

# ULGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in Women's Institute Hall  
Monday 16th March 2026  
Councillors J Scott (in the Chair)  
Councillors: P Barton, J Robson, H Shaw, K Thornton

Also in attendance: Cllr Dungait and 3 residents

## 116/25 Questions from Parishioners

The issue of water flowing across the road at the junction of the B1337 and the lane to Ulgham Grange was raised. Cllr Dungait agreed to contact Highways to request the matter be investigated. It was noted that the issue should have been reported via FixMy Street - Deb Wilson agreed to check whether this has been done.

Recurring issues relating to potholes on the main road were also discussed. Cllr Shaw reported, following a recent meeting, that the road is proposed for resurfacing this autumn. In relation to resurfacing works, the previously noted condition of Ulgham Lane has also been discussed and it was noted that this will be addressed once the development at The Stables has been completed.

## 117/25 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th February 2026.

- 91/25 - 2 quotes have been requested by Cllr Scott re fencing
- 107/25 - An extra light at the entrance of the village is to be investigated by Cllr Dungait. Cllr Robson to look further into the trial light for the carpark
- 109/25 - speed watch - 2 people are now fully trained in the use of the speed gun.
- 111/25 - the camera is not working again - to further investigate
- 112/25 - Product liability - yes we are covered. UVA will ensure basic food hygiene will be completed.
- 113/25 - Dog bin has been purchased, installed and currently in use.

RESOLVED: the minutes be approved.

## 118/25 Planning

Nothing to report

## 119/25 Haul road

Update following the meeting arranged by Cllr Dungait at County Hall 24th February 2026. Restoration of the north section was planned to be complete by

31st December 2027, likely will need to apply for an extension. Planning approval will be needed for any further work.

### **120/25 Speed watch**

Updated with recent downloaded data, there was not much difference in percentages. There was an anomaly with slower speeds, presumed due to traffic lights present during the period

### **121/25 Correspondence Email: Northumberland libraries: detailing the consultation discussed by Cllr Thornton last month - information and link has been passed on for inclusion in the next Newsletter.**

(i) Cllr Scott - at the Amble Meeting - leaflets are available - reducing the hours of some libraries - no plans to close any libraries, may move into other buildings - Widdrington may increase their hours. - if don't want to do the survey online, can fill out a hardcopy by attending any library.

(ii) Email: NCC re Grit Bins. Green grit bins are refilled when they are doing general refills as they will be plotted on their system - adhoc refills can be requested via FixMyStreet

(iii) Email: St John the Baptist PCC thanking for the ongoing donation towards maintenance of the churchyard.

(iv) Cllr Barton highlighted resources for the church to look into re further funding.

(v) Email: UVA thanking for the contribution to printing of the Newsletter.

(vi) Email: Northumbria Police Report, 8th February - 1st March 2026.

- ❖ There have been no crimes reported to Northumbria Police within this time frame

- ❖ There have been some incidents reported to police within the time frame which have been dealt with by police

- ❖ There has been a report of poaching within the area. A request for residents to report anything suspicious to 999 or 101

(vii) Email: Resident regarding fly tipping and poaching in and around Ulgham Grange.

Discussion re poaching, theft and fly tipping. Again to consider cameras on residents houses, difficult to catch poachers and fly tipping.

Councillors agree to purchase two trial cameras, for wildlife, but may also be helpful for poachers and fly tipping in our meadows and rural areas. Signs will need to be insitu.

(viii) Email: Healthwatch Northumberland Annual Survey - link provided for the survey, requested for it to be included in the next newsletter - closing date 31st March 2026.

(ix). Email: North East War Memorials Project, asking for a donation - the Friends of NEWMP, at a minimum donation of £15 - donation to be given £20

(x) Email: Town and Parish Council Websites providing quote for new website, domain and email addresses. Needed for Assertion 10. Other quotes have been circulated.

### **122/25 Reports from Ulgham Village Groups**

- (i) UVA - Easter trail is now organised for Easter Saturday and Rendezvous on the same day. Knitting - we now have chickens knitted and gifts for children - parish 'catchup' is on the Newsletter.
- (ii) Meadows - Request for gravel as they start again for the new season - APPROVED
- (iii) UCBS - AGM was held on 12th March and was well attended, support remains solid for our project. Concerns remain about the state of repair of the premises. Regarding the English Devolution Empowerment Bill, it is progressing well through the House of Lords, having successfully completed its passage through the House of Commons. It is currently at the Report Stage, which will proceed to Third Reading, which will be the final opportunity for the Lords to make any amendments.

### **123/25 Accounts for Payment - to authorise payment of the following:**

- (i) £144 - Refunding fee for 14th Edition: Local Council Administration - Deb Wilson
- (ii) £198 - Ulgham Women's Institute for Room Hire. April 2025 - March 2026
- (iii) £43.43 - Ink Cartridge - Deb Wilson
- (iv) £197.50 - Greenleaf - gravel for Meadows
- (v) Funding for Website - Quotes have previously been circulated. It is mandatory for us to have a [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) - Agreement to go with Parish Online  
RESOLVED: Decision to engage with Parish Online for our future website, domain and email addresses.

### **124/25 Reports from Chairman and Members**

- (i) Cllr Scott
  - Feedback from: Castle Morpeth Community Partnership Meeting and Parish and Town Council Conference.
  - Amble meeting was very useful - smaller meetings was very positive - library changes were discussed - 30mph slow down signs - Cllr Dungait may be able to help financially, depending on costs. Consideration of 20mph slow down for bend. Danger of Ice sign.
  - Community partnership meeting - healthy communities - community governance review - changes to the planning system - government can dictate how many houses are built. There may be difficulties in maintaining green belt, hoping Northumberland Plan will support the area.
- (ii) Cllr Shaw
  - Feedback from: Library Meeting, may be reducing hours or moving into other premises, but will not 'lose' a library.

- NALC - new etiquette for county councillors when contacting officers

(iii) Cllr Barton

- Update on Luke Clennel plaque - one very close to the official - take it to George and look at the wording. - ongoing - will feed back next month - Fallon can get a cast one - with the wording and any colour - can then provide a price.
- Cllr Barton queried whether the river water has been checked for quality recently?

### **125/25 Date of next meeting**

Monday 20th April 2026 at 7.00 p.m. in the WI Hall.