

Greencroft Parish Council

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th March 2023 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,
Lanchester**

Present: Sandra McDonagh, Gavin Jarvis, Vivien Self, Ann Bell (after co-option), Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Jane Cain, Dorothy Parry, Barbara Jamieson - noted and accepted

33/23 Declarations of Interest

None.

34/23 Public Participation

Ann Bell attending prior to discussion regarding her co-option.

35/23 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 28 February 2023 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

36/23 Co-Option of New Councillor

Ann had approached Vivien Self about the possibility of filling one of the Parish Councillor vacancies.

Ann was asked to leave the room and there was a discussion regarding her co-option and it was **AGREED** to co-opt her to the Parish Council.

37/23 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated – no matters raised.

38/23 County Councillor Update

No update as County Councillors not in attendance.

It was felt that these updates were beneficial and it was **AGREED** that the clerk would ask if a brief written update could be provided if county councillors were unable to attend.

An update on the planned solar farms had been hoped for and there was further discussion around potential issues with these projects

- is there enough sunlight / natural light to generate sufficient power
- would wind not produce more energy

39/23 Clerk Update

Website – Agendas and Minutes – Paul and Sandra had met to try and arrange for Sandra to use the old laptop to update the website but this had not been successful due to the poor performance of the laptop. It was **AGREED** that Sandra will try to locate old agendas and minutes and send to Paul, who will save in folders and also upload to the website.

Paul will also keep councillors updated regarding progress with this task.

Hours Worked – for March will be 13 hours, making 37 hours for the quarter and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid by the end of March.

40/23 Accounts for Payment

None

41/23 Budget

2022/23 budget position circulated prior to meeting and noted for information.

Clerk ran through the budget position – which was that there was a projected underspend for 22/23 of approximately £2,000 but it was **AGREED** that this would be useful to help with any spending needed to deal with traffic issues as well as for anticipated repairs/maintenance to park benches and tables.

42/23 Traffic Issues in Village

Funding for speed measures in Maiden Law is there with Mid Durham AAP ready to be applied for by Durham County Council - £19,000 for Mid Durham AAP and £9,000 for County Councillor allocations.

Any shortfall, which is anticipated to be £600 to be covered by Greencroft Parish Council.

Parking in the area around the Pip Stop continues to be an issue at times and photographs have been forwarded to County Councillors who are making enquiries with Durham County Council officers.

43/23 Seat and Fence Inspections

Jane Cain had undertaken an inspection and there was nothing further to report.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would check The Village Voice to try and source a handyman to try and carry out maintenance work on the seats and fences.

44/23 Questions from Members

None received.

45/23 Chair Announcements

None.

46/23 Any Other Business

None.

47/23 Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2023, 6.00pm at Lynwood House.