

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 21st July 2025

Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors: P Barton, J Robson, H Shaw

Also in attendance: 6 Residents

Apologies: Cllr Dungait

28/25: Questions from Parishioners

Resident queried if there had been any response from the enforcement query submitted - nothing received to date.

Resident asked if it would be possible to have a waste bin placed at the stile entrance to the meadows - to consider purchase from next years budget and ask NCC in the meantime if they would collect a further bin in Ulgham.

Fly tipping - is on FixMyStreet, reported direct to county, environmental agency and police.

29/25 Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th June 2025.

16/25 Roadwork signage was better this time - hedges have all now been cut.

Thank you to S Lough for replacing the stolen hanging baskets

19/24 Neighbourhood plan in progress

20/25 Bus stops still waiting installation

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

30/25 Planning

25/02299/FUL - 16 Forge Estate: Rear elevation single story conservatory.

Comments by 23rd July

31/25 Neighbourhood Plan / Village survey

No further information from NCC to date - village questionnaire currently under construction - suggested a special meeting to discuss - and include other interested parties

32/25 Bus Stops

Accepted windows quote 20th May, currently awaiting installation. Cllr Robson will chase.

33/25 Blue plaque for Luke Clennel

Form submitted on 26th June

34/25 Correspondence

(i) Letter: Resignation Cllr Pam Middlemast

- Notice of Vacancy in Office of a Councillor has been posted for the required 14 (working) days.
- There have been no signatures received to call a by-election.
- Council can co-opt at their earliest convenience.

(ii) Email: Police

- Monthly Report - 11th June 2025 - 6th July 2025
 - "There have been some crimes reported to police within the time frame, we are unable to dispose what these have been"
 - "Some suspicious activity whereby unknown persons have been doing door to door and other unknown persons knocking on doors"
 - "Other incident have been where some plants has been taken in the village"
 - 'There has been reports of some RTC's causing disruption to the highway"
- Concerns re parking on white lines near and around the Women's Institute
 - now resolved

(iii) Email: Network Rail Biodiversity - Tree Planting Fund, forwarded to David Parkin for potential benefit to the meadows

(iv) Fly tipping - Reported numerous times to NCC via Fix-My-Street. Concerns regarding paint flowing into soil.

(v) Email: from PCC with invoice for grass cutting of the churchyard. Cllr Shaw to monitor the meeting dates of Widdrington and request to speak.

35/25 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

(i) UVA

1. Wickstead bill has been reviewed reducing the council's contribution.
2. Plans for the 'picnic in the park' event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the opening of the playing field/park are underway - Saturday 9th August - New equipment will hopefully be installed in time for the event.
3. Bell ringing for VJ Day - 15th August - 6:15 bell
4. Planters and hanging baskets are looking fabulous and a thank you for all those involved in maintaining them.
5. Mobile library will be in the village 22nd August then every 3 weeks

6. Thank you to Neil Jamieson for the work he had done in cleaning up the play equipment in the park.
- (ii) Meadows - nothing to report
- (iii) UCBS - nothing to report

36/25 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:

- (i) £265 - Green Leaf - gravel for meadows (2x bags plus 1 bag of dust)
- (ii) £1120 - St John's Church_PCC - contribution towards grass cutting
- (iii) £95 - Q Gardens, strimming playground and hedge trimming
- (iv) £129.60 - Playsafety - annual playground inspection
- (v) £450 - Deb Wilson - SLCC, course fees

37/25 Reports from Chairman and Members

Cllr Shaw - reported on the recent NALC county meeting - we fall within the Sough East for Strategic planning, confirmed no funds for new neighbourhood plans. Changes to council email and website domains within the year.

Cllr Scott - reported on the speeding data

The monitor to the east of the village, nearest the church:

Incoming vehicles 318,165:

99% < 35mph (95% <30mph) - 0.06% > 46mph - Maximum speed 62mph

Outgoing vehicles 397,043:

99% < 35mph (94% <30mph) - 0.07% > 46mph - Maximum speed 66mph

The newer speed monitor at the Forge Estate:

Incoming vehicles 384,561:

97% < 35mph (88% <30mph) - 0.2% > 46mph - Maximum speed 70mph

Outgoing vehicles 495,586:

93% < 35mph (80% <30mph) - 0.25% > 46mph - Maximum speed 79mph

Most speeding is in the early hours of the morning.

To coordinate a speed watch session. ACTION: Deb Wilson

A maple tree in the park/cricket field has split and is dangerous - to look into having it removed as soon as possible. ACTION: Cllr Scott

Rucksack with drug paraphernalia found and reported to the police.

38/25 Date of next meeting

Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.