

Ulgham Village Association

Meeting 3rd March 2022 7.30PM

Present -17

Helen Shaw (HS), Jim(JS) & Lynne(LS) Scott, George Brown(GB), Sheila(SC) & Colin(CC) Caisley, Maureen(MS) & Adrian(AS) Shotton, Colin(CT) Tait, Pauline(PM) Martin, Deb(DbW) & Dave (DW)Wilson, Pat(PT) Treanor, Lyn(LM) Mackay, Tony(TW) & Avril(AW) Warlow, David(DP) Parkin

1. HS welcomed all to the meeting and the main business of meeting was to discuss the Platinum Jubilee and setting up a working group for the Meadows.
2. Apologies for Absence – Leigh & Paula Ellwood, Lesley Newman, Pamela Lamb, Neil Jamieson, Paul Martin, Janet Brown
3. Platinum Jubilee

Suggestions were:

- Free “Party in the Park” for all the village to attend to celebrate the Jubilee and also incorporate the annual Feast Day. Either Saturday 4th or Sunday 5th June are under consideration for the event, although the Sunday was mainly discussed at the meeting, the exact date is to be confirmed.
- CT confirmed that the Cricket Club will be playing a home match on the Sunday afternoon starting at 1.30/2pm. The bar in the cricket pavilion will be open.
- The Cricket Club may possibly host a function in the evening.
- Music could be playing in the afternoon, possibly by the steel band, but will need to be confirmed. PM said that Paul’s band could possibly play in the evening.
- Children and adults Fancy Dress competition. Possibly have a children’s Treasure Hunt on the field. Coconut Shy stand. Little Owls Sue Gill will be asked if she could provide some children’s activities.
- A Boules competition will be organised by TW. There will be a special prize for the winner.
- Ice cream stall
- The group coordinating the Jubilee activities will discuss the provision of food and drink for the party.
- Having fireworks in the evening was discussed; however, it was pointed out that it will not be dark till after 10pm and so will not have the same visual impact. JS to investigate the possibility of having one large firework.
- DW and JS put forward the idea of adults and children to take part in a Duck Race on the river at Ulgham Grange, possibly on the Saturday or the Sunday morning.
- SC said that the Gardening Club were planning a fund raiser for Lewy Body Dementia by having a plant stall, possibly sited in/near Manor Court but that and the day is to be confirmed.
- The village will be decorated with the new bunting and red, blue and white ribbons. Permission will be asked for.
- The cost and type of memento of the occasion will be investigated.
- A coordinating group will be set up, initially being HS, LS, HD, PM, JS, DW

4. Meadows

- Establish a working group for the Meadows. A number of people expressed an interest in joining the working group – Dave Wilson, Deb Wilson, David Parkin, Jim Scott, Paula Ellwood, Neil Jamieson, Gareth Lumley
- It was suggested that the working group first meet in the Meadows to identify and discuss a plan of action.
- The Meadows was purchased by the Parish Council on behalf of the village and is leased to the UVA. There is a sum of money in the parish council budget to be used for maintenance of the Meadows.
- DP suggested that perhaps a more formal public consultation may be needed to help with a long-term plan which would be required if grants were to be applied for.
- JS has two definitive maps of the Meadows. There are no designated rights of way through the Meadows but the paths are permitted footpaths.
- The planting of trees needs careful consideration to take into account the balance of wildlife and fauna. There are a number of voles living in the two rough grass paddocks. The voles are part of a food chain and their habitat shouldn't be disturbed.
- The owner of the stables and land on the northwest side of the Meadows is considering possible replanting of trees and would like to replicate the varieties within the Meadows.
- DbW has been in contact with Max Adams from the Woods for the Trees project. They have links to the Milk Bank. The project helps groups wishing to plant trees with advice, ideas and possible labour. There is a possibility of some funding being available. DbW said Max Adams lives relatively local and so would be willing to come out to look at the Meadows and offer advice.
- As part of the Jubilee the Queen has asked for trees to be planted to mark the occasion. PM said that the WI wished to plant a tree and asked where it could be located. Advice was given not to plant silver birch as their root system invades drains. It was suggested a site on the playing field or on the west side of the village but permission from the County Council may be needed. PM said that she would discuss the ideas with the WI committee.

5. Other Business

- HS reported that the Film Club equipment is not working. Helen Dunn has said that there have been intermittent faults which have increased. The two-year warranty has expired, the installers Roche say that the call out fee is £350 and £65 an hour after that! As a goodwill gesture they would reduce the call out to £250. They were told that the equipment was installed in 2019 and has been little used as was not used at all between March 2020 and October 2021 due to Covid. Helen Dunn has written to the company and is waiting for a response. The question was asked whether we spend money on a call out or wait for a response. The decision was to wait for the response from the company.
- TW, AW(The Croft) and HS(The Forge) agreed to deliver the fliers, in their estates, for the vehicle to grid technology meeting on Wednesday March 16th at 7.30pm in WI Hall hosted by Adrian Jonas.
- CT reported that the cricket club had received a grant of £20,000 to build a practice net, 30m long, 4m high and a maximum width of 4m. They are checking for planning permission. Neighbouring properties have been informed, the nets will be green and so not visually intrusive. The container is being re-sited to the left of the bark chippings and the cricket club will empty the container to make it easier to be moved. The new season begins on 15th/16th April. This season, sponsors of match balls will be sought at a cost of £15-£25. The match ball sponsor's name will be advertised in the cricket pavilion and on the club website. It was agreed

that this information about match ball sponsorship would be put on the village newsletter and Facebook group.