

Greencroft Parish Council

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29 April 2025 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,
Lanchester**

Present: Dorothy Parry (Acting Chair), Jane Cain, Vivien Self, Ann Bell, Gavin Jarvis, Paul McAdam (Clerk), County Councillor Mike McGaun

Apologies : County Councillor Doug Oliver

51/25 Declarations of Interest

None

52/25 Public Participation

None.

53/25 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 March be **AGREED** as a correct record

54/25 Planning

DCC reports had been circulated.

55/25 County Councillor Update

County Councillor Mike McGaun updated the meeting.

It was generally a quieter time than usual due to the Purdah period before the County Council elections on 1st May.

There have been calls received from people who have not received polling cards but the advice to anybody asking this question is to turn up at your polling station as the card is not essential.

Due to boundary changes, Greencroft Parish will now be part of the Annfield Plain and Tanfield ward and therefore will be served by new County Councillors as both Doug and Mike are standing for election in other wards.

The Chair expressed appreciation for the work of Doug and Mike as County Councillors representing Greencroft Parish.

56/25 Clerk Update

Park Area – Letters sent to the joint owners of the field adjoining the park asking for permission to access the park to carry out further repairs and improvements to the fence but no response received to date. It was **AGREED** that an attempt had been made and that, when necessary, access would be gained to carry out the repairs as this was also to the benefit of the adjoining land owners.

Maintenance Nathan Waters planning to work on the seats on Saturday 10th May.

Banking – With the resignation of Sandra there is currently no facility to make payments from the bank account so Paul is making any current payments and will be re-imbursed by the Parish Council as soon as possible. It was **AGREED** that this was not satisfactory and the Annual Meeting to appoint new Chair and Vice Chair would be held on 7th May to start the process of arranging new signatories to the bank account as soon as possible.

Traffic Data – Paul had contacted Durham Police as agreed last month but there was no information available on any recent traffic monitoring.

Hours Worked – 16 for April with extra work on AGAR return and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

57/25 Budget

Final budget for 2024/25 and update on budget for 2025/26 had been circulated prior to the meeting – no questions regarding position.

58/25 Accounts for Payment

CDALC - £58.35 – 2025/26 which it was **AGREED** to pay

59/25 Traffic Issues in Village

As previously discussed, the issue of the Vehicle Activated Signage will be discussed with the new county councillors after the elections in May.

60/25 Seat and Fence Inspections

Jane had carried out the inspection and no further issues had been identified.

61/25 Questions from Members

None received.

62/25 Chair Announcements

Dorothy expressed that Greencroft Parish Council was grateful for all of the work that Sandra McDonagh had carried out for the Council and that this should be formally expressed to Sandra in a letter of appreciation which it was **AGREED** that Paul would draft and send..

63/25 Any Other Business

None

64/25 Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th May at 6.00pm at Lynwood House.