

Greencroft Parish Council

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 January 2024 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,
Lanchester**

**Present: Sandra McDonagh, Vivien Self, Ann Bell, Gavin Jarvis, Jane Cain, Dorothy Parry,
Paul McAdam (Clerk)**

Apologies: Barbara Jamieson

1/24 Declarations of Interest

None.

2/24 Public Participation

None.

3/24 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 November 2023 be **AGREED** as a correct record

4/24 Planning and Road works

DCC reports had been circulated.

7/24 County Councillor Update

Not applicable as no County Councillors in attendance.

8/24 Clerk Update

Risk Assessment / Asset Register

Not yet updated since last comments at last meeting.

To update at future meeting.

Damaged Seat

Information on seat requested had been provided to contractor who has passed to his insurers.

Checked with contractor prior to meeting and still no response from insurers.

Hours Worked – 13 hours for January and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

9/24 Budget

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

Clerk informed the meeting that the grants from the County Councillors - £999 towards new noticeboard and £600 from the Kings Coronation Fund for improvements to the flower bed/shrub area in the park had been received.

The Chair expressed her appreciation to Councillors McGaun and Oliver for the award of these grants.

There was a discussion about the work required in the shrub and it was **AGREED** that the clerk would look to find a contractor to carry out the required work in the area.

10/24 Accounts for Payment

Ink required for printer at a cost of £43.98.

It was **AGREED** that the clerk would order and purchase the ink and be re-imbursed the expense.

11/24 Traffic Issues in Village

The clerk has spoken to Mid Durham AAP again who are chasing up Durham County Council regarding the matter but had confirmed that the agreed funding is still in place despite the delay.

Dorothy Parry had been approached by a member of the public about the condition of the lay by near their property which was “roughed up” by wagons regularly pulling into it and there was also a build up of litter.

It was **AGREED** that the clerk would report this to DCC Highways for action.

12/24 Parish Noticeboard Potential Replacement

Information from the supplier had been circulated to councillors previously regarding installation of the noticeboard.

There had been previous discussion about self-installing the noticeboard but it was **AGREED** that the order would be made for the noticeboard and that this would include full installation and removal of the old notice board.

The installation form would be completed and returned and include Sandras details as initial contact for day of delivery.

The header panel of the noticeboard will include the parish logo and also the words ‘Greencroft Parish Council’

13/24 Election for CDALC President

There was a discussion on the 2 nominations for the role and it was **AGREED** that Greencroft Parish Council would vote for David Geddis.

14/24 Greencroft Tourism Development

There was a discussion around the proposed development although it was clarified that it is just a consultation at present and just a proposal and no plans have been submitted.

There were concerns raised about sewage run-off from the site, access to/from the site and also the effect on wildlife within the boundaries of the proposal.

Also concern that there have been changing plans for the site – including a forest development, houses and now this tourism development.

15/24 Grass Cutting 2024

Quote received from A.D Purves for grass cutting in 2024.

Individual prices on breakdown had risen by between 4.6% and 8.7% but overall, for the same work as in 2023 this would see an increase in cost from £612 to £650, an increase of 6.2%.

It was also **AGREED** to proceed with this work and that the clerk would make contact to arrange.

16/24 Management of Green Spaces Consultation

Details had previously been circulated but councillors were reminded about this event on 21st February and encouraged to attend if possible.

17/24 Royal Garden Party Nominations

It was **AGREED** that the nomination from Greencroft Parish Council for the draw for tickets would be the longest serving councillor who wished to be entered in the draw.

For 2024 this was Gavin and his details would be provided to CDALC.

18/24 Seat and Fence Inspections

Jane Cain had carried out the monthly check and identified that there had been damage caused to one of the seats where a slat had been broken and thrown over the fence.

It was **AGREED** that Ann would contact Nathan Waters, a handyman, to ask if he could repair the seat and also to ask if he could quote for the maintenance of the other seats and tables including sanding and oiling them.

19/24 Questions from Members

None received.

20/24 Chair Announcements

None.

21/24 Any Other Business

None.

22/24 Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th February at 6.00pm at Lynwood House, Lanchester.