

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 June 2023 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,
Lanchester

Present: Sandra McDonagh, Vivien Self, Dorothy Parry, Ann Bell, County Councillor Mike McGaun, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies: Gavin Jarvis, Jane Cain, Barbara Jamieson, County Councillor Doug Oliver

83/23 Declarations of Interest

None.

89/23 Public Participation

None.

90/23 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 30 May 2023 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 May 2023 be **AGREED** as a correct record

91/23 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated – no matters raised

92/23 County Councillor Update

North East Mayor

Durham has recently been hosting other leaders of LA7 – the 7 north east local authorities regarding the planning for a North East Mayor.

There are still areas to agree such as the areas to be covered by the Mayor.

Also feedback would be welcomed on how residents would like finances spent.

Council House Building

Programme of building was put on hold due to rapidly rising costs but is now to restart as situation not expected to worsen any further.

Consett Incinerator

Durham County Council had previously rejected proposals for an incinerator on the former steelworks site, but an appeal from developer resulted in a public inquiry last year.

The government has now dismissed the appeal, which cannot be appealed further.

93/23 Clerk Update

Website Updates – Another year (2016) has been uploaded to the website and work will continue working back.

Contract of Employment – No progress since last month but will be addresses as soon as possible.

Leaflet re Boundary Change – Had been printed and distributed – no feedback to date to Parish Council.

There was a discussion and it was **AGREED** that the clerk would draft a response to the consultation on behalf of Greencroft Parish Council, stressing the importance of Greencroft remaining in Lanchester Division due to the many close ties with Lanchester including all the community and public services in Lanchester used by residents within Greencroft Parish Council.

It was also **AGREED** that a copy of this response should be sent to the local Member of Parliament.

AGAR Returns – Posted on website and public noticeboard for 3 weeks now but no queries received.

Hours Worked – Estimate 15 for June, making 42 for the quarter and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

94/23 Budget

2023/24 budget position circulated prior to meeting – no queries received.

95/23 Accounts for Payment

CP Print – Leaflets - £44.00

It was **AGREED** for this payment to be made.

96/23 Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The plan was discussed and the opinion was that paths in general were not great and were certainly not accessible for all.

It was **AGREED** that it would be beneficial if all rights of way were signposted to raise awareness of where they were.

97/23 Traffic Issues in Village

The clerk updated the meeting that he had spoken to the AAP Co-ordinator who informed that DCC Highways were clearing the backlog of projects and will then deal with our application – which it is felt will be straightforward.

98/23 Seat and Fence Inspections

Jane Cain had carried out the monthly check and identified no further changes in conditions since last month.

99/23 Questions from Members

None received.

100/23 Chair Announcements

None.

101/23 Any Other Business

None

102/23 Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th July at 6.00pm at Lynwood House and also via Zoom