

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 20 March 2023

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs H Shaw and Mrs D Wilson

Also in attendance 3 parishioners and County Councillor D Towns

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Brown

70/22 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident asked if there was any update regarding the village pub.

It was stated that there had recently been two people asking about ownership who were interested in the building. The details of the owner could not be passed on due to GDPR. It may be possible to find a phone number from the website.

There was some discussion on the process if a sale was to be made.

A resident mentioned that he had had a word with the person at Woodlands regarding being unable to use the pavement due to car parking and overgrown vegetation. He had carried out some cutting back of vegetation for the resident.

71/22 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 February 2023.

Members were reminded of the meeting with a senior officer at NCC re planning training on the 30 March between 7 and 8.30 p.m.

The Clerk was asked to raise the inconsistency in some planning decisions in advance with the officer. She was also asked to inform him that there would only be two Councillors in attendance and whether he wished to reschedule.

In relation to Minute 62/22(ii), the Parish Council had submitted some concerns with the planning application but had not objected. They had received a request to raise some concerns by another resident the day before the window for comments closed but it was felt to be too late to rewrite the comments that had been submitted.

With regard to 65/22 (v) it was felt that the best place for the metal detecting group to put on a display for the village was at the Ulgham which was on the first Saturday in July. The UVA secretary would be asked to invite the group to attend.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

72/22 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Planning application – 23/00674 – Proposed outbuilding with solar panels for use as a study and gym – 8 The Croft

Details of this planning application had already been circulated to Councillors.

Comments had to be submitted by 22 March.

The Parish Council had no comments.

Note – Councillor Mrs Wilson declared an interest in the above matter and took no part in consideration of this application.

(ii) Email from Northumbria Police

The Clerk had received an email from the Police which she had circulated to Councillors. The police had stated that they would try and submit regular reports.

Concerns were expressed about poachers and also people meeting up late at night in the park. These issues would be passed onto the Police

(iii) Letter from NCC re Great British Spring Clean 2023

A copy of the above letter had been circulated to Councillors.

There was a group in the village who carried out regular litter picks.

(iv) HGV Signage at Ulgham Grange

There had been some correspondence on social media regarding HGVs using the road to Ulgham Grange past the ford. A tarmac wagon had got stuck and this had caused an issue on the road.

Councillor Wilson had been in touch with NCC to chase up the 'Not suitable for HGV' signage that had been agreed some time ago as part of the Local Transport Plan. She would continue to correspond with the officers concerned.

73/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

Councillor Mrs Shaw said that an article would be included in the newsletter regarding plans for the Coronation in May. A clear timetable of events would be included.

Councillor Mrs Shaw had contacted NCC about the grant application for coronation related events. The outcome of the application was not yet known, and she was disappointed that when she had visited NCC to submit the application, none of the staff at reception knew about it.

She advised that the 8 May, the bank holiday Monday was for volunteering but that there would no planned events in the village. If people wanted to volunteer for activities

in the village, they should come along to the Rendezvous on a Wednesday morning or contact Mrs Shaw.

74/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, March 2023 salary, mileage, - £154.66
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham WI – room hire for 2022-23 - £154

75/22 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

There were no reports from the Chairman and members.

76/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 24 April 2023 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.