

# ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 17th June 2024

Councillor J Scott (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance: 3 residents

Apologies: M Lycett

## 15/24 Questions from Parishioners

Resident brought attention to the land at the back of the cricket club/tennis court area, very overgrown at present and asking for the area to be weeded and trimmed. The council understand the concerns and thanked our resident for bringing it to the attention of the parish council who will action accordingly.

ACTION Cllr Scott

Previously reported pavement work which has been reported on fix my street has not yet been 'fixed'. To be monitored.

Road work signs were subsequently taken down - to be discussed later, under reports from Councillors.

## 16/24 Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th May 2024.

5/24 Cllr Scott advised following a conversation with Mr Clark. The site had never been refused caravans on site - the issue was the gate and access for caravans turning into the site from the main road. The gate has been moved which resolved the concerns of the caravan and camping club. The excess noise reported was related to grass cutting which was a one-off with extenuating circumstances.

13/24 costing of new speed sign - to be discussed later.

## 17/24 Planning

(i)

## **18/24 Playground**

- (i) Report has been completed and forwarded to councillors.
- (ii) Maintenance - it was agreed to cost for full maintenance of all playground equipment. ACTION: Deb Wilson

It was agreed to pay for 2 hours of strimming around the park and surrounding area for a cost of £35 per session. It is intended that this will be for around 7 months and will be reviewed next year.

## **19/24 Correspondence**

- (i) Roadworks email - awaiting the 'Designer' to issue the job. Works are still intended to be completed.
- (ii) Woodland Fence - content of email noted. It is felt that power pylon/poles would not be on private land - a response to the owners that we appreciate the reasons for erecting the fence, however our concerns remain. Maps in our possession would indicate the boundary is the hedgerow. NCC have been asked to advise. ACTION: Deb Wilson
- (iii) New Response hub in Morpeth - dedicated response officers alongside neighbourhood policing team - they are also offering 'cuppa with a copper'. -intending once per month, but no date for July set yet.
- (iv) Request for a Donation to CAB Northumberland - AGREED £100.
- (v) Free carbon literacy training available - [annie@thesustainablelifecoach.com](mailto:annie@thesustainablelifecoach.com)
- (vi) Locality Coordinator for Northumberland offering
  - paramedics offering health MOT's in the community - pulse/blood pressure and cholesterol checks - for UVA/Rendezvous. ACTION: Cllr Shaw
  - potential funding opportunity for local physical exercise in the community via Parkinson's UK - also highlighting a Parkinson's social -  
The Sun Inn Morpeth, on the last Wednesday of the month 2pm-4pm

## **20/24 Annual Governance and Accountability return 2023-24**

- (i) Approve the report of the internal auditor as set out within the AGAR
- (ii) Approve the Annual Governance Statement as set out within the AGAR
- (iii) Approve the draft annual accounts for 2023-24
- (iv) Approve the Accounting Statement and the explanation of variances
- (v) Agree submission of the Certificate of Exemption to the external auditor
- (vi) Agree the suggested dates for the exercise of public rights:  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024.

Thank you gift of £100 - M&S voucher, agreed for Kath following her retirement from the parish council and for her ongoing support to our new clerk. ACTION: Deb Wilson

### **21/24 Blue Plaque for Luke Clennell - update**

Application needs to be completed by 19th July. Deb will complete as much as possible and will ask for support if needed. ACTION: Deb Wilson

### **22/24 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups**

UVA - Thanked all those helping and supporting the hanging baskets. The Village enjoyed celebrations commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. All is on track for the feast. Cricket club are planning BBQ and Music for the evening of the feast. Need to find out what level of qualification in first aid is needed for fireworks and feast. New tent has been purchased for the steel band for the feast.

Meadows - nothing to report

UCBS - Nothing material to report. The owner has said they are in discussion with interested parties, but nothing to report re any confirmed sale to-date.

### **23/24 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:**

- (i) Playsafety Limited £122.40

### **24/24 Reports from Chairman and Members**

Cllr Scott has costed for a new speed sign - ElanCity quote £2700 including VAT. (including battery and fixing kit). Following discussion, it was agreed that Ulgham Parish Council purchase rather than wait for application to the Windfarm funds which would mean no decision until October. ACTION: Deb Wilson

### **25/24 Date of next meeting**

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

Signed:

Date: