**ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women’s Institute Hall on Monday 15 February 2016**

Councillor J Scott

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance three parishioners

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sambrook

64/15 **QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Mrs Dunn stated that she had been asked to find out if the Parish Council could do anything about the Cricket Club parking their cars in a residents lay-by.

The Chairman said he suspected this was due to the fact they were carrying tools back and forward at the moment and he said that he would deal with this.

Mrs Lamb mentioned that there were some branches overhanging the corner of Ulgham Lane. Councillor Brown offered to speak to the householder and get them cut back.

Mr Warlow referred to the state of the road into Ulgham Lane and asked if the Council could do anything. Various issues relating to potholes were reported particularly on the road from Ulgham to Longhirst at Broomhaugh.

These would be reported.

People had complained about the dog dirt on Ulgham Lane. It was agreed that something would be placed in the next newsletter. It would also be reported to NCC and this would also be referred to in the newsletter.

Councillor Mrs Newman stated that she was receiving complaints from residents at Ulgham Grange about the mud on the roads from farm traffic and also regarding the road being used by large wagons.

65/15 **MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 January 2016.

Further to minute 58/15 it was reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Northumbrian Gathering Committee in respect of the recent grant made by the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that a response had been sent in relation to the consultation regarding the Fire Service in Northumberland.

In relation to minute 60/15 it was reported that it had been agreed to pay the insurance for the play group rather than give a donation.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

66/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Information from NCC re street lighting modernization**

Information had been received from the County Council regarding the programme to modernize street lighting in the county.

The e mail gave advance notification of the programme reaching each area and for Ulgham the work would start between February and June 2017.

It was suggested that it may be worthwhile requesting an additional street light at the end of the village nearest to Longhirst.

RESOLVED – The information be received and the Clerk contact NCC to make the above suggestion in relation to an additional street light.

**(ii) Letter from Director of Environment & Planning re Community Regeneration Team**

A copy of a letter that had been received from the Director of Environment and Planning at NCC had been circulated to Councillors. The letter referred to the establishment of a new Community Regeneration team which would bring together the Council’s community based functions relating to the strategic partnership with parish and town councils, local growth and regeneration and social enterprise development into one team.

It was stated that this would mean changes to the Council’s current working practices and personnel. The next meeting of the Parish and Town Council Liaison Group would focus on this topic.

The Clerk was asked to find out about how parish and town councils could become representatives of the Liaison Group.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

**(iii) Letter from Anne Marie Trevelyan MP re Neighbourhood Plans**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mrs Trevelyan MP asking for an update on the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan for Ulgham and also asking for a list of Councillors contact details.

A copy of the letter had been circulated to the Council.

The Clerk was asked to reply to Mrs Trevelyan stating why the village had not embarked on this process and also including contact details as requested.

RESOLVED – The Clerk reply to Mrs Trevelyan as set out above.

**(iv) E Mail from CAN/NALC re retirement of David Francis**

An e mail had been received from CAN/NALC informing parish and town councils of the forthcoming retirement of David Francis after 30 years.

A contribution towards a leaving gift was requested and the Parish Council was pleased to send a suitable donation towards the gift.

RESOLVED – A donation be sent to CAN/NALC in respect of the retirement of David Francis and that he be thanked for all of his work for parish and town councils over the last 30 years.

**(v) Press release from NCC re budget**

Copies of a press release received from NCC dated 9 February had been circulated to Councillors.

The press release related to central Government funding cuts and how this would impact on Councils like NCC.

RESOLVED – The information be noted.

**(vi) Letter from Annemarie Trevelyan MP re lorries through village**

The Chairman reported that he had received a further response from the MP regarding this query that he had raised at a surgery held last year.

A response had been received by NCC who had said they had spoken to the contractors concerned and the problem seemed to have been resolved.

RESOLVED – The information be received.

**(vii) E mail from David Woodard re meeting with Eddie Peat of**

**UK Coal**

The Chairman reported on an e mail he had received from Mr Woodard regarding a meeting that had been arranged with Eddie Peat of UK Coal to discuss the removal of the haul road bridge. The meeting would be held on 23 February and there would be representation from Longhirst, Pegwood and Ulgham parish councils as well as NCC.

Councillor Brown agreed to attend.

It was reported that motorbikes had been seen using the area and Councillor Brown agreed to bring this up at the meeting.

RESOLVED – Councillor Brown would attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

67/15 **REPORT FROM JOINT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

There had not been a meeting.

There was some discussion about the Ulgham Feast and whether the Queen’s 90th birthday could be incorporated into the event.

Various ideas were made.

68/15 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED – The following accounts be authorised for payment:

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

(b) HMRC paye payment – Clerk - £91.60

69/15 **REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

Councillor Mrs Shaw reported that there was a street light off in the Forge Estate and she agreed to send the number to the Clerk who would report this.

Councillor Mrs Shaw also mentioned some subsidence in the road at the entrance to the Forge Estate that was causing problems with water in wet weather.

The Clerk agreed to report this too.

70/15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – The next meeting would be held on Monday 21 March 2016 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.