

Greencroft Parish Council

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18 February 2025 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,
Lanchester**

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

Apologies : Dorothy Parry, County Councillor Doug Oliver

17/25 Declarations of Interest

Ann Bell has an interest in Greencroft Park site and will leave the meeting for that item.

18/25 Public Participation

None.

19/25 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2025 be **AGREED** as a correct record

20/25 Planning

DCC reports had been circulated.

21/25 County Councillor Update

County Councillor Mike McGaun updated the meeting.

- Crackdown on fly tipping in the county continues with over £130,000 collected in fines
- Enforcement cameras have been active catching speeding drivers.
- Durham County Council is keen to borrow funds to purchase the lease on the still empty site at Durham Riverside but final decision yet to be made
- Volunteers across the county are being encouraged to clear up rubbish
- County Councillor Doug Oliver has met Traffic Management regarding speed indicators and they are willing to meet parish councillors

22/25 Clerk Update

Maintenance Nathan Waters has agreed to carry out maintenance work as required in the Parish. It was **AGREED** that Paul would contact Nathan to arrange for work on benches to commence.

Park Area – Information had been circulated from DCC Outdoor Facilities Co-ordinator who had also said he was happy to meet and discuss further.

It was **AGREED** that councillors would read the information in more detail and discuss at the next meeting.

Hours Worked – Anticipated to be 11 for February and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

23/25 Budget

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

24/25 Accounts for Payment

None

25/25 Traffic Issues in Village

As Minute 21/25, DCC Traffic Management are willing to meet Parish Councillors to discuss the Vehicle Activated Signage planned for the village. It was **AGREED** that Paul would contact DCC to arrange this meeting.

26/25 Neighbourhood Plan

Discussion around this matter as well as the fact that Greencroft Parish Council is changing ward in May and it was **AGREED** that further discussions would be paused to wait and see the thoughts of Stanley Town Council and their plans.

It was **AGREED** that Paul would contact Stanley Town Council to enquire about attending their next meeting to make introductions.

27/25 Christmas Lights

It was discussed that there was now access to power but it was **AGREED** that further discussion on lights would be delayed until the speed signs issue was resolved.

28/25 Greencroft Holiday Park

Ann Bell left the meeting for this discussion

Additional documents had been submitted by the applicant and Vivian had drafted a suggested further response to DCC on the application which was circulated.

It was **AGREED** that this response would be submitted to DCC by Greencroft Parish Council.

It was also **AGREED** that Paul would contact Lanchester Wines to discuss the potential impact of the proposed holiday park on them and whether they wished to be involved in discussions with Greencroft Parish Council

29/25 Grass Cutting

A quote for work in 2025 had been submitted by Andy Purves and it was **AGREED** that this be accepted and he should be asked to undertake the work during the year.

30/25 Seat and Fence Inspections

The inspection had not been carried out yet due to the early meeting but there were no clearly apparent issues.

Planting had now been carried out by persons unknown at the entrance to Greencroft Industrial Estate.

31/25 Questions from Members

None received.

32/25 Chair Announcements

None.

33/25 Any Other Business

None

34/25 Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House.