

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 November 2019

Present: Sandra McDonagh (Chair), John Johnson (Vice- Chair), Chris Lee, Councillor Ossie Johnson, Councillor Jude Considine, Jane Cain, Denise Singleton, Barbara Jamieson, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Dorothy Parry

153/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

154/19 Public Participation

None.

155/19 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 October be AGREED as a correct record

156/19 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated - no matters raised

157/19 Correspondence

None

158/19 Flower Bed Planting and Alternatives

Clerk updated that DCC had confirmed that planting proposals previously advised would take place in Spring 2020 – with DCC agreeing to plant Snowdrops in place of the daffs previously suggested.

159/19 Climate Change

Clerk updated that he had contacted DCC regarding climate change and been advised that they are hoping to develop some guidance for Town and Parish Councils, and also advised that Parish Councils could consider their carbon footprint and consider ways to reduce emissions.

Due to low usage agreed to wait until Parish Council advice is produced and discuss further at that time.

160/19 Play Park Funding

Clerk had circulated details of potential Play Park funding.

Agreed to take no action due to lack of resources to match fund.

161/19 Unauthorised Encampments Consultation

Clerk had circulated details of a consultation regarding unauthorised encampments.

Agreed that there had not been any issues in Parish and were aware of processes to follow if any issues.

162/19 Budget and Current Account

Correspondence received from Durham County Council regarding precept for 2020/21 with form to be returned by 24th January 2020 – January meeting to be brought forward to agree the budget.

Clerk to check with DCC about the number of properties in the Parish with specific reference to the new properties.

No provision in budget for any election costs and clerk to check with CDALC about using funds to create a provision for future potential election costs.

Budget to be prepared and circulated to council in advance of January meeting to discuss and agree at the meeting.

Query made about whether there is a formula error on the budget spreadsheet affecting the variance figures – Clerk to check and report back.

163/19 Clerk Update

The Clerk reported an anticipated 14 hours of work up to the end of November.

164/19 Accounts for Payment

None

165/19 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.

Councillors reported various mounds, divots in the Parish – road dips between No.s 4 and 6 Lanchester Road and there is a mound in the park following work by Highways Department.

Chair to contact Highways Department to request inspection and remedy.

Chris Lee reported that the footpath on Tower Road west from the junction at Greenway Parkway was unsafe and very narrow in places.

Chair to contact DCC to request action to improve the situation.

166/19 Questions from Members

None received.

167/19 Chair Announcements

Regarding Minute 150/19 (October 2019), chair updated that she had contacted Northumbrian Water regarding the matter and they had agreed to visit to check the damage.

168/19 Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 January 2020 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House