

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2020

Present: Sandra McDonagh (Chair), John Johnson (Vice- Chair), Chris Lee, Jane Cain, Councillor Ossie Johnson, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Barbara Jamieson, Denise Singleton, Dorothy Parry, Councillor Jude Considine

1/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

2/20 Public Participation

None.

3/20 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 November 2019 be AGREED as a correct record

4/20 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated - no matters raised

5/20 Correspondence

Correspondence received from A Purves regarding unpaid invoice for grass cutting.

Payment agreed - see item 9/20 below for details.

6/20 Feedback regarding dead tree outside 35 Lanchester Road

Chair updated the meeting that the tree had been affected by a fungus that has affected all trees in the street. There is no treatment for the fungus and they will be monitored.

Further discussion regarding land in the area and who is responsible for what.

Agreed that this will be addressed further later in the year.

7/20 Budget

There has been no activity on the account since the last meeting.

2020/21

Clerk updated the meeting that the initial Tax Base from Durham County Council did not include any new properties on Lanchester Rise.

After enquiries with DCC it was established that they had mistakenly been added to Lanchester Parish Council and this has now been rectified with 9 new properties added to Greencroft Parish Council Tax Base.

Discussion held in meeting and agreed to update the charge by 2% making a budget of £4,110.00

Budget for 2020/21 attached with minutes.

8/20 Clerk Update

The Clerk updated that he had reported the uneven footpath on Lanchester Road to Durham County Council and that he anticipated 15 hours of work up to the end of January.

9/20 Accounts for Payment

The following payments were agreed :

Payments regarding clerks salary : October 14 hrs, November 14 hrs, December 13 hrs

- Salary to clerk - £345.71
- Tax to HMRC - £86.43

Payment to A.D. Purves re Grass Cutting - £517.20

10/20 Seat and Fence Inspections

Chris Lee reported that the seat in the south of the park was now almost covered by the trees and that there was still a lot of litter.

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

11/20 Questions from Members

None received.

12/20 Chair Announcements

None.

13/20 Next Meeting

Tuesday 25 February 2020 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House