

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 January 2021

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

Apologies: 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 24 November 2020 be **AGREED** as a correct record

4/20 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated - no matters raised

5/20 Budget

2020/21 budget position circulated prior to meeting and Clerk provided a verbal summary which was that with the work on the trees in the play park being agreed, it was anticipated that the budget would be on target.

Balance of account at last statement (29/12/20) was £8,086.11 with unpresented cheques totalling £855.28.

VAT totalling £170.58 paid in 2019/20 had been reclaimed and payment was awaited.

Clerk will submit claim for 2020/21 VAT before February meeting and will also look to amend budget reporting in 2021/22 to show payments excluding VAT.

Previously agreed to request a precept increase of 0.5% and the draft budget which had been circulated was **AGREED**.

With the increase in properties in the parish the budget for 2021/22 will be £5,190.00

6/20 Clerk Update

Nothing further to update - VAT claim discussed under Budget.

7/20 Police Crime and Victim Commissioner Precept

Discussed briefly and it was **AGREED** that there were no comments from the council to feedback.

8/20 Update on Tree Work

The Chair updated that the work on the trees in the play park had been carried out today and councillors felt that the requested work had been carried out satisfactorily and it was **AGREED** that the bill should be processed for payment when received if costs were in line with quotation received.

9/20 Ongoing Maintenance of Flower Beds

Discussion around the need for ongoing maintenance of the flower bed as this was no longer carried out and it was **AGREED** that in spells of hot weather councillors would take turns to water the flowers in the bed.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would make enquiries around organising for routine maintenance to be carried out such as weeding, pruning and would approach Paul Snowdon who had done this previously and also Durham County Council.

10/20 Accounts for Payment

None received – but account for tree work (see 8/20 above) will be imminent.

11/20 The Three Horseshoes

Discussion around correspondence circulated regarding the potential permanent closure of The Three Horseshoes and it was **AGREED** that the Council could not find a use for the building.

12/20 Seat and Fence Inspections

Chris Lee updated that there was nothing to report.

13/20 Questions from Members

None received.

14/20 Chair Announcements

None.

15/20 Next Meeting

Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 6.00pm via Zoom.

