

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on
Tuesday 26 July 2016 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr J Johnson – Chair
Mr C Lee, Mrs D Parry, Mr D Quayle and Mrs V Self

Councillor Ossie Johnson (County Councillor)
Mrs J Toase

Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

94/16 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Quayle declared an interest in agenda item 7.

95/16 Public Participation

No members of the public were present at the meeting

96/16 Minutes of the last meeting

(i) **Resolved** - that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 June 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

97/16 Correspondence

- (i) **Durham County Council Budget Plan - presentation**
Members considered attendance at the presentation
Resolved - that the information be received
- (ii) **Durham County Council – Safeguarding Adults leaflets**
Members considered displaying the literature
Resolved - that the leaflets are displayed in the notice board
- (iii) **The Clerk magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (iv) **Clerk & Councils Direct – July magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

98/16 Parish Council Committee

Members were informed that the scheme to purchase four fly tipping cameras for use in the Mid Durham Area is now likely to go ahead. The cameras would be managed and maintained by the County Council.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the hotspots for Greencroft Parish be agreed as Tower Road and Long Edge Lane

99/16 County Durham Plan – Options and Issues Paper

David Quayle declared an interest.

Members discussed a response to the County Durham Plan Options and Issues Paper with particular reference to Question 13 (call for sites) and Question 15 (distribution of housing). A draft response was circulated for comment which identified the Maiden Law Hospital site as a suitable site for housing.

Resolved that:

- (i) in terms of question 15, Greencroft Parish Council prefers the Main Town Focus to address distribution of housing
- (ii) the response of Greencroft Parish Council is forwarded to the County Council

100/16 Appointment of Clerk

The Chair provided information on the recent interviews to appoint a new Clerk. Arrangements for appointment and seeking of references was agreed. It was agreed that a hand over period between the existing and new Clerk be arranged.

Resolved that:

- (i) Jacqui Toase is appointed as the Clerk to Greencroft Parish Council with effect from 26 July 2016
- (ii) An appointment letter subject to receipt of references be sent to Jacqui Toase
- (iii) A hand over period take place between the existing and new Clerk
- (iv) The contract of employment be discussed at the next meeting of the Council

101/16 Financial Information

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk

Resolved - that the report be received

102/16 Clerk – Hours Worked

Resolved - that approval be given for payment for 7 hours worked in July

103/16 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that approval be granted for payments made as follows:

S Laverick	- salary (April – June)	- £332.16
HMRC	- tax & NI (April – June)	- £82.80

104/16 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no announcements

105/16 Questions from Members

Chris Lee informed members that the seats along Tower Road require some maintenance

Resolved that:

- (i) that matter is placed on the agenda of the next meeting for discussion
- (ii) prices for painting of the seats is sought

106/16 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held in Lynwood House on Thursday 29 September at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.