

Greencroft Parish Council

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

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

Apologies : Dorothy Parry,

135/25 Declarations of Interest

None

136/25 Public Participation

None

137/25 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 September be **AGREED** as a correct record

138/25 Planning

DCC reports had been circulated.

139/25 County Councillor Update

None

140/25 Clerk Update

Banking –

Forms received from Barclays Bank to add Dorothy as a signatory – not able to progress tonight due to late apologies from Dorothy.

It was **AGREED** that Paul would contact Dorothy separately this week to sort this process.

Parish Council Email Account

Application to Parish Online submitted on 21st October and acknowledged – process can take anything from 1 day to 4 weeks.

Discussion regarding the website and the fact it does not appear to be secure and it was **AGREED** that Paul would contact Total Results to ask what would be needed to remedy this and how much that would cost.

Traffic

Letters sent to Luke Akehurst MP and also the Police and Crime Commissioner – see item 143/25

Hours Worked – Estimated 14 for October and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

141/25 Budget

A budgetary control statement had been circulated detailing the current position.

Discussion about budget and it was **AGREED** that £100 in budget for donations should be made to Willowburn Hospice and that Paul would arrange.

It was also noted that there was £300 budgeted for flowers and additionally there was still £300 also available from grant funding and it was **AGREED** that Jane would purchase some flowers and plants.

Bank Reconciliation for the period 1st April – 30th September circulated which was noted and accepted.

142/25 Accounts for Payment

PMI Creative – Speed Banners - £50.00 plus £10.00 VAT = £60.00

AD Purves – Grass Cutting - £702.00 plus £140.40 VAT = £842.40

Jane Cain – Reimbursement for Plaques - £74.00

Ann Bell – Reimbursement for cable ties for banners - £6.48

It was **AGREED** for all of the above payments to be processed.

143/25 Traffic Issues in Village

Correspondence from Luke Akehurst MP including comments from Dave Lewin, Acting Head of Transport at Durham County Council that DCC planned to programme the completion of the installations as planned.

Discussion around this and that the Parish Council were disappointed with the refusal of DCC to take views on board but it was **AGREED** to accept this decision in view of the time that has already elapsed since the first meeting on the matter and the fact that MP intervention has not altered any decisions.

It was also **AGREED** that replies be sent to both Luke Akehurst and Dave Lewin confirming acceptance of the decision.

The response to Dave Lewin would also request the data from the recent traffic check held in Maiden Law in mid September.

The 2 speed banners were now in place at either end of the village.

It was also **AGREED** agreed that bin stickers would be purchased by the Parish Council to be handed out to the properties that put bins out on the main road.

These would be simple stickers – the number 30 in figures (in black) on a white, circular background with a red outline circle.

A4 size was the preferred option but it was **AGREED** that Paul would check prices for both A5 and A4 versions for price comparisons.

144/25 Purchases for Park Area

Lowther bench to be ordered from Glasdon this week, with an estimated lead time of 4 weeks – just waiting for delivery address to be confirmed by Nathan Waters, who will install the seat.

Glasdon do not offer installation and will not move a seat other after they have made 'kerbside delivery' and Nathan agreed to accept delivery and then transport himself for installation.

The Olympic table and bench from Marmax had a much smaller lead time (approx. 1 week) and Marmax had confirmed that they can deliver and install for £120.

It was **AGREED** that this was acceptable and should now be ordered.

The plaque for the Kings Coronation had now been purchased and it was **AGREED** that Vivien would speak to Nathan for him to make stakes for this plaque and the recently cleaned Queens Platinum Jubilee plaque.

145/25 Seat and Fence Inspections

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

146/25 Questions from Members

None received.

147/25 Chair Announcements

None.

148/25 Any Other Business

None

149/25 Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th November 6.00pm at Lynwood House. (subsequently cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances)