

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Parish Council held in Women's Institute Hall Monday
15th April 2024

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance: 6 Parishioners

Apologies: Cllr David Towns

87/23 Questions from Parishioners

Parishioner confirmed chains have now been removed from gates restricting access to public footpath at Ulgham Grange.

Resident highlighted the chain in the water at Ulgham Grange.

Residents reported the seat by the nature reserve is broken.

Parishioner discussed work recently undertaken by residents to help water drainage at the junction of B1337 and Ulgham Grange. Two channels are now insitu and NCC have been notified of issues with drains.

A resident noted that we are now in 'Spring' with no sign of road works being underway. NCC has confirmed 'Spring', this will be monitored. The council are also aware that a resident is keen to know when works are to be completed as cable is to be installed to their property in the near future, ideally before roadworks have been completed.

A young resident of Ulgham is to take part in ISF World School Cross Country Championship in May, he will represent England in Kenya after his team won the English Schools Cross Country Cup. He is currently fundraising towards the trip and whilst the council are restricted from making payments to individuals we do congratulate him on his achievement to date and wish him continued success in Kenya.

88/23 Minutes

79/23 Confirmation received from NCC that the chains have now been removed

Planning application objection for Southcroft was submitted on 30th March
Bench opposite Forge estate has been looked at and when the weather improves will be sanded and painted with a wood preserver

Further discussion on potential landslip - trees have also slipped at the sewage site

The owner of the campsite has advised he will be installing hard standing on the land to assist with current water conditions

80/23 Bus stop timetable at Forge Estate remains ongoing with last email forwarded to NCC Transport Department, currently awaiting response

82/23 NCC highways have confirmed they will look into repairs required to footpath/footbridge at ford

83/23 Cllr Scott has sourced hardcore, £60 dumpy bag (ton). Will arrange delivery when required

85/23 Cllr Brown updated on food bin collection, there is currently no intention of cancelling the service at the moment

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

89/23 Planning no new planning applications

90/23 Broadband update

Alncom have made progress with BDUK (Building Digital UK). A new voucher project has been submitted but not yet signed off. The project covers 886 properties in Ulgham, Longhirst and surrounding area. It is a demand led project and residents will need to register their interest. Further information will be provided when received.

91/23 Correspondence

(i) Zurich Insurance

Quote received for £611.80, offer of an online quote came in at £599. To compare policies before next meeting. ACTION: Deb Wilson

(ii) Paxton Software Survey

Whilst accounting software is not currently required, agreement was to complete the survey. ACTION: Deb Wilson

(iii) Email of introduction from John Shepherd

Currently a Labour Parish Councillor for East Chevington Parish Council, hoping to be selected to stand to be County Council

(iv) Email of offer for Fire Service to attend event/activity/session

Discussion and agreement to suggest they attend Ulgham Feast

(v) Annual Playground Inspection

Scheduled for June, £78 plus VAT. To enquire with Pennine Playgrounds for their charges.
ACTION: Deb Wilson

92/23 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

To receive any report or items from the above Committee.

(i) UVA

- Very successful easter egg weekend - 25 families
- 11th May clean and tidy Ulgham container from 11am
- UVA summer planning meeting is 21st May 2024
- Free duck race bank holiday Monday 27th May 1pm
- There will be an opportunity to have a table to exhibit or sell at Ulgham Feast, for more details to contact Helen or Lynne
- Hanging baskets will be prepared again this year

(ii) Meadows - nothing to report

(iii) UCBS

- Social media of pub being sold are unfounded
- Dave will be advised if and when a sale is going ahead
- Our offers were both rejected, the owner is considering other offers
- Need to have a structural survey and quotes for works needed for grant provider

8. Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:-

- (i) NALC Training costs (Attendee Deb Wilson) £90

9. Reports from Chairman and Members

Cllr Shaw - Ford road has flooded more than usual, has had discussion with parishioners around who owns the road and has confirmed it is highways up to the gate to Ulgham Park. The farm track is a restricted byway (meaning you can use it for walking/riding/cycling) anyone using it for private vehicles are doing so at their own risk. It was also noted that the farm track is currently in Widdrington Station Parish.

Cllr Barton was please the easter bike ride had gaps between groups of riders this year

Nothing else to report

10. Date of next meeting - Annual Meeting

Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.