

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall on Monday 17th July 2023

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors G Brown, Mrs H Shaw and Mrs D Wilson

Also in attendance 6 parishioners

21/23 QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS

A resident reported that he had received a response from the Local Government Ombudsman re the complaint he had submitted about a planning application. The letter stated that the Ombudsman was not going to investigate the complaint and he outlined their reasons for this decision. He had written again to the Ombudsman on 10 July and he provided a copy of the letter to the Clerk. There was some discussion regarding the handling of this application.

The Chair stated that he understood the premises in question were in the process of being sold but that the new owners would be waiting for the formalities to be dealt with before they started work on the site.

Another resident mentioned the road closure that had been discussed last month. He had been told that the County Council had to close the road because operatives were working in the middle of the road. He disagreed that there was a necessity to close the road for a week as there were only three patches in the middle of the road.

The Chair said that he would expect signage to be in place earlier when NCC came back to finish the work.

A resident complained about the number of agricultural vehicles travelling through the village. There was nothing that could be done about this and it would get worse in August due to traffic travelling to and from the grain drying plant in Longhirst.

22/23 MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th June 2023

Further to Minute 14/23 it was reported that the survey on the community asset was due to close on 21 July.

In relation to Minute 15/23 the Chair reported that the UVA had agreed to pay for the hanging baskets as the Parish Council had purchased the new strimmer for use in the village.

RESOLVED – The minutes be approved.

23/23 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chair reported that the Parish Council had recently advertised the vacancy on the Parish Council. One application had been received from Mr Paul Barton who was keen to join the Council. A short interview had been held before the meeting.

RESOLVED – That Paul Barton be co-opted on to the Parish Council and joined the meeting. He signed a declaration of acceptance of office and agreed to complete the declaration of interests form within 28 days.

24/23 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) ROSPA Playsafety report

The above company had carried out an inspection at the play area and had submitted their report. A copy had been given to the Chair. He felt there was nothing too major in the report.

(ii) Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2024-25

A copy of the above information had been received from NCC and had been circulated to Councillors. The deadline for the submission of priorities was 28 July.

Parish Councillors did not believe there was anything that they could include at the moment as the items that they had asked for had not been approved.

RESOLVED – The Parish Council would not be submitting a response for 2024-25 .

(ii) UVA request for donation towards the cost of providing hanging baskets

The Clerk had received the above request by email. The cost of the hanging baskets was £200 however, she could not find any reference to a donation from last year.

RESOLVED – The Clerk was asked to examine this further and report back.

(iii) Planning appeal – Land north of Southcroft Stables

The Clerk had previously circulated a letter from NCC in relation to the above.

(iv) Introduction to the new Vicar

The Chair had been invited to attend the above event at the Holy Trinity Church on 24 July.

(v) Thank you from Little Owls playgroup

Councillor Shaw had been asked to pass on the thanks of the above organisation for their recent grant.

The Chair asked if they had thought about making an application for a grant from the Wind Farm.

25/23 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) Ulgham Village Committee

Councillor Mrs Shaw thanked everyone who had been involved in the organisation of the Feast for their help. She was pleased that the Church and the WI had raised some funds. The Steel band had performed as usual and everyone welcomed their performance. Overall it was a successful event.

Councillor Mrs Shaw also wanted to thank those people who looked after the hanging baskets and flower tubs.

The next meeting of the UVA would be held on 3 October at 7.00 p.m.

26/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

It was noted that the following accounts were now due for payment:

- (a) Clerk, July 23 salary, expenses, mileage £161.65
- (b) HMRC – PAYE payment, Clerk - £91.60
- (c) ROSPA Playsafety – inspection of play area - £115.20

27/23 REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

Councillor Wilson reported that she had had an email from David Parkin who was involved with the Ulgham Meadows. There had been someone fishing there and he asked if the Parish Council had a policy on this.

The Parish Council were advised by a resident that there should be no fishing there without a licence.

The Clerk was asked to source two 'no fishing' signs.

It was reported that a follow up meeting regarding the public house would be held on 15 August at the WI hall at 7pm. This would be to discuss the results of the survey.

28/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 September 2023 in the WI Hall, Ulgham at 7.00 p.m.