**ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women’s Institute Hall on Monday 21 March 2016**

Councillor J Scott

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance six parishioners

An apology for lateness was received from CouncillorSambrook

71/15 **QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Mrs Lamb confirmed that the cost for grass cutting in the churchyard would remain the same for the coming year. The Parish Council agreed that the quote should be accepted.

A resident complained about the traffic coming through the village. He stated that there had been three accidents in the last six weeks. He had had two near misses in the last few weeks just trying to cross the road.

The resident was concerned that when the new by pass was open, traffic would be directed through the village.

Councillor Brown stated that the lorry traffic had started again in the last three weeks and there had been a near miss between a lorry and a van outside of Ulgham Hall. Councillor Brown had contacted the County Council and had spoken to Les Gilbert, the road safety officer. He also intended to raise this with CouncillorSambrook.

It was suggested that it may also be worthwhile contacting the Police again and also to the County Council Highways Manager.

72/15 **MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on15 February 2016.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

73/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Information from NCC re notification of appeals in respect of**

**outline application for land at Southcroft Stables**

Copies of letters received from NCC regarding the above appeals had been circulated to Councillors.

At the moment the Parish Council did not feel they had any more to add to the objections that had been submitted to NCC. All of the objections and support letters would be sent to the Inspector.

As a point of information a resident reported that he had been informed that the applicant seemed to have come to some sort of arrangement with Highways that would satisfy their concerns.

The Clerk was asked to check this with the NCC Planning Officer.

RESOLVED – The information be noted and the Clerk be asked to find out if there was any supplementary information available which may result in the Parish Council sending a letter to the Planning Inspectorate.

**(ii) Letter from NCC re further Planning Training on dates in April**

A copy of the above letter had been circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED – The Chairman and CouncillorMrs Newman agreed to attend the training at Morpeth Town Council.

74/15 **PLANNING APPLICATION – 16/00679/FUL**

An application had been received from NCC regarding a change of use from an office with 2 bedrooms and bathroom to a holiday let at the Cockles Farmhouse, Ulgham. Comments were required by 31 March.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council had no comments to make on the application.

75/15 **REPORT FROM JOINT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

The next meeting would be held in April.

75/15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED – The following accounts be authorised for payment:

(a) Clerk, March salary plus expenses/mileage - £220

(b) HMRC paye payment – Clerk - £91.60

(c ) Ulgham WI – use of hall for meetings for 2015-16 –

£154

(d) UVA newsletter printing - £102

76/15 **REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

Councillor Brown referred to the issue raised at the last meeting regarding

the east end of the village. This work had been done and the roads had been swept.

The issue regarding the trees in Ulgham Lane had also been dealt with.

A complaint had been received regarding overhanging trees from the Vicarage and it was agreed that a polite letter would be sent to the owners.

Councillor Brown stated that he would contact NCC again regarding the lorries in the village.

Councillor Mrs Shaw stated that there was a really bad pothole near the Church at Longhirst and it was agreed that this would be reported.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a WPP meeting on 3rd March. The issue regarding broadband was still ongoing.

Problems with off road bikes had been discussed with the dunes being used etc. It appeared that the off road track in Bedlington was closed for the Winter so this was probably why there was an increase in this type of activity.

The Chairman said that he would ask Mr Arnot Clark if he could put an extra post in at the Meadows to stop this behavior.

Councillor Brown reported that the CAB in Morpeth had been taken over and the Debt Advice Within Northumberland would be absorbed into the new organisation.

77/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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