

## Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30 September 2025 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,  
Lanchester

Present: Dorothy Parry (Chair), Jane Cain, Ann Bell, County Councillor Karen Allison, Paul McAdam (Clerk)

Apologies : Vivien Self, Gavin Jarvis

### 120/25 Declarations of Interest

None

### 121/25 Public Participation

John Self – prior request to speak at meeting regarding speeding traffic.

Colin Stephenson – unannounced member of the public wishing to observe meeting.

John informed the meeting that he had long standing concerns about speeding traffic which had increased with the recent high speed crash into a parked car and he had been in touch with both the local Member of Parliament and the Police Commissioner regarding the issue.

Discussion followed and included the planned speed visors and the disagreement with DCC about location.

Other points raised including that speeding monitoring checks are often carried out at inappropriate times – such as when traffic is slower due to school runs or in the wrong locations.

It was also mentioned that the current signage was faded and even just replacing this may help.

It was **AGREED** that John would continue his dialogue with MP and Police Commissioner and keep Greencroft Parish Council updated.

It was also **AGREED** that the Parish Council will also write to both MP and Police Commissioner highlighting the concerns as well and that County Councillor Karen Allison would further contact Durham County Council Transport regarding the issue.

### 122/25 Minutes of the last Meeting

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 July be **AGREED** as a correct record

### 123/25 Planning

DCC reports had been circulated.

### 124/25 County Councillor Update

County Councillor Karen Allison updated that the Strategic Place Plan for Stanley was currently underway with views being collected about how people would like to see their town develop.

### **125/25 Clerk Update**

#### Banking –

Lloyds Bank – application for new account could not be traced by Lloyds and they have changed their systems and no longer offer the type of account applied for.

There is a new online process to follow which should be much quicker and it was **AGREED** that Paul would start this process.

#### Parish Council Email Account

Assertion 10 of AGAR requires Parish Councils to have their own domain register – not a 3<sup>rd</sup> party domain such as Hotmail.

Parish Online, through CDALC are an organisation offering a free .gov.uk email address to parish clerks as well as the opportunity to move the whole website over at a cost of approx. £300 per year.

It was **AGREED** that Paul would start the process to apply for the email account only.

Hours Worked – 10 hours in July, 4 in August and 11 in September and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

### **126/25 Budget**

A budgetary control statement had been circulated detailing the current position confirming all outstanding payments have now been made.

### **127/25 Accounts for Payment**

None

### **128/25 Traffic Issues in Village**

Further discussion around traffic and speeding issues.

It was **AGREED** that 2 vinyl banners would be purchased to be displayed to encourage adherence to speed limits.

These would have simple messaging - only the figure 30 and 'Please Slow Down'.

Paul had checked online and some banners could be purchased for approximately £60 plus delivery but it was agreed that these would instead be purchased locally <WHERE??> where a price of £100 had been quoted – this would be arranged by Ann.

### **129/25 Purchases for Park Area**

Paul had not been able to sort the table and chair since the last meeting and it was **AGREED** that this should be dealt with as soon as possible – initially to obtain a lead time for delivery

of products to identify if installation would be possible or storage would need to be arranged.

The plaque commemorating the Queens Platinum Jubilee had been and cleaned and ready to be displayed again – Paul would check with Vivien how discussion with Nathan had been regarding making a wooden stake for this plaque and others.

It was **AGREED** that Ann and Jane would meet to discuss the plaque to purchase in respect of the Kings Coronation.

#### **130/25 Seat and Fence Inspections**

Jane had carried out the inspection and no further issues had been identified, other than those already discussed.

The work on the seats on Tower Road has been carried out satisfactorily.

#### **131/25 Questions from Members**

None received.

#### **132/25 Chair Announcements**

None.

#### **133/25 Any Other Business**

None

#### **134/25 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm at Lynwood House.