

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council held in Women's Institute Hall
Monday 14th November 2023

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)
Councillors P Barton, G Brown, H Shaw, D Wilson

Also in attendance 6 parishioners

44/23 Questions from Parishioners

A resident raised concerns re Saunders and voluntary liquidation and how this would affect the haul road. Councillor Scott informed it will be in the hands of the liquidator but any purchase would have to adhere to the planning. Councillor David Towns aware.

Issues of speeding through Ulgham Grange was raised, appears to be around particular times of day. Councillor Wilson will contact PC Sutcliffe, however all incidents should be reported though 101 so that they are logged and monitored by the police.

45/23 Minutes

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th October.

Further to Minute 34/23 - Councillor Brown updated on pavement issue, surface condition problem has been found by Highways and now awaiting repair.

Further to Minute 42/23 - Councillor Wilson reported back:

- information on potential 'blue plaque' for Luke Clennell. These are now managed by Historic England - they aim to open public nomination process from Summer 2024, to keep on Agenda until next year.
- issues with Fibre to the village - Alncom were the company who originally were installing under a government grant scheme - awaiting contact from them regarding where they are up to
- still awaiting information from Northern Power regarding continuing power cuts to the village.

It was further mentioned by Councillor Scott that refuse collection vehicles are being fitted with trackers to 'track' poor signal areas.

RESOLVED: - The minutes be approved

46/23 Planning

Continuing communication regarding the planning applications of The Pines and The Stables is ongoing

47/23 Correspondence

- (i) Carbon Literacy for Town and Parish Councils - decision not to go ahead with the course at this time
- (ii) Northumberland Open Space Assessment - to complete before the deadline of 22nd December
- (iii) Chapter 8 - Road Safety - guidance will be provided by the police in due course
- (iv) Planning - nothing to report
- (v) Great North Air Ambulance - donation of £100 agreed

Email re hedges and pathway - hedges have now been cut back - highways have been informed and intend to clear the path of soil and weeds

Tracey Wilson - Locality Coordination with Northumberland Communities Together has made contact, she has been invited to attend Rendezvous on a Wednesday morning at her convenience to introduce herself and how she can support our community.

48/23 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

To receive any report or items from the above Committee.

- (i) UVA - thank you to all supported the very successful firework night - £3150 raised. UVA have made a donation to children and plan to support David and the Meadows in the spring - Plan to update playing field, now 25 years old - Donate sweets for Santa - next UVA meeting will be in January
- (ii) Meadows - nothing to report
- (iii) UCBS - Website active with over 1000 'hits' - 300 flyers distributed, most handed out on firework night - 60 volunteers to date - interest from local villages. A thank you to Mary for allowing a banner to be placed on the premises. All positive to date.

49/23 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:-

It was noted the following accounts are now due for payment

- (i) Clerk – September salary - £120
- (ii) HMRC – PAYE payment – Clerk - £80

50/23 Reports from Chairman and Members

Councillor Barton - issues with overhanging branches/hedges making it difficult to walk on pavements - a reminder for residents to keep paths and pavements clear and safe for pedestrians - Councillor Brown added this is compounded when cars are parked adjacent to hedges, obstructing pavements

Parking on pavements - parking too far onto pavements makes it difficult to pass by, especially if using aids or pushing prams

ACTION: Councillor Shaw to place a message in next newsletter

Councillor Shaw - the issue of drains not be cleared

ACTION: Councillor Wilson to report via Fix my Street

Councillor Scott - reported on the latest Windfarm meeting 5 out of 7 applications granted totalling £51,000

51/23 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting would be held on Monday 18th December at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.