

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on
Tuesday 28 July 2015 at 7.00p.m.

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

P Appleton - AAP Board Member
A Coulthard - AAP Co-ordinator
County Councillor O Johnson

Apologies
There were no apologies for absence

106/15 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest

107/15 Public Participation
No members of the public were present at the meeting

108/15 Minutes of the last meeting
Resolved - that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

109/15 Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP) – Village Forum Sessions (min 95/15)
Andy Coulthard and Peter Appleton were welcomed to the meeting.

Andy presented information on the Village Action Plan including information on the identified issues of speeding traffic, broadband and affordable housing. Members felt that there was still an issue with traffic speeding through Maiden Law. Members also identified issues of school bus speeds and the removal of the road markings at the crossroads.

In addition to the issues already identified, Members identified a problem with the following footpaths in the parish:

- (i) Edge Lane from the crossroads towards Burnhope
- (ii) Tower Road
- (iii) Lanchester Road on the hospital side

Andy agreed to look into these matters.

Andy passed around information on AAP priorities and a leaflet on current work streams and gave a summary of the individual projects.

Resolved that:

- (i) The work streams and AAP priorities are placed on the agenda of the next meeting for a fuller discussion
- (ii) The leaflet of AAP current projects is placed in the notice board
- (iii) The leaflet of current projects is delivered to houses in Maiden Law

110/15

Correspondence

- (i) **Clerk & Councils Direct – July Issue**
Resolved - that the publication be received
- (ii) **The Clerk – July Magazine**
Resolved – that the magazine be received
- (iii) **Letter – Barclays Bank**
Resolved - that the letter from Barclays Bank regarding closure of Lanchester Branch be received
- (iv) **Parish Councils Committee**
Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 16 May and 18 July.
Members discussed the proposal from the Parish Councils Committee to jointly purchase four cameras for the Mid Durham AAP area between the ten parish councils to address fly tipping. The contribution from each of the ten Parish Councils was agreed by electorate band.

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes be received
- (ii) a contribution of £128 be approved with the matter to be reconsidered in the event that the level of contribution would need to be increased in the light of other parishes not making a contribution
- (iii) consideration be given at a future meeting to fly tipping “hot spots” in the parish

111/15 Planning Matters

Members considered the following application:

- (i) detached sectional concrete garage at 10 Lanchester Road, Maiden Law – DM/15/01597/FPA

Resolved – that no objections be raised

112/15 Maintenance of Seats (min 98/15)

Consideration was given to the level of works required on the eight seats.

Resolved that:

- (i) Councillor Johnson be provided with the information on the condition of the seats
- (ii) The identified works be undertaken on the four seats on Tower Road
- (iii) the decision of Councillor Johnson be awaited with regard to the four seats in the Recreation Area
- (iv) thanks be expressed to Lanchester Parish Council for their assistance in this matter
- (v) prices of seats be obtained for Councillor Parry

113/15 Bus Shelter – Maiden Law (min155/14)

Resolved - that progress on the installation of the new shelter be noted

114/15 Removal of Street Lights

Members discussed the recent removal of Street Lights on Lanchester Road

Resolved - that the matter be noted

115/15 Financial Information

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk

Resolved - that the report be received

116/15 Clerk – Hours Worked

Resolved - that approval be given for payment for 8½ hours worked in July

117/15 Accounts for Payment

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

Emerson Fencing Ltd	- fence at recreation area	- £3291.84
P Snowdon	- summer flower beds	- £225.00
	- soil and turf	- £30.00

118/15 Chairperson's Announcements

(i) Former Councillor John Hall

The Chair reported on the death of former councillor John Hall

Resolved – that a sympathy card be sent to the family on behalf of the Parish Council

(ii) Solar Lights

The Chair advised members that he had purchased some solar lights for testing and that they appeared to work satisfactorily

(iii) Summer Recess

The Chair wished members an enjoyable summer break

119/15 Questions from Members

There were no questions from members

120/15 Date of Next Meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8.45p.m.