

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 16 November 2015

Councillor J Scott

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance six parishioners and Councillor Alan Sambrook

42/15 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

There were no questions.

43/15 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 October 2015.

Further to minute 35/15 the Chairman reported that there was a spare sleeper that could be used as a replacement bench at the Meadows.

Under the same minute it was confirmed that the Clerk had written to the Planning Department at NCC but had not as yet received a reply.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

44/15 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence from Ulgham Cricket Club

The correspondence received from the Cricket Club had been circulated.

They had also sent out a further e mail with a slightly different plan.

Due to the various costs involved with the previous suggestions the Club had identified the possibility of satisfying the League by re-using its internal garage space. The internal space would have to be replaced by a free standing garage, this approach could be achieved at a lower cost and would not involve as much many agencies and funding bodies.

The new garage would probably be sited behind the pavilion so that it was on hand for the Club and would use land that currently has no purpose however the downside was that this would use up land that could be used for future extensions. An alternative was to build in the area of the container which had its own advantages. The Parish Council were asked for their views.

The Chairman stated that he would be reluctant to lose the container although it could perhaps be moved.

Draft copies of a new lease between the Parish Council and the Cricket Club had been circulated to Members. It was agreed that this was satisfactory and would be signed by both parties after the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (i) The Parish Council agree in principle to the suggestions made By the Cricket Club subject to them reporting back and confirming the works they decided to undertake.

- (ii) The Parish Council agree to the new lease as presented and that this would be signed after the meeting.

(ii) NCC Core Strategy – Pre-submission draft

The Chairman stated that he had attended the drop in session held at Morpeth on 9 November. Comments could only be made on soundness etc of the document and it was therefore felt that there was little the Parish Council could comment on. Confirmation that UPC was within the Central delivery area had been obtained.

Disappointment was expressed that a large part of the exhibition material seems to relate to the proposed move of County Hall to Ashington.

It was felt that options for the school site had not been looked at carefully.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

45/15 REPORT FROM JOINT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Mrs Dunn reported that there hadn't been a meeting but she took the opportunity to thank everyone involved in the organisation of the fireworks display on 5 November including the Cricket Club who had allowed free use of their improved facilities.

The takings had been slightly down on last year.

46/15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED – The following accounts be authorised for payment:

- (a) Clerk, November salary plus expenses - £230
- (b) HMRC paye payment – Clerk - £92.00
- (c) Ulgham PCC – 15/16th cut of Churchyard - £120.00

47/15 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Brown reported that a complaint had been received from residents of Manor Farm Cottages regarding the need for a bigger street sign.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Dungaits to see if they would provide a sign and some thought should be given as to where this could go.

The speed sign also needed to be turned and the Chairman agreed he would get this carried out.

Councillor Mrs Newman reported on further fly tipping at the Ford that looked like DIY rubble etc.

She also reported on her attendance at the Druridge Bay Cluster meeting. Councillor Sambrook had also been in attendance.

Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that she and the Chairman had attended an NCC Joint Parishes meeting and they reported on a one to one meeting with a representative of the Planning Department regarding the situation with the recent application for Branstone. The issue regarding lack of communication with parish and town councils on Planning issues had also been raised by

other parishes in attendance at the meeting as well as UPC. For instance a reply to the letter sent to the senior Planning officer relating to the Branstone application had still not been received.

Widdrington Station & Stobswood Parish Council had raised the issue of speeding on the Mile Road and they were informed of the difficulties the Police faced in trying to enforce such a limit.

The issue of road markings and moving the 30mph sign back from the Church had been raised but the Councillors had been informed that NCC had to have an order to move signs which could cost up to £1500. A query was raised about whether this would also apply to the stop sign that had been requested. Councillor Mrs Shaw did not think so but agreed to check this out with the contact she had been given at NCC.

It was reported that some tools had been stolen at the new Wind Farm site and this was being discussed with the Police.

48/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 December 2015 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.