

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 February 2020

Present: Sandra McDonagh (Chair), Barbara Jamieson, Chris Lee, Dorothy Parry, Jane Cain, Councillor Jude Considine, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Denise Singleton, John Johnson, Councillor Ossie Johnson

14/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

15/20 Public Participation

None.

16/20 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 January 2020 be UPDATED to include the discussion regarding mole hills.

17/20 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated - no matters raised

18/20 Correspondence

Correspondence received from Durham County Council regarding Section 106 Funding awarded in 2015 for fence repairs – with there being approximately £150 of this funding not yet used.

Clerk has checked records and all work carried out at the time has been paid for with this funding.

Discussion held and agreed that Clerk to contact DCC and ask if the remaining funding can be still claimed and used elsewhere – with a possible replacement notice board being suggested.

19/20 Feedback regarding Environmental Project Meeting

Chair updated the meeting following attendance at Environmental Project Meeting.

Fly Tipping – It is important to report any incidents as the only way to get a camera installed is to have had 3 reports of fly tipping in an area. The tipping will be cleared and the camera installed.

Some difficulties as 3 of the 5 cameras have been stolen or damaged.

Path Edging – Responsibility of DCC but not considered efficient for workers to clear by hand therefore exploring the possibility of purchasing an attachment for grass cutters to carry out the task.

Planting – to be commenced shortly by DCC from the AAP funding although snowdrops will not be planted until the autumn.

20/20 Budget

Budget position circulated prior to meeting – on course for an underspend in 2019/20.

21/20 Clerk Update

Bank Account – there had been difficulties with the bank changing over address and signature information, including an oversight by Barclays but this was now resolved.

Faults/Repairs – the report to DCC regarding damage to footpaths had not been addressed as they could not identify any issue. Any future issues to be reported to clerk, ideally with photographs, to then be reported online to DCC.

Parish Website – contact had been made with website manager regarding updating the website – he would do this but asked for patience due to other commitments.

Hours worked – 15 in January and 12 anticipated for February

22/20 Accounts for Payment

None

23/20 Seat and Fence Inspections

Chris Lee reported that there was a loose fence post on the south side of the fence (near the Pit Stop) and there was still a lot of litter being blown about by the wind.

There was some discussion about the number of mole hills but it was agreed to take no action.

24/20 Questions from Members

None received.

25/20 Chair Announcements

Chair commented about the website and asked for councillors to think of ideas of how the website could be developed and improved and what could be added to it.

Councillors to consider and discuss further when website is updated.

13/20 Next Meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2020 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House

