

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 19th February 2023

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance Councillor David Towns and 3 parishioners:

Apologies: Dave Wilson

69/23 Questions from Parishioners

A resident queried the length of time it is taking for the bus stop near the church to be relocated, dropped kerb has now been in place for some time.

Also there is no time table on the bus stop opposite Forge estate travelling North

ACTION: Deb Wilson to contact Arriva

The condition of the bus shelters in the village was raised, particularly the shelter at the end of the village near the Forge Estate - leaves inside and repairs required to structure. Residents reassured that this will be looked into and repairs planned for Spring.

Residents raised the condition of the roads in general within the village. Cllr David Towns updated with a message from County that there is a plan in place for patch and repair.

The new dog bin placed at the end of Manor Court is a concern raised by one resident, it does not have a 'closed' lid and may cause odour concerns in warm weather - it was discussed how other options were considered at the time, but this was thought to be the best - whilst this can be monitored the bin is sold as a 'dog-bin'.

70/23 Minutes

Members were asked to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2023.

59/23: Ongoing issue of locked footpath - County Council are aware and negotiations are ongoing to resolve the issue

Wall by church yard has been partially demolished and tidied

62/23: Fish pass, awaiting information from Environmental Agency - concerns remain that it is 'holding back' water.

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

71/23 Planning - no new planning issues

72/23 Village Bins

Site meeting on Friday 9th February with NCC regarding repositioning of bins. County will now collect from the dog bins which have been resited to aid collection.

- The one opposite the park has been relocated to opposite the park entrance.
- The one at the bottom of Manor Court has been replaced
- The one at the top of lane opposite The Forge Inn has been resited to the opposite side of the lane and is now a black litter bin and not the small red dog waste bin.

73/23 Village Warden / Gardener

It was discussed that we have many volunteers already who help to keep the village tidy in general, including the Meadows volunteers and our Litter Pickers.

With the dog waste bins now being collected by County the outstanding work to consider in maintaining the upkeep of the village is predominantly grass cutting at each end of the village and strimming around the playground in the park.

County will be approached to ask if they can extend the grass cutting they do to the south entrance to the village.

An advert will be placed in the next Newsletter to see if there is any interest in supporting this role, either as an individual or on a rota basis.

74/23 Correspondence

(i) Letter from NCC re Town and Parish Councils conference.

Discussion on which 2 councillors would attend on behalf of Ulgham PC.

Cllr Shaw reminded she had already nominated herself via email.

Cllr Scott would like to put his name forward.

With no other nominations, this was approved. ACTION: Deb Willson to apply

(ii) Leaflets from County regarding voting and the election process have been taken by Cllr Shaw who will put them in the notice boards in the village

75/23 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

To receive any report or items from the above Committee.

- (i) UVA - the seat has arrived, it is going to be placed beside the bus shelter and unveiled on 3rd March - Day of Reflection (Marie Curie). Those lost to the village - not necessarily just through Covid. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Supper room in the WI Hall.

Vicar will try to attend next parish council meeting

Need to consider where to best place the original seat

- (ii) Meadows - nothing to report

(iii) UCBS - COF (government community ownership fund) application was submitted - Share offer extended to align with when we get a response to our COF application - £110,000 raised to date. Formal offer made to the owner on 2nd February, to date no response. Our local MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan visited 16th February, showing good support for our venture. Good representation of the community ownership concept on Countryfile yesterday (Sunday 18th February) including pictures of The Forge.

Cllr David Towns discussed the difficulties for some in Northumberland in getting change of use approved.

76/23 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:-

- (i) Andy Guy - Hedge Cutting - £60
- (ii) Glasdon dog bin - £483.52 (inc VAT £80.59)

77/23 Reports from Chairman and Members

nothing to report

78/23 Date of next meeting:

Monday 18th March 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.