

# ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 16th June 2025

Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors: P Barton, J Robson, H Shaw, P Middlemast

Also in attendance: Cllr Dungait and 9 residents

Apologies:

## **16/25: Questions from Parishioners**

Request from a resident, have we had any further information on the campsite planning application? - response, not to date.

Theft of hanging baskets from the village - information has been forwarded to the police. Request for residents to forward any further footage they may have, potentially from the main road too. Current video evidence is not clear enough to identify individuals.

Discussion around the recent roadwork chaos, poor signage. Agreement that more notice should have been given.

Overgrown hedges at the end of Ulgham Lane has been discussed with NCC, the parish council can arrange to have them cut back for safety, providing they adhere to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Residents will be reminded to trim appropriately later in the year.

## **17/25: Minutes**

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

## **18/25: Planning**

Acknowledgement of receipt from Planning Enforcement Team in relation to previous correspondence and work at Southcroft Stables - 25/00512/BRCOND

## **19/25: Neighbourhood Plan**

The government has cut funding and technical support for neighbourhood planning. There is a possibility that NCC may maintain a reduced service and fund it themselves but will need further discussion at county level.

Suggestion that parish council prepare an independent village survey.

ACTION Deb Wilson

## **20/25: Bus Stops**

Accepted windows quote 20th May, currently awaiting installation.

## **21/25: Blue plaque for Luke Clennel**

The owners of Ulgham Hall have kindly agreed to have the plaque attached to their property, which means the application can now progress.

## **22/23: Correspondence**

- (i) Email from resident regarding the noise from bird deterrent in local fields - it was felt it is out outside the remit of the council to advise on farming practices. Reasons for the need of netting/need to keep birds away was discussed.
- (ii) Email from Locality offering the opportunity engage with the Fire Service and Telecare - to offer stall at village celebrations in August.
- (iii) Email from D Parkin requesting more gravel for Meadows, the budget has been revised for 2025-26. AGREED
- (iv) Email forwarded from Cllr Dungait regarding hedge maintenance - need to adhere to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, however the parish council can trim the hedges for safety.
- (v) Data from Police crime report for Ulgham - 17th May - 10th June
  - There have been no new crimes reported to police within the time frame
  - There have been incidents reported to police, however due to data protection we are unable to disclose.

## **23/25: Annual Governance and Accountability return 2023-24 - forms to be returned by 30th June 2025**

- (i) Approved the report of the internal auditor as set out within the AGAR
- (ii) Approved the Annual Governance Statement as set out within the AGAR
- (iii) Approved the draft annual accounts for 2024-25
- (iv) Approved the Accounting Statement and the explanation of variances
- (v) Agreed submission of the Certificate of Exemption to the external auditor
- (vi) Agreed the suggested dates for the exercise of public rights:  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025

## **24/25: Reports from Ulgham Village Groups**

UVA - Thank you to Stewart and Jim for their work on our village planters and Sheila for her dedication to our village hanging baskets. An acknowledgment and thank you to those who commit to watering the hanging baskets over the summer months.

The UVA are grateful to the community fund for the grant funding which will allow a picnic table with games, wooden boxes for climbing on for the younger residents and 2 pieces of adult equipment.

UVA previously requested a contribution towards the groundwork to install some of the equipment with a total cost of £1980 plus VAT. It was agreed in principle at the time and for UVA to come back once grant funding had been approved. Following discussion around the amount of contribution,

and UVA having limited funds at present, the parish council agreed to fund £1,800 towards the total cost of the groundwork.

The next meeting of UVA will be 3rd July to discuss the party in the park event which will be on 9th August, 40 year anniversary of owning the park. There will be a cricket match on the day and the steel band will be present.

Meadows - nothing to report

UCBS - Decision on the review of the ACV requested by the owner is still outstanding. An offer was made following shareholder meeting which has been rejected. Still awaiting information contained in the government's devolution paper on right to buy.

#### **25/25: Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:**

- (i) £70 Q Gardens - strimming (May)
- (ii) £197.50 PAID - 2 bags of gravel for meadows

#### **26/25: Reports from Chairman and Members**

Cllr Scott - UVA grant submission to then windfarm funds has been successful.

CLLR Shaw - NALC meeting:

- NALC will be reviewing their fees - to now be based on council tax
- Zoom meetings to be arranged for councillors on new planning rules
- Website provider contract finishes in March - and are proposing any council currently using NALC to move to Hugo Fox
- Parish council email addresses are currently allowed to be a generic email address ie. not a personal one. From next year this email address will have to end [.gov.uk](mailto:gov.uk). Hugo Fox are offering the service for a fee, but NALC are hoping they may be able to offer it for free. This will apply to parish council websites too. We are to await further information. The intention would be that all councillors will have a [gov.uk](mailto:gov.uk) email whilst in post and not to use personal emails
- Funding from mayoral regional committee, Glen Sanderson to further update on whether funds could be available to County.

Cllr Barton - queried an update on fencing issue. Cllr Dungait advised a council officer was in discussion with legal and highways team before contacting the owners

#### **27/25: Date of next meeting**

Monday 21st July 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall