

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 18 May 2021

Present: Sandra McDonagh, John Johnson, Dorothy Parry, Vivien Self, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Submitted and accepted by Barbara Jamieson, Jane Cain, Councillor Michael McGaun, Councillor Douglas Oliver

64/21 Declarations of Interest

None.

65/21 Public Participation

None.

66/21 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 April 2021 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

67/21 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated – no matters raised.

68/21 Future Format of Meetings

Discussion around the format of meetings and that councillors were still uneasy about holding public face to face meetings. It was **AGREED** that June meeting would still be via Zoom and the matter would be discussed again in conjunction with any further government guidance.

69/21 Budget

2021/22 budget position circulated prior to meeting and Clerk provided a verbal summary which was that there had only been one payment made to date which has not yet been presented for payment.

70/21 Clerk Update

Clerk had contacted Durham County Council who confirmed that maintenance of flower beds was on schedule. Flower bed would be stripped in advance of re-planting taking place in early June.

Clerk updated councillors that Register of Interest forms should be completed as soon as possible and either returned electronically or paper version handed to Chair to be collected by Clerk.

Hours worked for April by clerk were anticipated to be 13. It was **AGREED** for payment for these hours to be made at the end of the quarter.

71/21 Accounts for Payment

Public Liability Insurance – Zurich Municipal - £206.08

CDALC / NALC Subscription 2021/22 - £55.32

Both payments **AGREED**.

72/21 Seat and Fence Inspections

Following Chris Lee not standing for election he is no longer able to carry out the seat and fence inspections and has handed over his records.

There was a discussion on how to continue with this task and it was **AGREED** by Sandra McDonagh that she would check the seats and fences and report on their safety.

73/21 Willowburn Hospice

There was a discussion regarding Willowburn Hospice who have recently been appealing for funding from residents of Derwentside and it was **AGREED** that Greencroft Parish Council would make a donation of £50 to the hospice.

Clerk to contact Willowburn Hospice to arrange the donation.

74/21 Questions from Members

There has been a number of representations to the Chair regarding the property that was formerly The Pit Stop in the village.

This property was now being used by a company, Vita Nova, who provide training for care staff and it has been commented that there has been a significant increase in car parking. There are 4 parking bays at the premises but these are not sufficient for current traffic and there have been times when there are 9 cars at the premises causing cars to park on the path and grass.

It has also been suggested that the property was previously registered as a retail property and this has not been amended.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Durham County Council to enquire about the change of use at the property.

75/21 Chair Announcements

None.

76/21 Next Meeting

Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 6.00pm.