

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 18 July 2016

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillor G Brown

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance three parishioners and County Councillor A Sambrook

It was noted that the meeting was inquorate therefore no decisions could be taken.

21/16 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident asked if the Parish Council had details of the Community Police contact for the village. Councillor Sambrook offered to provide this information to the Clerk.

A resident raised a question on behalf of another person in the village who asked if the Parish Council knew if it was permissible to shoot collared doves who were becoming a nuisance in gardens.

The Chairman indicated that the usual advice was to 'shoo' the birds rather than shoot them.

A resident mentioned a repair that was required to the fence at the Cricket Club near to the 'no dogs' sign. The Chairman agreed to obtain a post and get the work done.

The Chairman reported that there had been some vandalism to the telephone box that had been reported to BT by a resident.

Mrs Lamb wished to thank the Parish Council for getting the work to the war memorial area carried out so quickly. She also thanked Councillor Brown for all of his work cutting back bushes etc.

The Chairman mentioned an incident with a motorbike in the village that had been reported to the Police.

22/16 MINUTES

Members were asked to receive the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20 June 2016

In relation to Minute 14/16 it was reported that an inscription for the plaque as referred to at the last meeting was still to be organised.

Further to Minute 15/16 it was reported that one of the residents of Woodlands had stated that there had been no actual disturbance from the building work. The lorry drivers had been careful to reverse into the site.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be received.

15/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) Playsafety UK – Report of annual playground inspection

A copy of the report received from Playsafety had been previously circulated and it was noted that the various issues would be dealt with.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

(ii) NCC Local Transport Programme 2017-18

Information relating to the above had been circulated. Comments were required by 31 August.

Councillor Sambrook mentioned that Longhirst were having some type of cobble' rumble strip fixed to the road in the village in order to try and slow down traffic. There were some in Stannington that seemed to be effective without being noisy. He asked if the Parish Council would be interested in some of them in the village in an attempt to deal with the speeding issues.

There would need to be some consultation with residents who would be close to the installation. Parish Councillors agreed to give this some thought and if agreeable Councillor Sambrook indicated he could add it onto his list.

A response would be sent by the deadline date.

(iii) E Mail from Northumberland Association of Local Councils

The Clerk had circulated an email from NALC regarding savings that the County Council had to make from 2018-19 onwards. It was likely that all service areas would be asked to make savings, particularly those that were of a non-statutory nature.

Parish and Town Councils were being urged to discuss this issue and decide what was best for their particular area.

Various options were briefly discussed and it was agreed that a further discussion on this matter was necessary.

The information was received.

23/16 REPORT FROM ULGHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Mrs Dunn reported that the Feast had taken place and had gone well apart from the weather.

There were some issues that had arisen this year that would be discussed at the next UVA meeting.

24/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- (a) Clerk, July salary, expenses, mileage and stationery £210
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham PCC – 50% contribution towards cutting churchyard (4 cuts) - £240
- (d) Playsafety Limited – Playground inspection - £100.80

25/16 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Brown had asked if the drive carefully sign could be moved from its current location to where the speed limit sign was located. It would be much more visible. There would be cost implications to this and it was suggested that details of the costs should be sought. NCC had indicated that there would be traffic management costs involved in moving the sign.

Councillor Brown also mentioned an issue of dog fouling near to his property.

Councillor Sambrook said that dog owners must now carry bags to pick up their dogs waste.

Councillor Brown also reported that the village booklet had been updated for new residents and Councillor Sambrook asked for a copy.

The Chairman indicated that he had attended one meeting on 14 July which was the NCC Central area meeting. An update on broadband had been given and it was hoped that everyone should have access to a good service by 2017. There had been an excellent presentation about the Tall Ships event in Blyth in August.

26/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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