**ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women’s Institute Hall on Monday 21 December 2015**

Councillor J Scott

Councillors G Brown and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance three parishioners and Councillor Alan Sambrook

An apology for absence was received from CouncillorMrs L Newman

49/15 **QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

There were no questions.

50/15 **MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 November 2015.

Further to minute 47/15 the Chairman reported that the speed display sign had been turned and he had received a letter of thanks from Mrs Chandler which also thanked the Parish Council for all of their work during the year.

The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr Dungait regarding a sign for Manor Farm Cottages.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

51/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) E mail from office of Anne Marie Trevelyan MP re meeting**

**dates**

The Clerk had received an e mail from the office of Mrs Trevelyan MP requesting dates of UPC meetings as she hoped that her Chief of Staff could attend some of them.

This information had been provided.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

(ii) **E mail sent via Ulgham Village website re request to object**

**to the Druridge Bay application submitted by Banks**

An e mail had been received from a resident requesting the Parish Council to consider objecting to the above mentioned application that had been submitted to the County Council.

The resident was in attendance at the meeting and outlined her reasons for this request.

The Chairman pointed out that normally the Parish Council did not object to applications outside of the Parish boundary unless asked to by neighbouring parish councils. It would also be difficult for the Parish Council to object as not everyone was against the application in the village.

Parish Councillors as individuals could submit their own objections if they wished to do so.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not be submitting an objection however the resident was thanked for her e mail and also for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council did not agree to submitting an objection to the planning application.

**(iii) Decision notice from NCC re the proposed development at**

**the Stables site**

A copy of the decision notice had been circulated to Councillors.

As everyone was aware, the application had been rejected unanimously by the County Council’s Planning and Rights of Way Committee.

The Chairman had attended and had spoken on behalf of the Parish Council and Mr Warlow had also spoken against the application.

The Chairman wished to thank everyone who had assisted with the submission.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

**(iv) Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service – Working towards**

**2020**

A letter had been received from the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service regarding consultation re proposed changes to the service in Northumberland including cuts of £500,000.

Comments were required by 15 February 2016.

Details of the proposed changes were set out in the letter that had been circulated to Councillors and it seemed unlikely that this would have much impact within the village.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

**(v) Letter received from Anne Marie Trevelyan MP**

The Chairman had received a letter from the MP regarding an issue he had raised at her surgery held in August about lorries travelling through the village.

This was being looked into by the MP who would write again when she had received additional information.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

52/15 **REPORT FROM JOINT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

It was reported that the UVA had now paid Ulgham Meadows for their share of the works recently carried out in that area.

The Chairman reported on some damage that had occurred as a result of illegal scrambling on motorbikes which he had reported to the Police.

This seemed to take place on Sunday mornings.

A resident offered to get photographs of the damage etc.

53/15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED – The following accounts be authorised for payment:

(a) Clerk, December salary plus expenses including

stationery requirements- £266.18

(b) HMRC paye payment – Clerk - £91.60

(c) Mr C Freer – Removal of old seat and installation of

new seat at Play area - £25.00

54/15 **REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

Councillor Brown reported on his discussion with the resident who had asked if the Parish Council would object to the Druridge Bay application.

Councillor Mrs Shaw reported on her attendance at the Druridge Bay Regeneration Partnership meeting, in particular the ongoing situation regarding the provision of broadband that had run into difficulties. Other options were being explored.

The group was also looking at various projects such as a cycle link, traffic management on the Mile Road in Widdrington and the provision of baby changing facilities in various village halls in the area.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting at County Hall regarding the North East Combined Authority (NECA). This involved the grouping of 6 north east councils as proposed by the Government. They would be able to manage their own budgets etc with an elected Mayor. There would be a consultation on this subject.

This was followed by a short presentation on the proposed move of County Hall to Ashington. There were some serious reservations expressed by some of those in attendance.

55/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 January 2016 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.