

# ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in Women's Institute Hall  
Monday 20th January 2024  
Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)  
Councillors: P Barton, G Brown, H Shaw, D Wilson

Also in attendance: 5 Residents

Apologies:

## **69/24 Questions from Parishioners**

Alncom have been visible throughout the village, some residents following conversations with Alncom engineers voiced concerns regarding telephone poles throughout the village, particularly as it was implied one would be on private property. ACTION: Deb Wilson

Discussion followed regarding the wider rollout of digital and the potential for home numbers to have to be changed and also concerns about the impact of power cuts on digital lines. Advice so far is that older residents would be protected, but no information as yet.

## **70/24 Minutes**

62/24 The owner of the goats has offered to pay for any damage incurred.

63/24 Bin has been straightened, but not replaced.

65/24 Sycamore tree has now been cut and wood taken.

68/24 Memories from Christmas 1975 are now available to view on our website.

68/24 New Years Eve party in W I Hall was reported as being a great success.

## **71/24 Planning**

(i) Tree preservation order application, Manor House Cottage - NCC response: PERMITTED

## **72/24 Correspondence**

- (i) Email: School Playground Specialists re outdoor play equipment + funding opportunities, both forwarded to UVA.
- (ii) Cycling 4 everyone - Northumberland Cycling Campaign. Campaigning for safer cycling and cycling infrastructure. Have forwarded an A4 posters and ask us to display or use on our social media to share as widely as possible.
- (iii) Email: NCC Skateboard project funding webinar - Thursday 30th January at 18:30 (link provided)
- (iv) Email from resident re moles in playing field, concerns re cricket pitch

- (v) Email via website: Forric Homes - providing contact should there be any questions during construction of the new homes at the Stables
- (vi) Email: NCC re additional grass cutting £186.08 plus VAT
- (vii) NCC Letter advising of the intention to dispose of a community asset: The Forge Inn

### **73/24 Budget and Precept 2025-26**

A draft budget and four options for the precept have been circulated to Councillors for consideration in advance of the meeting. The precept request must be submitted to NCC by Friday 25th January 2025. Following discussion it was agreed not to increase the precept and maintain current charges for another year.

### **74/24 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups**

UVA - AGM tomorrow at 7pm, reporting on the past year and suggesting events for this coming year. Main work will be around celebrating the playing field which we now have had for 40 years and a great asset to maintain. A bid to be submitted to Windfarm for 2 adult exercise machines, games table, plus general refurbishment.

Meadows - abandoned tent and bike reported to police - advice was to check not currently being used and can then be removed and take to Bedlington police station.

UCBS - no further information to report. The owner who was present queried the dates on the NCC letter, a copy was provided and the dates will be checked with NCC. ACTION: Deb Wilson.

### **75/24 Bank Account and Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:**

- (i) SLCC £85 membership fee

### **76/24 Reports from Chairman and Members**

Cllr Barton: Fish and chip van - Street Diner (parked outside The Forge Inn on Saturday evening) was noisy and 'smelly', however the biggest complaint was the volume of cars and parking. The owner of The Forge Inn was present and wanted it known that permission had not been granted, however a compromise on the night was agreed whereby a donation from takings would be made to 'Macmillan Cancer Support'. It was discussed that a solution could be to offer the carpark at the playing fields should Street Diner choose to visit the village in the future. ACTION: Deb Wilson

Cllr Wilson: Morpeth police station have now located a speed gun. Those that have been trained now now access the gun.

### **77/24 Date of next meeting**

Monday 17th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.