

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 January 2025 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House, Lanchester

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

Apologies : County Councillor Mike McGaun

1/25 Declarations of Interest

None

2/25 Public Participation

None.

3/25 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 November 2024 be **AGREED** as a correct record

4/25 Planning

DCC reports had been circulated.

5/25 County Councillor Update

Not applicable as no attendance.

6/25 Clerk Update

Precept Request – has been completed and submitted, as agreed.

VAT reclaim – submitted for VAT paid to date in 2024/25 which is £246.18 in total.

Park Area – No response from DCC regarding play equipment and Christmas lights query – Paul to follow up.

HGVs / Road Subsidence – Councillor Mike McGaun has requested for a road traffic survey to be carried out and also asked for details of when the road was last checked for subsidence/dipping and what the results were.

Additionally he has asked for another inspection to take place.

Hours Worked – Anticipated to be 12 for January and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

7/25 Budget

2024/25 budget position circulated prior to meeting – no questions regarding position.

There has been no donations made from the budgeted £100 and it was **AGREED** that this should again be made to Willowburn Hospice, with an additional £100 due to there being more funds available.

8/25 Accounts for Payment

None

9/25 Traffic Issues in Village

Councillor McGaun had asked for a pause on the Vehicle Activated Signage planned for the village following queries over the location of them and had planned to discuss with the Parish Council but had unfortunately been unable to attend and is unavailable until 3rd February.

Paul to contact Councillor McGaun when he is back at work and hopefully discuss at the February meeting which will be held earlier than usual

10/25 Neighbourhood Plan

Vivien had undertaken further research and identified that this would be a big task, estimated as 18 months to 2 years at a minimum.

It would also require community involvement throughout the process before going back to the public to vote on acceptance.

A 'Parish Plan' is another option but this has no legal standing.

Further discussion around why GPC would actually want a Neighbourhood Plan and what would it contain and also concern that there is a lot of large scale planning applications being made around the area so it may be too late to affect any of them.

It was **AGREED** that Vivien would further research Parish Plans and the possibility of annexing to a larger Neighbourhood Plan.

11/25 Christmas Lights

Discussion about the possibility of lights from 2025 and also concerns about the area being too exposed and that the location could be affected by the outcome of the speed sign location.

It was **AGREED** that Paul would chase DCC regarding the possibility of a site visit to discuss.

12/24 Seat and Fence Inspections

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

It was also identified that the paving had been cleaned at the entrance to Greencroft Industrial Estate.

Vivien had approached Nathan Waters enquiring if he would be prepared to carry out maintenance work for Greencroft Parish Council and he had agreed to do so.

It was **AGREED** that Paul would contact Nathan to enquire about hourly rate for labour and for an indication of labour required to sand and treat the park bench.

It was also **AGREED** that Paul should contact Andy Purves to ask for a quote from him for grass cutting in the park area during 2025.

13/25 Questions from Members

None received.

14/25 Chair Announcements

None.

15/25 Any Other Business

None

16/25 Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House.

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