

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 16 May 2016

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)
Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance County Councillor Sambrook and two parishioners.

1/16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his annual report to those in attendance which set out the work of the Parish Council during the course of the last year. He stated that the highlight of the year was his and his wife's attendance at the garden party earlier this month.

Councillor Scott thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for all their help and support over the last year.

2/16 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2016-17

Nominations for the position of Chairman were invited.

RESOLVED – Councillor J Scott be appointed Chairman for 2016-17.

Councillor Scott thanked his colleagues for this nomination.

3/16 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2016-17

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were invited.

RESOLVED – Councillor Mrs H Shaw be appointed Vice Chairman for 2016-17.

4/16 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

Councillor Brown reported that he and Councillor Sambrook had attended a meeting with Mrs Chandler regarding the drains. An officer had agreed that they would be fixed although it did not appear as though the work had been done. Councillor Sambrook agreed to chase this up. Councillor Mrs Newman commented that the churchyard was looking very well kept.

5/16 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 April 2016

Further to minute 79/15 the Chairman had spoken to one of the Planning Officers at the joint meeting with parishes and NCC and it appeared as though the Highways department had withdrawn their objection as the road met the minimum requirements for a junction.

In relation to minute 81/15 one cut at the Meadows had already been carried out two weeks ago and the contractor had suggested cutting the area three times per year that would cost the same as the one large cut carried out last year. Mr Carpenter agreed this was an excellent idea and the Parish Council agreed to this course of action.

Councillor Sambrook stated that he had spoken to the Ground works team and they had indicated that they would come out and explain about various ideas of what could be done at the Meadows.

The Chairman agreed it would be a good idea to get them to come out and see the area and give some ideas. A meeting would be arranged with Ground works with Mr Carpenter in attendance.

Further to minute 83/15 it was reported that the seat had been ordered and received. The Chairman stated that he had had a better look at the existing seat and he felt it was still in decent condition if it was sanded down and stained. It was suggested that the new seat be placed near the Cricket pitch as the existing one was in a poor state of repair. The plaque from the seat at the playing field could be removed and placed on the new seat. There was some discussion on where to place the WI plaque.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

6/16 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED - The following appointments be made to Outside Bodes as set out below:

- (i) Community Benefits Fund Sub Committee – Councillors G Brown and Mrs L Newman
- (ii) Playing Field Management Committee – Councillors J Scott and Mrs L Newman
- (iii) Ulgham Meadows Management Committee – Councillors Mrs H Shaw
- (iv) Widdrington Regeneration Partnership – Councillor Mrs H Shaw and J Scott

7/16 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Insurance renewal

The Council agreed to renew their insurance with Zurich at a cost of £501.96.

(ii) E mail from Northumbria Police

A copy of an e mail received from the Police in response to a letter sent by the Parish Council had been circulated to Councillors.

The e mail referred to the Community Speed Watch scheme being available to residents in the village although they hoped that there would be at least two volunteers.

The Parish Council were aware of one resident who was keen to be involved and it was suggested that an item on this subject should go in the village newsletter to see if anyone else was interested.

RESOLVED – An article on this subject be included in the newsletter.

(iii) Approval notice for planning application

An approval notice in respect of planning application 16/00679/FUL had been received and was circulated.

8/16 PLANNING APPLICATION – LAND EAST OF LYNEBANK – OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ONE NEW DWELLING

A copy of the plans in respect of the above had been received and circulated.
Comments had to be made by 26 May.

9/16 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

- (i) Ulgham Village Committee**
A meeting had not been held

10/16 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED – The following accounts be authorised for payment:

- (a) Clerk, May salary, expenses, mileage £218
- (b) HMRC – paye payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Ulgham PCC – Cutting of churchyard – half share of two cuts - £120
- (d) Zurich Insurance annual renewal - £501.96
- (e) K9 Cleanup – Cutting of paths at Meadows - £150
- (f) Marmax products – Seat and fixings and carriage - £432

11/16 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Brown reported that further to minute 80/15 some research had been carried out about possible holders of the VC on the local war memorial. There were no holders of that award on the Ulgham war memorial although there was someone from Widdrington who was listed on their war memorial.

There was some information available about grants to refurbish war memorials and the Clerk had that on file.

Councillor Brown and his wife were thanked for carrying out this research.

Councillor Mrs Shaw expressed concerned about the amount of dog waste on the road opposite the Forge pub leading down to the ford.

The Clerk mentioned some Keep Britain Tidy posters and stickers and agreed to obtain some for the village.

Councillor Sambrook stated that if there were excessive amounts of dog waste in a particular area the County Council may get involved and this should be reported to the dog warden.

There was also some concern about illegal poaching. This was happening in nearby areas and it had been reported to the Police.

The Chairman stated that he had been to two meetings. A wind farm meeting had been held which had updated those present on progress. They had extended working hours at weekends and it was hoped that installation would be finished by the end of September.

He had also attended the NCC Joint meeting with parish and town councils and he had spoken to the Highways manager about the removal of their objection to the recent application at the Stables site.

There had also been an update given regarding the core strategy that would be out for public consultation again in June/July and it was hoped it would be finalised in spring 2017.

In relation to the renewal of lighting columns, work in Ulgham was scheduled to be carried out in 2017. It was possible that a new light could be installed at the end of the village as requested. If it was not felt to be necessary the Parish Council could pay to have this installed.

12/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – The next meeting would be held on Monday 20 June 2016 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.