

## **ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman, Mrs H Shaw and Mrs D Wilson

An apology for absence from County Councillor D Towns was received.

Four Parishioners were also in attendance.

#### **48/21 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Prior to questions being taken it was announced that the representative from Sanders would not attend this meeting however, she had indicated that she would attend the January meeting if the meeting goes ahead (depending on Government advice).

A query was raised from a resident asking why the recent application for Southcroft Stables was declared invalid. The explanation that the Parish Council had received seemed to relate to the need for a new planning application for the proposed new entrance. The resident was concerned that the whole plan was out of time. The Parish Council had objected to the original application.

#### **49/21 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

In relation to Minute 43/21 (ii), it was stated that there had been no further correspondence with the Cricket Club.

Further to Minute 43/21 (iii), it had been agreed that the resident of Morpeth would meet with Councillors Brown and Mrs Shaw together with the Chair of the UVA at a Rendezvous meeting in January.

In relation to Minute 43/21(v) the village warden had cleared the footpath to the Meadows. The footpath was blocked again due to the high winds. This had been reported.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

#### **50/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **(i) Notification re application ref 21/04319/REM – Southcroft Stables**

The Parish Council had been notified on 2<sup>nd</sup> December that the above application had been declared invalid as it should have been a full application. They had submitted an objection on 1st December. The new plan would be circulated when received.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

**(ii) Letter from Transport North East re request to support the ZEBRA business case submission**

The above letter had been received and circulated by the Clerk. This related to a significant project that Transport North East were working on together with various partners including Go North East, Durham County Council and Northumberland County Council. The project was for the delivery of 73 new zero emission buses in the North East. If successful, details of where the buses would operate were included in the email received on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Transport North East were seeking the support of parish and town councils in Northumberland and had included a template letter. They asked if parish and town councils would consider sending this to them via email by 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council agreed to support the project and to send off the letter by the deadline date.

**(iii) Planning consultation 21/02984/FUL Land south of the Old Farmhouse, Ulgham**

The Parish Council had received notification on 17<sup>th</sup> December that the above application had been refused. They had objected to the application.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

**51/21 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**(i) Ulgham Village Committee**

It was reported that the UVA would be holding their AGM before their planned meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. It was suggested that the AGM would be held at 7pm with the usual meeting straight afterwards. Notification of this would be placed on Facebook and the website with the date and time and asking anyone who might be interested in standing for one of the official positions or joining the Committee to get in touch.

**52/21 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

- (a) Clerk, December 21 salary, mileage £137.56
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60

**53/21 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

Councillor Mrs Wilson reported that she knew where some free trees for the Meadows could be sourced. This was noted for the plans for 2022-23.

Councillor Mrs Newman mentioned a concern about off road biking at Ulgham Grange, the noise was a problem.

The Chairman thanked the WI for opening during the Storm Arwen period and he also thanked everyone who helped during that time.

The information regarding compensation claims was being sent through to affected households automatically. There was a helpline number and it appeared that the UVA Treasurer had an

address to send receipts to for money spent during the period the electricity was off. This would be posted on the notice board.

Councillor Shaw stated that the contractor who was working for Northern Power grid and who was cutting back trees in the village today had stated that he had full permission from the householders.

She also mentioned the village gutters and paths were very untidy and the leaves and vegetation had not been removed. The leaves were blocking drains and causing flooding. This would need to be reported to NCC again.

She had received a report from a resident about trees blocking the paths at the Meadows again. They could not be cleared at the moment as the weather conditions were difficult. The Chairman agreed to check this out later in the week.

#### 54/21 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.