

ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Monday 15th September 2025

Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)

Councillors: P Barton, J Robson, H Shaw

Also in attendance: Cllr Dungait and 6 residents

Apologies:

39/25 Questions from Parishioners

Planning at campsite - resident queried the new planning document changing the original application - can they do this or should it be a new application? ACTION: Deb Wilson

Resident also advised that it would appear there are 'permanent' flushing toilets on site.

A resident asked if there was any further information on an incident down the lane from The Forge - the council have no knowledge of the incident.

40/25 Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st July 2025.

28/25 collection for an extra bin - outstanding, to chase. Bus stop windows have now been replaced. Widdrington meet second Monday of the month 6pm Cllr Shaw to attend the next meeting.

37/25 speed watch, police have the signs now but still no ID. ACTION: Deb Wilson

38/23 - Maple tree taken down promptly

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved

41/25 Co-option

Following the notice of vacancy of councillor for Ulgham Parish Council. One application has been received.

RESOLVED: Mrs Karen Thornton be co-opted on to the Parish Council, she signed a declaration of acceptance of office and subsequently joined the meeting.

Cllr Thornton agreed to complete a declaration of interest form within 28 days.

42/25 Planning

- (i) Ulgham Grange Crossing - REFUSED
- (ii) The Forge Estate - GRANTED
- (iii) Southcroft Stables - Variation on conditions - GRANTED
- (iv) Southcroft - Northern Powergrid - install a new terminal pole as part of a new connection scheme -

43/25 Neighbourhood Plan/Village Survey

Will be out for final review in the next week, may need another meeting to finalise.

44/25 Grafitti

Not sure who owns the bridge - ACTION: Deb Wilson

45/25 Fly tipping

Owners have agreed to move, the debris has been gathered, to continue to monitor progress. Next option would be council enforcement.

46/25 Blue plaque for Luke Clennel

Form submitted 26th June - no response to application as yet.

47/25 Correspondence

- (i) Email: PC Welsh re speed watch
- (ii) Email: NCC consultation on the new Northumberland Local Plan
- (iii) Email: Resident re Fibre on The Croft
- (iv) Northumbria Police Monthly report - Incidents and Crimes 3rd August to 2nd September:
 - There have been some crimes reported to police within the time frame; however, we are unable to disclose what this has been
 - There have been incidents reported to police, some suspicious activity whereby unknown persons have checked the area out, which has then been reported where items have been stolen from farms.
 - There have been reports of some RTC; s causing disruption to the highway, these have been resolved by police.
- (v) Letter from the Leader of the Council - meeting invitation
- (vi) Email: Highways re the 2026-7 Local Transport Plan Programme - invitation to attend workshop County Hall Thursday 25th at 5pm or Alnwick St James church 6pm
- (vii) Invitation to NALC AGM 15th November at County Hall 10am
- (viii) Email: Resident re Kirk Field Bank Camp site - application dated 3rd July, are the council aware of the new document - discussed in "questions from parishioners" above.

48/25 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups

- (i) UVA - thank you for the £400 contribution to the base of the play equipment - all equipment has now been installed.
 - A thank you to those who helped to install the equipment
 - To look into Rospa coming out again. ACTION: Deb Wilson
 - Contact our insurers. ACTION: Deb Wilson
 - UVA meeting 30th September - mainly about fireworks - new risk assessment
- (ii) Meadows - nothing to report
- (iii) UCBS - nothing to report

49/25 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:

- (i) £864.00 - PAID - removal of split maple tree on cricket field
- (ii) £972.00 - PAID - Bus stop windows
- (iii) £400.00 - PAID - contribution towards groundwork for park equipment. Thank you to Cllr Shaw for her diligence in getting the invoice reduced.

50/25 Reports from Chairman and Members

Cllr Shaw - ask about road sweeping - leaves clogging up the gullies - ACTION: Deb Wilson.

There are still roadwork signs - one beside the graveyard wall - Ulgham lane.
ACTION: Deb Wilson

Cllr Scott - attending meeting of parish council chair's will report back next month.

51/25 Date of next meeting

Monday 20th October 2025 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.