

# ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 18th November 2024

Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)

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

Also in attendance: 9 Residents

## **54/24 Questions from Parishioners**

Prior to commencing parishioners questions Chair reminded all present that following the open 20 minutes of questions, parishioners are asked to refrain from talking. The previous 2 meetings have been disrupted by some residents continuing to be a distraction to the formal part of the meeting.

Following 'questions from parishioners', members of the public are not entitled to participate unless specifically asked to do so, should the same disruption happen again, parishioners will be asked to leave and the formal parish council meeting will be closed.

There were no questions from parishioners.

## **55/24 Minutes**

To approve the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st October 2024.

28/24 from previous, no response from Wicksteed's regarding repair to the roundabout. The repair will now be looked into

RESOLVED: The minutes be approved

## **56/24 Planning**

(i) Response from Planning re The Pines - enforcement have allowed retrospective planning permission.

## **57/24 Correspondence**

(i) Healthwatch email regarding Pharmaceutical Needs survey

(ii) NCC email re Planning survey

(iii) Email re footpath from Longhirst - Neil Dawson provided details on how to look to add a new public path/permissive path

(iv) Survey from NCC planning - completed

(v) National highways re cancellation of A1 Morpeth to Ellingham

(vi) 'There are some crimes of note that have been reported during this period' - suspicious activity reported

Nearby damage to farmlands within the areas. Please can all members of the public stay vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police.

- Protect yourself, always carry charged mobile telephone for emergencies.
- Protect personal property by making sure premises and vehicles are secure.
- Consider CCTV to protect your property.
- Stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings.
- Make sure all gates and access points are secured.
- To make sure all-out buildings are locked.
- To make sure vehicles are safely secured and locked.
- Taking notes and records of serial numbers, chassis and model numbers, photos of vehicles and equipment.
- To remove keys from ignitions of vehicles.
- Consider immobilisation and tracking devices fitted onto vehicles.
- CCTV and flood lighting can be a good deterrent.
- To stay vigilant and report anything suspicious

(vi) Free volunteer training through North East Combined Authority, to be considered, particularly first aid

(vii) Alncom have been extending broadband from Widdrington - flyers are to be delivered in the next few days for us to distribute with our next newsletter.

## **58/24 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups**

UVA - Thank you for all help around the very successful firework evening, there will be a donation to children in need from money raised. UVA will be providing sweets for Santa again. Looking back over the year, purchased the hedgehog seat, funding for the hanging baskets, purchased the new tent for the feast, bench for the bowls area. Activities included the duck race and easter trail for the children. Refreshed and tied the back of war memorial. Supported Joe with his African trip. A plaque to commemorate the centenary of WI, and one for the hedgehog seat. Looking forward, the playing field is 40 years old - to look at the play equipment.

Meadows - nothing to report

UCBS - nothing new to report, over the last month, 2 individuals were introduced - both have now viewed and made offers to the owner, both intending to re-establish the premises as a public house.

## **59/24 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:**

- (i) £35 Strimming of the playground

## **60/24 Reports from Chairman and Members**

Cllr Scott: Windfarm benefit committee 9 bids 7 successful 1 partly successful  
£68,000 paid out on the night

Total paid out over 1million pounds - minimum bid was £750 has now been raised to £1000 maximum £20,000 there is money for next year - first applications grants in January. £174,000 available for next year.

Neighbourhood Plan, a meeting on 14th November with Mark Harrison from NCC. Our neighbourhood plan for the village is over 25 years old. There would be a designated officer able to guide us through the process. Can take up to 18months - 2 years - £10,000 fund available to support. All residents would have their say via survey though the village. Agreement to take this forward was approved.  
ACTION: Deb Wilson

Cllr Brown: NCC have been working hard to clean/clear drains in the village. Some drains unfortunately were covered by cars. A request that cars are not parked directly over drains.

The bin at the top of the hill is 'toppling', although it is sitting on concrete, it will be reviewed. Resident asked why it is positioned where it is - this was at the request of County due to parking van when emptying.

Retrospective question by resident re electricity, work was planned on the line between Ulgham and Longhirst, was this completed? ACTION: Deb Wilson

Reminder by Cllr Shaw that Northernpower do have the facility to pay for accommodation and food if no electricity for over 24 hours.

Work has started on the stables, expecting to start demolition soon.

Behind the war memorial - needs some extra gravel. ACTION: Cllr Scott

## **61/24 Date of next meeting**

Monday 16th December 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**