

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on
Tuesday 29 September 2015 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr J Johnson – Chair
Mr C Lee, Mr D Quayle, Mrs V Self and Mrs D Parry

County Councillor O Johnson

Apologies
There were no apologies for absence

121/15 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was submitted by D Quayle in respect of
Item 12 – Northumbrian Water, Compensation

122/15 Public Participation

No members of the public were present at the meeting

123/15 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved - that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 July
2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair

124/15 Correspondence

**(i) County Durham & Cleveland County Training Partnership –
Code of Conduct and Standards Training**

Resolved - that any member wishing to attend the training
session contact the Clerk

(ii) County Durham Association of Local Councils – AGM

Resolved - that notification of the AGM be received

**(iii) Letter – Durham County Council – Medium Term Financial
Planning and 2016/17 Budget Setting**

Members were informed of information received from the County
Council on the projected tax base for 2016 / 17

Resolved - that the letter be received

- (iv) **Letter – Durham County Council – Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Registerable Interests**
Members were informed of information received from the County Council reminding councillors to update their details
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (v) **Clerk & Councils Direct – September Issue**
Resolved - that the publication be received
- (vi) **The Clerk – September Magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (vii) **LCR Autumn Edition**
Resolved - that the publication be received

125/15 Planning Matters

Members were informed that the following planning application had been approved by Durham County Council:

- Detached sectional concrete garage at 10 Lanchester Road, Maiden Law (DM/15/01597/FPA)

126/15 Mid Durham Area Action Partnership – Work Streams and Priorities (min 109/15)

Members considered the Area Action Partnership work streams and prioritised the top three areas of work.

Resolved - that the completed form is returned to the Area Action Partnership

Members were informed that a 'Dementia Friendly' training session is to be held in November in Lanchester.

Resolved - that details of the training session are forwarded to Members

Members discussed recent information received from Go-Ahead Northern on proposed bus transport arrangements.

Resolved - that clarification is sought on the proposals

127/15 Maintenance of Seats (min 112/15)

The Clerk reported that work to four seats on Tower Road had been completed and that work to the seats in the recreation area would be completed in October.

Resolved that:

- (i) the progress be noted
- (ii) damage to the seat at the crossroads be reported to Durham County Council.

128/15 Provision of New Seat

Councillor Parry asked for permission to replace one of the seats in the recreation area with a memorial seat. It was agreed that following the necessary works on the existing seats that a suitable location be agreed for the new seat.

Resolved - that thanks be given to Councillor Parry

129/15 Fly-Tipping Hot Spots (min 112/15)

An update was given on the joint purchase of fly tipping cameras in the Mid Durham AAP area. It was noted that one of the Parish Councils had decided not to be involved in the joint project. It is therefore likely that the contribution to the scheme may well increase.

Resolved that:

- (i) the Parish Council agree to up to a further £50 contribution towards the project
- (ii) the following be identified as fly-tipping “hot spots” :
 - Tower Road – full length
 - Stoney Heap Lane
 - Long Edge Lane

130/15 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities

Consideration was given to information received on a fund to assist with compliance with the transparency code.

Resolved - that the possibility of assistance towards the purchase of a computer and printer along with a contribution towards the time of the Clerk be explored.

131/15 Northumbrian Water – Compensation

Following a further incursion onto the recreation area by Northumbrian Water Ltd, H&H Land and Property had sought compensation on behalf of Greencroft Parish Council. Compensation of £150.00 had been secured. In addition a donation of £100.00 had been received from H&H Land and Property.

Resolved - that the action taken in using H&H Land and Property to seek compensation be ratified

132/15 External Audit – year ended 31 March 2015

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit had been completed and that there were no matters which had come to the attention of the Auditor which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report

Resolved - that the Annual Return be approved and accepted

133/15 Financial Information

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk

Resolved - that the report be received

134/15 Clerk – Hours Worked

Resolved - that approval be given for payment for 4 hours worked in August and 6½ hours in September

135/15 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that approval be granted for payments to be made as follows:

S Laverick	- Salary (July – September)	- £150.50
HMRC	- Tax (July – September)	- £37.60

136/15 Chairperson’s Announcements

It was agreed that the November meeting be held on Wednesday 18th November

137/15 Questions from Members

There were no questions from members

138/15 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held in Lynwood House on Tuesday 27 October at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.10p.m.