

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2021

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

Apologies: Submitted and accepted by Barbara Jamieson and Dorothy Parry

44/21 Declarations of Interest

None.

45/21 Public Participation

None.

46/21 Record of Appreciation

Chair opened the meeting by sharing that this would be the last meeting as a Parish Councillor for Chris Lee, who had decided not to submit a nomination for election.

Chair expressed her thanks and appreciation for the many years of long service that Chris has given to Greencroft Parish Council and that he, and his contribution to the Council, would be missed

47/21 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 30 March 2021 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

48/21 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated – no matters raised.

49/21 Budget

2020/21 final budget position circulated prior to meeting and Clerk provided a verbal summary which was that there had been a slight underspend in 2020/21 of £143.86

50/21 Clerk Update

Road repairs highlighted in February meeting (19/21) had been reported to Durham County Council and acknowledged with an aim to address within 3 months.

Pothole outside Fairfield Lodge on Tower Road was even bigger and was now filled with water meaning that some drivers were not aware how deep it was when driving through it.

Councillor Jude Considine to check with Councillor Ossie Johnson regarding this work about whether it was to be actioned by Durham County Council or Northumbrian Water and Clerk to try and get an update on repairs reported.

Hours worked for April by clerk were anticipated to be 12. It was **AGREED** for payment for these hours to be made at the end of the quarter.

51/21 Licensing Application – Willowburn Hospice

A Licensing Application has been made by Willowburn Hospice for a small number of events in a year, which was discussed by the Council.

No representations had been made by any members of the public to any of the Councillors and it was felt that it was unlikely that there would be any excessive noise or disturbance due to the affect that would have on residents at the hospice.

It was **AGREED** that there were no comments or objections to be made.

52/21 Parish Council Elections

There had been 6 nominations for election to Greencroft Parish Council meaning that there would be an uncontested election and there were still 2 seats remaining for co-opting members if anybody could be identified.

53/21 Accounts for Payment

Annual Data Protection Fee to Information Commissioner - £40.00

Payment **AGREED**.

54/21 Seat and Fence Inspections

Chris Lee updated the group that he had cleaned the southern seat and that it would need re-varnishing in the near future. Also that there was paint peeling on the picnic table and signs of rust on the legs which should be addressed to ensure that it remained pleasant and usable.

55/21 Questions from Members

None received.

56/21 Chair Announcements

None to be made other than Chair re-iterated her words at the start of the meeting in appreciation of the service that Chris Lee has given to Greencroft Parish Council over many years.

43/21 Next Meeting

Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 6.00pm.