

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 October 2019

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

Apologies: Councillor Jude Considine

137/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

138/19 Public Participation

Representative from Willowburn Hospice attended to discuss planning application.

139/19 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 September 2019 be AGREED as a correct record

140/19 Feedback from Mid Durham Area Parish Councils Committee meeting held on 21 September 2019

Chair updated the Council on this meeting, attended by Sandra McDonagh and Jane Cain.

Main area of discussion was fly tipping and the cameras to be used to detect such tipping.

The cameras have not yet been utilised in Parish and Clerk for Lanchester Parish Council to write to warden to request further information on utilisation of cameras and possible refunds if not used in Parish.

Agreed that if any fly tipping is observed by Councillors then complaints should be made as this may encourage the deployment of cameras in the Parish

141/19 Feedback from County Durham Association of Local Councils AGM held on 12 October 2019

Chair updated the Council on this meeting, attended by Sandra McDonagh and Jane Cain.

Main area of discussion was the issue of Climate Change and the importance of trying to reduce carbon footprint.

Council agreed that there may not be much possible in such a small Parish but that Council should sign up to contribute where possible.

Clerk to investigate how to do this and sign up.

142/19 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated.

Discussion around planning application by Willowburn Hospice to sell plot of land with planning application for a residential property.

No objections to be made by the Council.

143/19 Correspondence

None

144/19 Flower Bed Planting and Alternatives

The Clerk circulated detailed plans for alternative planting proposals to be funded from the AAP Environmental Pot of £1000.

The proposals included 1000 Tete e Tete miniature daffs but agreed to request planting Snowdrops in place of daffs.

Clerk to contact DCC.

145/19 Climate Change

See 141/19 above

146/19 Budget and Current Account

The only payment made since the last meeting had been payment of wages to Clerk.

Current bank balance of £7,579.09

147/19 Clerk Update

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

148/19 Accounts for Payment

None

149/19 Seat and Fence Inspections

Nothing to report although Chris Lee commented that the amount of litter was noticeably increasing

150/19 Questions from Members

Replacement of dead tree outside 35 Lanchester Road.

Council discussed this matter and agreed that the land is not the responsibility of Durham County Council nor Greencroft Parish Council and that according to Land Registry is unclaimed land.

Chair to contact Northumbrian Water regarding the matter to try and establish if they were responsible for the damage.

151/19 Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair welcomed Barbara Jamieson to her first meeting as a Councillor and Paul McAdam as the new Clerk.

The Chair informed Council that the area of Data Protection needs to be addressed by the Council but that this would be delayed as Durham County Council are arranging courses on this matter.

The Chair commented that following Highways works there were some mounds and divots that Highways Department should be responsible for and asked the Council to make a note of any such instances and report to the next meeting.

The Chair requested that a map of the Parish be uploaded to the website for information – John Johnson and Chris Lee both have copies of such and the Clerk to arrange this when provided with a copy.

The chair informed Council that the white gates in the Parish had now been replaced, as requested.

152/19 Next Meeting

Tuesday 26 November 2019 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House