

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on
Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 7.00pm

Present Mrs V Self (Chair)
Mr C Lee
Mrs S McDonagh
Mr K McDonagh
Mr D Quayle
Mrs Denise Singleton
Mrs Dorothy Parry
Cllr Ossie Johnson (observer)
Mrs L Cummings - Clerk

Apologies Mr John Johnson – Apologies Accepted

1/18 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

2/18 **Public Participation**
None.

3/18 **Minutes of the last meeting**

(i) **Resolved** - that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 November 2017 confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4/18 **Planning**

None

5/18 **Roadworks**

Unresolved – Clerk informed the meeting she had used the DCC online system to report the clearing of the drains and gullies from Morrison's roundabout to Lanchester on the A6078. She stated she had received the unique reference number FS-Case-25175673 and would check progression for the next Parish meeting.

6/18 **Correspondence**

(i) Letter of thanks was received for the £50 donation from Great North Air Ambulance
(ii) Clerk received a copy of the Register of Electors 2017/18 for the Parish of Greencroft

Signed.....

7/18 Parish Councils Committee

Resolved – The Minutes for 11th November 2017 and 20th January 2018 had been received and distributed. The Clerk stated the next meeting will be 24th March 2018 and the agenda was circulated. All Parish Councillors are invited to attend along with the Clerk.

8/18 Flower Beds and Grass Cutting

Unresolved – VS and SM had not been able to weed the beds due to the weather. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Paul Snowdon, JJ and VS in February to look at either Paul planting shrubs or VS and SM will undertake the planting of the shrubs themselves. Clerk will also ask Paul to plant low maintenance shrubs in the flower bed on the west side of Lanchester Road below the bus shelter at the meeting in February.

Unresolved – Discussion occurred around awaiting DCC's bill for the Highways grass cutting. The Clerk was requested to bring a map of the DCC grass cutting areas to the next meeting for discussion.

9/18 Clerk Update

Resolved – No training attended.

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Unresolved – Recreation Area Fence – £130 from Insurance Company had been paid into bank account. Mr F Emmerson had been informed the outstanding invoice was required for the completed work.

10/18 Financial Information

Resolved – Cheque raised for £50 charity donation for Great North Air Ambulance. Members agreed no other donations to be committed for 2017/18 and members agreed that the charity donation budget has now been spent for 2017/18

11/18 Budget

Resolved – Members agreed monthly budget sheet.

Resolved – Members agreed monthly bank balance information £7,443.37

Resolved – Members had previously agreed to amend the budget sheet to address any shortfalls and agreed DCC raise the precept by 3% for 2018/19. The Clerk had forwarded documentation to DCC in accordance with timeline instructions.

Unresolved – Following discussion Members agreed to Agenda the budget allocation for the Clerks salary for the next meeting.

Signed

12/18 Clerks – Hours worked and Subsequent Payment

Resolved – Members approved 2 hours worked September 2017, 17 hours October 2017, 20 hours November 2017 and 6 hours December 2017 and subsequent payment

13/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved – Shaw’s & Son - £76.74 paid for ledger

14/18 Seat and Fence Inspection

Resolved – CL inspection undertaken and no major issues with the seats. CL stated on inspection of the boundary fence, at the far end of the Green, the sheep had invaded the Green on 17th January and the fence required stock proofing. Discussion occurred around responsibility issues. Clerk to check the deeds and also speak to JJ to ascertain if he has any information concerning ownership of the fence.

15/18 Chairperson’s Announcements

None

16/18 Questions from Members

No questions.

17/18 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held in Lynwood House, Lanchester on Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 7.00pm..

Meeting ended at 7.55 p.m.

Certified as a true record

Chairman.....

Date.....