

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 September 2020

Present: Sandra McDonagh (Chair), John Johnson, Chris Lee, Dorothy Parry, Councillor Jude Considine, Councillor Ossie Johnson, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Barbara Jamieson, Jane Cain

41/20 Declarations of Interest

None.

42/20 Public Participation

None.

43/20 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2020 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

44/20 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated - no matters raised

45/20 Update on Pandemic Period

Clerk updated the meeting regarding the position with regard to physical meetings of the Council.

Advice from County Durham Association of Local Councils is to continue with virtual meetings and this is likely to be the case for the foreseeable future.

Signing-in details for the meeting had been publicised with the agenda for members of the public and this would continue for future meetings.

46/20 Budget

Budget position circulated prior to meeting – balance of funds held (after unrepresented cheques clear) is £9,455.91

47/20 Speeding / Traffic Update

Clerk updated the meeting that feedback from Durham County Council Traffic Assets was that DCC don't have the funds to provide digital warning signs that display speeds and that the cost to provide one is £10,812.00

Resolved that this was not within the budget of the Parish Council.

It was reported that Police had been in the layby in the village today monitoring traffic, as requested.

48/20 Clerk Update

Clerk updated the meeting that he had now met the website manager and had access to the Parish Council website to upload information.

All agendas, minutes and end of year financial records were now on the website as required and would be kept up to date.

The website had also been audited and updated by Total Results Ltd to comply with new accessibility requirements.

Hours worked by clerk have been July – 19 hours, August – 13 hours, September – 10 hours with July being higher due to extra workload with end of year accounts, insurance issues and meeting with the website manager for guidance on the website.

49/20 Accounts for Payment

Total Results Ltd - £250.00 for auditing and updating the website to comply with new accessibility requirements.

Resolved – To process the payment

50/20 Raised Flower Borders / Plants

Discussion around the raised flower border in the middle of the village and whether further work is required to tidy them up as now a bit overgrown.

Resolved – Members to monitor the areas and requirements to be discussed in more detail at next meeting with a view to arranging for work to be carried out.

51/20 Fencing Funds

Remaining grant funds had not been used on a new noticeboard as previously discussed but may still be available – discussed the possibility of a new Christmas tree.

Resolved – clerk to enquire if grant funds are still available and to report back

52/20 Seat and Fence Inspections

Chris Lee unable to feedback to the meeting due to technical issues.

53/20 Questions from Members

None received.

54/20 Next Meeting

Monday 26 October 2020 at 6.00pm remotely via Zoom

Amended date due to clerk training on Tuesday 27th October.