

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 21 November 2016

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown and Mrs L Newman

Also in attendance two parishioners and Councillor A Sambrook

42/16 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident had given a letter to Councillor Brown regarding her intention to submit a planning application for the back of Lynebank.

It was suggested that the village boundary line had been re-drawn as part of the core strategy and it was likely this area would be in the green belt however the Parish Council would consider the application when it arrived.

The Chairman reported that there had been some concern locally regarding recent drilling or testing work being carried out at the Stables site. It appeared that tests for Stythe gas were being carried out. There was a suggestion that permission should have been sought for this type of work and this would be looked into.

The Chairman reported on recent correspondence with the new owners of Ulgham Hall and some problem with felling a tree and a possible TPO. It was found that the tree did not have a TPO.

Reference was made to a recent article in the Morpeth Herald regarding Ulgham Churchyard and the removal of items from a grave. There was a claim from the complainant that they had spoken to a Parish Councillor but it was unclear who that was.

One of the representatives from the PCC, who was at the meeting commented on the situation.

43/16 MINUTES

Members were asked to receive the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 October 2016

Further to minute 37/16 Councillor Brown stated that he had had a meeting with a representative of Bart Endean Memorials regarding the possible work to the war memorial and he was awaiting prices from him. It was recognised that the permission of Faculty would be required before any work could be agreed.

The PCC asked if it would be possible for the Town Council to provide a letter to them confirming their responsibility for the war memorial. This was agreed.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be received.

44/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) NCC Core Strategy – pre submission draft – Final major modifications

The Clerk reported that documents had been received from NCC in relation to the above.

The consultation period was from 11 November to 23 December.

The Parish Council did not feel there was anything of any relevance included in the document relating to Ulgham. The documents were given to the parish council for perusal.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

(ii) Information received in respect of A1 in Northumberland from Highways England.

Details of information received from Highways England in relation to the above had been previously circulated to Councillors. The consultation was from 14 November until 23 December and would give consultees the opportunity to provide further feedback on the options currently under consideration.

A consultation session was to be held at the Masonic Hall in Morpeth Thursday 24 November between 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

RESOLVED – The information be received and a response would be submitted.

(iii) Letter from Lynemouth Day Centre

A letter had been received from the above regarding the possible expansion of their activities and asking for assistance from the parish Council.

It was unclear from the letter what was actually being requested and the Clerk had written to the Day Centre Business Manager asking for more detailed information. This had not as yet been received.

It was agreed to defer the matter pending the receipt of the information requested.

RESOLVED – Consideration of this matter be deferred pending receipt of the additional information requested.

(iv) Information sheet for parish and town councils from NALC re development control

A copy of an information sheet had been received from NALC and had been circulated to Councillors. The sheet gave some useful information regarding material planning considerations and non-material planning considerations.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

45/16 REPORT FROM ULGHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Firework display on 5 November had been successful although the numbers attending were down on last year. This could be attributed to the weather on the night.

Everyone who was involved with the organisation and running of the event were thanked by the parish council.

46/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED – It was noted that the following accounts required payment:

- (a) Clerk, November salary, expenses, mileage and stationery £220
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham PCC – 50% contribution towards cutting churchyard (13th to 15th cut plus cutting of meadow - £255

47/16 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Mrs Newman reported that the Banks application for the Ferneybeds site had been withdrawn.

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to attend the Central Area Committee due to a personal situation.

Councillor Brown asked about the new timetables on the bus stop which would be looked at after the meeting.

48/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – The next meeting would be held on Monday 19 December 2016 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.