

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 20th May 2024

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance: 6 Residents

1/24 Chairman's report

The Chairman circulated copies of his annual report

2/24 Appointment of Chairman 2024-25

Nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for 2024-25 were invited.

RESOLVED - Councillor Jim Scott to be re-appointed as Chairman for the coming year.

Councillor Scott thanked his fellow Councillors for their continued support.

3/24 Appointment of Vice Chairman 2024-25

Nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for 2024-25 were invited.

RESOLVED - Councillor Helen Shaw to be appointed as Vice Chairman for the coming year. Councillor Paul Barton to consider next year.

Councillor Shaw thanked her fellow Councillors for their continued support.

4/24 Appointment to Outside Bodies

Nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council for 2024-25 were invited.

Windfarm - Cllr Jim Scott

NALC - emails are circulated

UVA - All Councillors

5/24 Questions from Parishioners:

Parishioners will be allowed a period of 20 minutes to raise any issues of concern. Any matters raised may be answered forthwith or referred for further discussion by the Parish Council at a future date.

Parishioner advised Mr Clark has gained approval for caravans on the campsite - the potential issue is that for a caravan, entry and exiting from the current entrance is deemed dangerous and a road safety issue. The Caravan and Camping are happy to reconsider if the Parish Council feel there is an issue.

ACTION: Cllr Scott to contact Mr Clark in the first instance.

Secondly noise has been particularly bad this weekend - Cllr Scott advised building work should be limited to 1pm on Saturday and not at all on Sunday.

Current roadworks - a question was raised as to whether the parish council were aware. Yes, this was discussed in previous minutes 87/23 (April).

6/24 Minutes

Members were asked to approve the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th April 2024.

79/23 Bench sanded by Dave Wilson and stained/preserved by Cllr Paul Barton. The Parish Council thanked both for their work

80/23 remains outstanding - email from Neil Easton 1/5/24 contractors have been instructed

82/23 repairs to footpath/footbridge, road has been patched

RESOLVED - The minutes be approved.

7/24 Planning

Items received after agenda

- (i) Permission granted for Stables - removal of conditions 3 and 4 (footpath)
- (ii) The fence around woodlands - letter hand delivered on 3rd May, no communication to date (requested response by 20th May)
- (iii) Communication re the Pines and enforcement, referred to NCC

8/24 Insurance

Zurich Renewal - £611.80 (amendments made - not yet received new quote)

Zurich Online - £ 570

Clear Councils - £515.09 A 3 year undertaking would reduce to £500.66

The Clerk reported on the above quotes with annual renewal of insurance due 1st June 2024. Go with Clear Councils

RESOLVED - The Parish Council agreed to purchase insurance through Clear Councils at a cost of £515.09. ACTION: Deb Wilson

9/24 Correspondence

- (i) Digital Switchover - drop in dates, email 8th May noted

- (ii) Pennine Playgrounds quote - £292.50 significantly higher than current quote from ROSPA Play Safely. Plan to continue with ROSPA as previous years.
- (iii) NCC Bus timetables - Neil Easton response, contractors have been instructed
- (iv) Love Northumberland email - agreed not enough time to nominate.
- (v) Broadband still with BDUK (10/05/2024) - Alncom will advise on progress as soon as they know anything further.

10/24 Blue Plaque for Luke Clennel

Applications forms will be available for nomination late-May. Key points to consider:

- At least 20 years must have passed since the candidate's death
- They must have made a significant contribution to human welfare or happiness
- At least one building in England associated with the figure must survive in a form that the commemorated person would have recognised and it must be visible from the public highway

11/24 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

UVA - meeting tomorrow regarding Ulgham feast - thank you to those who helped clean the container .

Reports about letting dogs run free and foul on the playing field - UVA kindly ask that dogs that are lead walked and all waste is picked up. An article will be put in newsletter. ACTION: Cllr Shaw

Meadows - nothing to report

UCBS - not a lot to report - just a recap - talked about a structural survey, however without an agreed price/sale, the committee feel this is not worth progressing at this time. The owner has said she will advise if and when she agrees to a sale.

12/24 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:

- (i) NALC Subscription £111.79, due 31st July 2024

13/24 Reports from Chairman and Members

Cllr Scott update on the speed data. Similar to previous years:

- Less than 98% >30 miles per hour - highest speed recorded was 68 miles/hour
- Volume of cars:
 - travelling north: 299,000
 - travelling south: 433,000

To consider a replacement speed sign. ACTION: Cllr Scott to look into costs

Community speed watch training, we now have 3 out of 7 residents with accepted applications and awaiting formal training.

Windfarm grants. 5 out of 6 applications have recently been approved, totalling £84,345

14/24 Date of next meeting

Monday 17th June 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.