

## Greencroft Parish Council

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 February 2026 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,  
Lanchester**

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

**Apologies : Darren Grimes, Karen Allison**

### **17/26 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **18/26 Public Participation**

None.

### **19/26 Minutes of the last Meeting**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 January 2026 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

### **20/26 Planning**

Noted; the Public Inquiry dates were now published regarding the proposed solar farm development to the east of Edge Lane.

### **21/26 County Councillor Update**

Written update provided by County Councillor Karen Allison.

- Awaiting a response from highways regarding the speed visors (chased up 16/02/26)
- Currently working on the Strategic Place Plan, this is a specific DCC lead programme to regenerate Stanley Front Street.
- Conducting interviews to create a board for the Pride in Place programme, this is predominantly for the South Stanley area and is community lead/focused. There is a fund available of £20m over a ten-year period, for the most deprived areas of our County.
- Ongoing activity to rejuvenate the local parks (Annfield Plain and Tanfield Lea) incorporating activities for older children.
- Recently emailed Home Bargains re the 1.5 hour waiting time in their car park. They have agreed to extend this to two hours.

## **22/26 Clerk Update**

### Banking

Process started for Jane to be added as signatory.

### New Parish Council email account

Now in use – old email account still in use too and being checked regularly for any email traffic.

### Website

Paul spoken to Total Results and 2 solutions were identified to make the website secure.

1. A security certificate can be obtained with current website host which incurs a £78 extra charge per annum.
2. Total Results are also now using an alternate host who provides the security certificate with the standard annual charge.  
There would be a one-off charge of £20 to transfer the website across and the website would be unavailable for approx. 24 hours while this was undertaken.

It was **AGREED** to choose option 2.

### Council Structure

Following a previous query Paul had clarified with CDALC that Greencroft Parish Council was not part of Stanley Town Council.

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

## **23/26 Budget**

2025/26 budget position circulated prior to meeting – no questions regarding position.

Budget for 2026/27 also circulated prior to meeting.

## **24/26 Accounts for Payment**

None.

## **25/26 Traffic Issues in Village**

Paul had made further enquiries with DCC who advise they are awaiting delivery of equipment and then they will install.

As Item 21/26, County Councillor Karen Allison has also chased progress.

## **26/26 Grass Cutting Tender 2026**

Tender from A.D. Purves Landscaping was discussed and it was **AGREED** that the price increase was acceptable and that work was carried out to a high standard.

However, it was also **AGREED** that Paul would make contact to ask for confirmation that herbicide used was animal and child friendly and also to inform that bulbs had been planted in the park so to please avoid them on the first cut.

### **27/26 Litter Picking Exercise**

It was agreed for a Litter Pick Exercise to be undertaken on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April utilising equipment to be provided by Durham County Council.

Actions to undertake ;

Number	Action	Person Responsible
1	Check this is covered by Public Liability Insurance	Paul
2	Risk Assessment of the area to be picked	Vivien
3	Speak to Lanchester Parish Council for any advice due to their experience of such exercises	Paul
4	Complete application form to DCC for use of items	Paul
5	Design leaflet to be distributed with Village Voice	Ann
6	Print leaflet when designed	Paul

### **28/26 Seat and Fence Inspections**

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

### **29/26 Questions from Members**

None received.

### **30/26 Chair Announcements**

None.

### **31/26 Any Other Business**

None

### **32/26 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House.