarage. The Clerk agreed to write asking the residents to cut them back.

A resident expressed her interest in joining the Parish Council. She believed there was a vacancy and would like to be considered to fill the position.

The Clerk stated that she had received an email from another resident over the weekend also expressing an interest. She would be in touch with both parties in due course.

A resident informed the Parish Council that a sign for the Croft was in danger of falling over. This was located near to the bus stop outside of the WI hall.

Councillor Mrs Newman stated that she had received a complaint from a resident of Ulgham Grange regarding speeding through the village.

#### **29/18 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 July 2018.

In relation to Minute 22/18, the Chairman reported that he had removed one of the worst signs at the Meadows. The panel itself was in a poor state of repair. The Meadows Committee would need to make a decision on which one they want left.

Further to Minute 23/18(i), the seat had been ordered from David Ogilvie Engineering to be delivered in mid-October. A call had been received about it being delivered a few weeks ago but this was a false alarm.

In relation to Minute 23/18(iii) the missing bolts had been replaced on the carousel.

**RESOLVED** – The minutes be approved.

## 30/18 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Councillor Brown reported that work had started on the War Memorial. The cross itself was lying face down and the foundations had been dug out and refilled. The cross would be cleaned in-situ once it had been re-erected.

Councillor Brown had informed the Conservation Officer at NCC in case she wanted to take a look at the work being carried out.

Councillor Brown again thanked all who had been involved in this process.

The work would be finished by the end of October. Councillor Brown would not be at the October meeting and he asked the Parish Council to give some thought to the re-dedication of the monument and he suggested flags should be acquired to cover the monument for the re-dedication.

Art of Stone would be putting a plaque on the back of the Memorial stating when the work had been carried out. They also needed to do some work to the step.

Mrs Lamb reported that she had been informed that the Bishop would be carrying out the re-dedication ceremony on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. If something different was to be arranged she suggested a decision would need to be made as to what form this would take.

The Parish Council needed to give this matter some thought.

The Chairman suggested it could be unveiled at a later date. The seat also had to be installed and a query was raised regarding a plaque for the seat. The Clerk thought that the seat was already engraved and it was unclear whether a seat could go on the front of the seat.

RESOLVED – The information be noted and the Parish Council consider what sort of unveiling ceremony should be organised in respect of the War Memorial.

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

The Clerk reminded Members that the LTP submission had to be made to NCC by 30 September. Of the three items raised last year, one had been completed (the speed restriction programme) and two could not be implemented under the LTP.

It was suggested that an item relating to the installation of a 'Not suitable for HGVs' at the Ulgham Grange junction be included as the Parish Council's request.

RESOLVED – A response as set out above be submitted to NCC by 30 September.

### **(iii) Speeding through the village – email received from a resident**

The Clerk had circulated an email that had been received from a resident who was concerned at continued speeding through the village, in particular after 9.30 p.m. in the evenings.

As part of the new speed restrictions that had been introduced, traffic surveys had been carried out and this showed very little traffic travelling over the 30mph limit. Once the new restrictions had been in place for some time, a further survey would be carried out.

In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to write to the Police to highlight the particular concerns of the resident regarding speeding at night time.

RESOLVED – A reply be sent to the resident outlining the discussions above and that the Clerk write to the Police setting out the concerns that had been raised.

**(iv) Email from resident regarding advice relating to a tree at the Croft**

The Clerk had circulated an email that had been received from a resident regarding a tree close to the property that she had concerns about.

The Clerk was asked to report this to the Tree Officer at NCC who would be visiting the village in the near future to look at several other tree issues.

RESOLVED – The Clerk report this issue to the Tree Officer as outlined above.

**(v) Overhanging trees and bushes**

This item had been dealt with in Minute 28/18 set out above.

**(vi) Letters from the County Council re recent planning decisions**

The Clerk reported that the following letters had been received from NCC regarding recent planning decisions:

- (a) 18/02553/FELTPO – removal of Holly tree at Noble Firs, Ulgham – Granted
- (b) 18/01508/FUL – Construction of two dwellings – land north of Lynebank – Refused

**31/18 AUDIT 2017-18**

Councillors were reminded that they had agreed to submit an exemption certificated to the external auditors as their income and expenditure was under the threshold amount of £25,000. All of the required documentation had been available on the village website for the requisite time period. In the absence of any questions from residents or the external auditor, the Parish Council was asked to formally approve the accounts for 2017-18.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council formally approve the final accounts for the financial year 2017-18.

**32/18 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**(i) Ulgham Village Committee**

It was reported that the next meeting would take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

It was reported that a cheque for £100 had been sent to King Edward VI High school for playing the Steel drums at the Feast.

The constitution would be examined at the next meeting.

The application for equipment for the film club had been submitted to the Wind Farm Community Benefit fund. The UVA expressed thanks to a resident who had assisted them with a specification of what was required.

The sculpture competition had taken place on the weekend of 15/16 September. This would be the last time the competition would be done in its present format. There had been approximately 60 people viewing the sculptures over the two day period. Details of the winners were reported.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

### **33/18 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- (a) Clerk, September salary, expenses, mileage £210.00
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) JM Champion – village warden duties and cutting of Meadow - £550
- (d) Ulgham PCC – 50% contribution towards cutting of churchyard – cuts  
5 – 10 - £360

### **34/18 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS.**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Castle Morpeth Local Area Council meeting to speak about a recent planning application.

### **35/18/ DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 15 October 2018 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.