

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 16th May 2022

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

An apology was received from Councillor Mrs D Wilson

Also in attendance 4 parishioners

1/22 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman circulated copies of his annual report.

An error had been pointed out to him in paragraph three. The Old Farmhouse should read 'Townhead Farm'.

2/22 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2019-20

Nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for 2022-23 were invited.

RESOLVED – Councillor Jim Scott be re-appointed as Chairman for the coming year.

Councillor Scott thanked his fellow Councillors for their continued support.

3/22 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2022-23

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for 2022-23 were invited.

RESOLVED – Councillor Mrs Helen Shaw be re-appointed as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Councillor Mrs Shaw also thanked her fellow colleagues for their continued support.

4/22 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident said he had been told that the Parish Council had advised the Cricket Club that they could only use the cricket nets being used twice a week and he asked if that was correct.

The Chairman stated that the parish council had not agreed to anything yet. The Council had asked them to limit the use and the cricket club had said they didn't need to use them much more than that.

5/22 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on .25th April 2022

In relation to Minute 77/21 the Chairman reported that the bid to the Wind Farm had been successful. Funds would be paid into the UVA account by 20th May and the planters would be ordered.

In relation to Minute 82/21 the Chairman reported that the tree may be difficult to remove. He would look at it again.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

6/22 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED - The following appointments to outside bodies were agreed:

- (i) Sisters Wind Farm Community Benefits Fund Committee – Councillor J Scott
- (ii) Ulgham Village Committee – All Councillors were members of this Committee through the UVA or Playing Fields.
- (iii) Druridge Bay Regeneration Partnership – Councillors Mrs H Shaw and Mrs L Newman – This had not met for some time and Councillor Mrs Shaw agreed to discuss this further with her contact.
- (iv) Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC) – County Committee – Councillor Mrs D Wilson.

7/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) **Zurich Insurance – annual renewal of insurance**

The Clerk reported that the annual renewal of insurance had been received from Zurich at a cost of £563.14 for 2022-23.

The Clerk reported that there was an offer to enter into a 3 or 5 year contract with Zurich. The 5 year premium would be £530.11 and the 3 year premium would be £551.01.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council agreed to renew the insurance with Zurich for five years at a total cost of £530.11.

(ii) **Planning application 22/01528/FUL – Garden Cottage, Ulgham – first floor extension**

Details of the above planning application had been circulated to Councillors. Comments were required by 31st May 2022.

Councillors had viewed the plans and had no comments to make.

(iii) **Banking situation update**

The Clerk updated the Council on the current situation with the new banking providers, Unity Trust.

The new account had been opened and letters were being sent out to signatories to register for internet banking.

(iv) Correspondence from the MP re broadband

The Chairman reported that he had recently received a newsletter from the MP who had visited some sites across the county where Openreach was already delivering full fibre broadband. Openreach had also announced that Amble, Longframlington, Lynemouth, Otterburn, Seahouses, Shilbottle and Ulgham have been added to their commercial build plans.

(v) Correspondence from a resident re the haul road

The Chairman had circulated an email from a resident re the above.

It appeared that the advice given to the applicant was not right. The resident had been speaking to an NCC officer at an event she had attended. The officer was mentioned the Pegasus crossing idea and said that user controlled crossings could not be constructed on national speed limit roads, there would have to be a lower speed limit created around it. He also said that NCC were adopting bridges from British Coal in other areas to create cycleways. A resident in attendance disagreed with the information about Pegasus crossings and mentioned one in New Hartley as an example.

(vi) Letter of support for the Ulgham village Vehicle to Grid (V2G) rural pilot

The Clerk was asked to read out a letter of support from the Leader of the County Council in respect of the above-mentioned scheme. It appeared that 25 people were needed to sign up to the scheme and the person behind was being asked to speak to residents on a one-to-one basis.

8/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

There had not been any formal meetings but the small group working on the jubilee had met to discuss progress. Details of events had been included in the newsletter. The Chairman had managed to sort out fireworks for the Saturday evening.

Work had been done to the boules pitch on 14th May.

9/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, May 22 salary, expenses, mileage £154.66
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Zurich Insurance annual renewal - £530.11
- (d) J M Champion – grass cutting in the village/cutting of meadow - £550

10/22 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

The Chairman gave a brief report on the Wind Farm meeting. He had already reported that the grant application for planters for the village had been successful.

Regarding the Meadows, the Chairman had had a walk around with 9 people who are interested in helping with the area. There were parts of the paths that needed some work. Moving the gate had been discussed and some cutting back would be carried out.

11/22 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 20th June 2022 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.