

# ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors: G Brown, H Shaw, D Wilson

Also in attendance: 13 residents

Apologies: Cllr Barton

## **97/24: Questions from Parishioners**

Objections around the planning application for the campsite were raised by residents, discussion around increasing numbers of caravans motorhomes, large service vehicles and road safety with the entrance providing limited vision and enters the main road within the national speed limit. Secondly concern regarding potential increased noise and disruption as the site loses its certified site status and the strict policies of the Camping and Caravanning Club. There will be individual objections placed by residents.

One resident wished to pay his respects to Councillor George Brown who is retiring this year and not partaking in the upcoming elections for Parish Councillor, May 2025. A privilege to have worked with Cllr Brown and a personal thank you for all the hard work and time Cllr Brown had given the council and the village over the many years.

Damage to the fencing, chain, gates and style at the footpath leading to Tritlington, potentially in relation to poaching, to ensure police have been made aware. Action: Deb Wilson

Acknowledgment that once again the traffic calming chicane in Longhirst has been damaged.

## **98/24: Minutes**

87/24: Goats, no further issues reported until 5:30 this evening when goats were free on the road, the owner was notified and responded immediately. It is the responsibility of the owner to keep livestock safe.

Fence encroaching on public highways is still under review.

Forric Homes have sponsored the cricket team for this year.

Park area has been cleared and the bench moved.

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

### **99/24: Planning**

- (i) Kirk Field Banks - change existing 15 pitch certified site with maximum of 5 caravans/motorhomes and 10 tent to 15 pitch site for caravans/motorhomes and tents.

Discussed earlier - objection to be forwarded by Parish Council based on previous discussion.

### **100/24: Neighbourhood Plan**

Queried by clerk when attempting to complete the survey using the QR code, it was found to be already partially completed? This was confirmed by NCC, awaiting further information.

It was further discussed that the current survey is not fit for purpose and needs to be reviewed. Disappointing for those who have already spent time and effort in completing the survey.

### **101/24: Blue plaque for Luke Clennel**

Nominations not yet open, last checked 22nd April 2025

### **102/24: Correspondence**

- (i) Alncom email regarding The Croft - meeting on 3rd April in WI Hall to discuss the installation of telegraph poles, which was rejected by residents as a solution. They advise there is minimal existing underground infrastructure in the area and the risk of damaging existing utilities makes it unfeasible.
- (ii) NCC Grant re Bus Shelter - our request for funding towards updating the bus shelter behind The Forge Estate has been granted.
- (iii) Police report 3rd March to 8th April, including incidents poaching and a local burglary - resident are asked to remain vigilant.
- (iv) Invitation to attend Locality Meeting - topic, digital switch over
- (v) Election of Parish Councillors - Return of Result of Uncontested Election
- (vi) Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGARs) have been received and will be reviewed over the next month. Agreement to ask Mrs K Mavin to provide internal audit for the Council.
- (vii) Confirmation of David Smith MP local office and contact received:

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North Northumberland  
13 Telford Court  
Morpeth  
NE61 2DB  
Tel: 01670 704099  
Email: david.Smith.MP@Parliament.uk

### **103/24 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups**

- (i) UVA: Thank you for tidying up seats and park area in readiness for VE remembrance and celebration on 7th. A good turnout for the Easter Trail, a thank you to all families that took part. As the playing field was first opened August 1985, we will celebrate our annual park festivities this year on 9th August as a 40th Birthday Party celebration. Date for the diary is 26th May for the annual Duck Race.
- (ii) Meadows - nothing to report
- (iii) UCBS - nothing to report

### **104/24 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:**

- (i) £115.03 - NALC subscriptions

### **105/24 Reports from Chairman and Members**

Cllr Shaw: Whilst notifications have been received from NCC regarding road works in and around the village, they have not yet started, with residents anxious. Road closure order is from April to October. Plan to contact highways to ask if they have any idea when works will be commencing. ACTION: Deb Wilson

Cllr Scott: On behalf of councillors past and present a joint thank you to Cllr George Brown for his many years of service to the parish. Grateful for all his time, effort and input to village life over his 28 years of service. Cllr Brown was presented with a small gift from the parish as recognition of his work as parish councillor.

Cllr Brown: An acknowledgment of the commitment between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council that allowed the village War memorial to be erected, something that is very close personally to Cllr Brown.

### **106/24 Date of next meeting**

AGM, Monday 19th May 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.