

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 24 April 2023

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs H Shaw and Mrs D Wilson

Also in attendance several parishioners

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Brown

77/22 QUESTIONS FORM PARISHIONERS

A resident brought up concerns regarding the planning application of the land north of Southcroft Stables, acknowledging the original damning highways report and also acknowledging that a similar condition has been removed from the original application on appeal. It was believed that Condition 21 on the original - offered the option to put the footpath inside the land.

Following discussions, it was agreed that this be brought to the attention of the residents should they feel they are impacted by the removal of the conditions 3 and 4.

Councillor Mrs Shaw also mentioned that the agricultural order has been removed. The Parish Council had not been advised of when this was removed, and it had not been discussed at parish council level.

A resident congratulated the team working on the Meadows - making it a much cleaner and safer environment.

Horses around the lakes was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. This was a public footpath and not a bridleway. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to kindly report the concern to the Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Clerk.

78/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish council meeting held on 20th March 2023.

It was noted that the Metal detecting group had accepted a table at the next feast.

It was also reported that signage 'not suitable for HGV' had now been placed at both ends of Ulgham Grange road a further one has been ordered to be placed at Tute Hill junction.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

79/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(I) **Planning Application 23/01214/VARYCO - land north of Southcroft Stables**

A copy of the plans re the above had been circulated to Councillors. Comments had to be made by 3 May 2023.

Councillors had made several observations and it was agreed that an objection would be lodged by the deadline date.

RESOLVED – An objection based on comments received from Councillors would be submitted to NCC by 3 May.

(ii) **Email from Northumberland Rivers Trust**

Councillors had been sent a copy of an email from the Northumberland Rivers Trust who were contacting all parish and town councils to advise them of funding they had received to help with dealing with various invasive plants next to rivers and waterways. Town and parish councils were being asked to identify areas where these plants were and then submit the information to the Rivers Trust.

RESOLVED – It was agreed that the information would be shared and included in the newsletter with the inclusion of the correspondence link.

(iii) **NALC subscription**

An email had been received from NALC advising the parish council that the subscription for 2023-24 was due in the sum of £107.53.

RESOLVED – The Council agreed to the payment of the subscription.

(iv) **Request to meet the insurance costs re the Little Owls group**

The Parish Council was asked to consider meeting the cost of the payment of the Little Owls insurance in the sum of £94.39.

RESOLVED – After some discussion it was agreed to meet the cost of the insurance as a donation to the group in the sum of £100.

(v) **Planning application 23/01353/FUL- Rose Cottage, Ulgham – Removal of rear pitched roof and construction of a flat dormer roof with 2 small domed roof lights and three velux roof lights on existing front roof elevation**

Notification of the above application had only been received on the day of the meeting. Comments were required by 15 May.

Councillors would view the plans and decide whether a comment was necessary.

80/22 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A report was provided detailing the events planned for the Coronation weekend which was the 6 – 8 May 2023.

On Saturday 6th there was live streaming of the Coronation in the WI hall from 10:30am to 3pm. Refreshments would be provided throughout that time and there would be a toast to the new King.

On Sunday 7th May the Coronation Concert would be streamed live from Windsor in the WI hall from 8pm-11pm. All residents were invited to pop in and bring friends, neighbours, and their own drinks. Nibbles would be provided.

On Monday 8th May everyone was invited to join in the fun and come to the Duck Race at Ulgham Grange Ford at 1:30pm. After the duck race there would be an opportunity to follow the Crown Trail and spot the royal word and the odd one out. This started from the War Memorial seat to the WI hall for tea and cake served from 3pm. Everyone was asked to wear their own decorated hat or crown to win a prize!

It was reported that residents had increasingly brought to the attention of the Parish Council the condition and impression the Forge Inn provided on entering the village. It was recognised that there very little the Parish Council could do as there was already an Asset of Community Value (ACV) placed on the property from 2019 and the Council was aware that this could not force a sale. Until the property was marketed there was nothing that can be done.

Mr Dave Wilson had independently contacted the Plunkett Foundation who had to-date supported over 150 community pubs schemes across the country. He was hoping for a first formal meeting later this week for advice and support on the process.

Note – Councillor Mrs D Wilson declared an interest in the above issue and took no part in the discussion.

81/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (i) Clerk April salary and mileage - £137.56
- (ii) HMRC - PAYE payment – April - £91.60
- (iii) JM Champion - annual payment for dog wastebin emptying with 20% reduction - £880.00 + f our cuts at £110 = £440. Totalling £1320
- (iv) Little owls insurance donation - £100
- (v) NALC subscription - £107.53

82/22 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

The Chairman reported that he would be attending his first Windfarm meeting where it was expected he would become the Chair on 25 April.

The dumping of tree/pruning/trimmings along the lane to Ulgham Park was acknowledged and it was- considered that this may have been placed intentionally to block the gate. This would be monitored.

83/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 15th May in WI Hall at 7.00 p.m. This was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.