

## Greencroft Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 27 July 2021

**Present: Sandra McDonagh, John Johnson, Jane Cain, Barbara Jamieson, Vivien Self, Councillor Michael McGaun, Councillor Douglas Oliver, Paul McAdam (Clerk)**

**Apologies: Submitted and accepted by Dorothy Parry**

#### **91/21 Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **92/21 Public Participation**

None.

#### **93/21 Minutes of the last Meeting**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 June 2021 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

#### **94/21 Planning and Road works**

DCC reports had been circulated – no matters raised.

#### **95/21 Budget**

2021/22 budget position circulated prior to meeting and Clerk provided a verbal summary.

It was noted that bank statements were not being issued as often and it was **AGREED** that the clerk would visit Barclays to make enquiries about internet banking and how it would work.

#### **96/21 Clerk Update**

Pip Stop – Response from DCC that they could not enforce anything regarding the parking outside the property other than request new road markings – such as yellow lines or no parking.

Website – Is now fully updated with all agendas, minutes etc. The website home page does look a bit cluttered and consideration to be given as to how this could be tidied up in some way.

Flower Beds – Had now been planted by DCC as part of the annual maintenance contract.

Maintenance of Seats – There had been no response as yet from Lanchester Parish Council regarding their handyman carrying out the work – Clerk to chase up.

Hours Worked – anticipated to be 14 for July. It was **AGREED** to process payment for these at the end of the quarter.

#### **97/21 Accounts for Payment**

None

### **98/21 New DCC Roadworks Notification System**

Information had been circulated prior to meeting regarding the new system although it had been noted that weekly emails had still been issued by Durham County.

It was **AGREED** that the email would be re-sent to County Councillors McGaun and Oliver to raise with DCC whether weekly emails were to continue.

### **99/21 Traffic / Parking Issues**

Discussion around the response from DCC regarding Pip Stop. It was felt that the possibility of road markings was not ideal as this would likely impact on the whole street, not just the affected area.

Discussion around the general feeling that the main problem may not just be the Pip Stop itself but the general issue of cars driving too fast through Maiden Law.

Several traffic monitoring activities seem to have taken place such as :-

- 2 sets of cabling across the road monitoring speed
- Police speed cameras
- Community Speedwatch

However there has been little, if any, feedback on findings.

It was **AGREED** that before the next meeting the clerk would enquire as to any findings and also research any other information regarding traffic issues in the area – Highways Agency, Police, Speedwatch, Accident Hot Spot Website.

### **100/21 Smaller Councils Forum**

Information had previously been circulated regarding the Smaller Councils Forum and there being 2 places on it available for representatives from Greencroft Parish. There were no volunteers to be the representatives but it was agreed that Sandra McDonagh and Jane Cain would attend when possible.

### **101/21 CDALC Executive Committee**

Nominations had been invited to the CDALC Executive Committee but there were no nominations from Greencroft.

### **102/21 Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons**

Information had been circulated regarding participating in the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations by partaking in the lighting of Jubilee Beacons. It was felt that the village may be too small to get involved and that any costs may be prohibitive but it was requested that the information be sent to councillors again to consider.

### **103/21 Seat and Fence Inspections**

Jane Cain had carried out the monthly check. Maintenance work was still required but there had been no further deterioration noted.

**104/21 Questions from Members**

None received.

**105/21 Chair Announcements**

None.

**106/21 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28 September at 6.00pm – format to be clarified prior to meeting.