

**ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 18 January 2016**

Councillor J Scott

Councillors G Brown, Mrs L Newman and Mrs H Shaw

Also in attendance two parishioners and Councillor Alan Sambrook

**56/15 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS**

Mr Warlow wished to express his appreciation to the Town Council for the work they had done in respect of the objections to the proposed development at the Stables site. He also thanked the Chairman for speaking at the NCC Planning Committee.

The Chairman stated that a large pothole near to Broomhaugh had been reported to him which was difficult to see in recent bad weather. It appeared that a temporary repair had been carried out by NCC.

Councillor Brown reported on a blocked drain near to the entrance to the Old Vicarage.

Councillor Sambrook said he would look at this after the meeting and report it.

**57/15 MINUTES**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 December 2015.

RESOLVED – The Minutes be approved.

**58/15 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) 49<sup>th</sup> Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering**

A letter had been received from the Honorary Treasurer of the above event requesting a donation towards the costs of holding the 49<sup>th</sup> event.

RESOLVED – A donation of £75 be approved.

**59/15 BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2016-17**

A copy of the draft budget had been circulated for consideration of the Parish Council.

It was suggested that the Parish Council may want to do something for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and this would be discussed with the UVA.

There was also the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme in 2016 and it was agreed that this would be looked into.

RESOLVED – The budget for 2016-17 be approved and that the Parish Council agreed to levy a precept of £10,500 on Northumberland County Council.

## **60/15 REPORT FROM JOINT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

It was reported that the Ulgham Feast would be held on the first Saturday in July again this year.

The Cricket Club had given a presentation to the meeting about their plans for the Pavilion and they had made another plea for more people in the village to get involved with the Club. They would be holding a monthly quiz night to try and encourage residents to support the Club and this would be held in the summer months.

The Chairman stated that the Club had decided to have a garage behind the Pavilion and they were awaiting quotes for this.

There was some discussion about the Little Owls play group and it was suggested that a donation of £100 be given to the organisation to help with running costs.

In relation to the hanging baskets for the village, it was reported that a resident had offered to prepare these and the UVA would send an official letter of thanks to the resident at a later date.

## **61/15 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

RESOLVED – The following accounts be authorised for payment:

- (a) Clerk, January salary plus expenses/mileage - £225
- (b) HMRC paye payment – Clerk - £91.60
- (c) Northumberland County Council – Additional grass cuts - £161.52
- (d) Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering Committee – donation - £75.00

## **62/15 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS**

Councillor Brown reported that Peter Wood from UK Coal was to retire in February and it had been suggested at the UVA meeting that the occasion should be marked with a gift together with a letter of thanks for all he had done for the village. There was some discussion regarding a suitable gift.

The Chairman had attended the first meeting of the NCC Central Area meeting at Morpeth Town Hall. This was because Ulgham Parish now came under the Central area. There were two main items of discussion. One was a presentation by the Chief Fire Officer about the consultation "Working towards 2020". This did not affect the village however it was suggested that a letter of concern should be sent in response about the proposed cuts across the county particularly those in the more rural areas. The Haydon Bridge closure in particular seemed to be causing concerns. It was agreed that a letter would be sent in by the deadline date of 15 February.

The other main item under discussion related to the recent flooding issues in Morpeth. The Environment Agency had been in attendance. It appeared that the flood defences had worked reasonably well. It was intended to train residents who lived close to the defences to close the gates.

**63/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – The next meeting would be held on Monday 15 February 2016 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.