

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council held in Women's Institute Hall

Monday 18th December 2023

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors P Barton, G Brown, H Shaw, D Wilson

Also in attendance 4 parishioners

52/23 Questions from Parishioners

A resident raised concerns regarding the state of roads in the village, particularly potholes and are we on the schedule of works ACTION: Councillor Wilson to check Fix my Street.

1. Outside Woodlands
2. Just over bridge at Ford (from church to bridge)

A resident raised concerns regarding the bus stop at the road end to Cockle Park - discussion followed, including emails from County Council and Councillor David Towns.

53/23 Minutes

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th November 2023

Further to Minute 45/23 - Alncom - ACTION to respond to email to further question what happened to the 'vouchers' that many residents completed and returned.

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

54/23 Correspondence

- (i) Northumbria Police - no crimes or incidents noted between 27th October and 11th December - one road traffic collision reported which caused minor disruption - a report of suspicious activity in the area - reminder that residents can join up for 'Northumbria Connected' which offers residents regular information and alerts about issues within the community. ACTION Councillor Wilson to arrange notification in next Newsletter
- (ii) GNAAS - a letter of thanks for our donation
- (iii) A letter of thanks from a resident regarding work completed on the main road
- (iv) Letter from County Council regarding additional grass cuts for the 2024 season - AGREEMENT TO PAY £212.65 Due date: 12/01/2024
- (v) Email from County Council who are looking into additional bin collection in Ulgham, particularly in relation to dog waste. ACTION Councillor Wilson to chase.
- (vi) Email dated 15th December - Offer to complete the Open Space Assessment. ACTION Councillor Scott and Councillor Wilson. Complete by: 22nd December

55/23 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

Councillor Scott advised the successful bid from the windfarm for £1900 towards the seat for Ulgham which has now been ordered

UVA - Reminder of Rendezvous Christmas celebration on Wednesday 20th December, all welcome
- AGM Tuesday 23rd December at 7pm, everyone welcome - discussion around potential pool table to be discussed at AGM - Seat as above has been ordered (owl and hedgehog seat by the same company who did the war memorial, expected 8-10 weeks) in memory of our villagers who are no longer with us

UCBS - share sale 80+ members - approaching £40,000 the more we get the better chance of grant funding - BBC over the past few days - been in all local papers - HMRC registered for tax relief - the hope is similar profile to the survey responses in that the last week brings a rush of investors Crowdfunding for donations now active -

56/23 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:-

- (i) Clerk – September salary - £108
- (ii) HMRC – PAYE payment – Clerk - £72

In addition:

- (iii) NCC - Additional Grass Cutting for 2024 season - £212.65

57/23 Reports from Chairman and Members

Councillor Brown: increasing concerns regarding ongoing issues of parking on pavements - polite notice on this month's newsletter

Councillor Wilson: meeting required to discuss budget and precept. Agreement to meet at 6:30 on Monday 15th January prior to the next Parish Council meeting at 7pm. ACTION: Councillor Wilson to forward information for consideration prior to the meeting.
Option for same night or ½ earlier - Budget, Precept

58/23 Date of next meeting:

Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.