

## Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 March 2026 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House,  
Lanchester

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

Apologies : Karen Allison

### 33/26 Declarations of Interest

None

### 34/26 Public Participation

None.

### 35/26 Minutes of the last Meeting

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 February 2026 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

### 36/26 Planning

There had been 2 planning applications made within the Parish and no concerns had been raised about either.

Possible night time road closure between Maiden Law crossroads and Annfield Plain which may last for 8 nights.

It was **AGREED** that Paul would ask for further clarification on the roadworks and also whether Greencroft Parish Council should have been informed.

### 37/26 County Councillor Update

None.

### 38/26 Clerk Update

#### Banking

Acknowledgement from Barclays that the changes are in progress and Paul would make enquiries regarding access to internet banking for Jane as well as the supply of a card and reader.

#### Website

Has now been transferred to a new hosting provider and invoice for £20 would be arriving soon.

#### Grass Cutting

Confirmation from Andy Purves that the glyphosate used is animal and child friendly and that he would avoid the bulbs in the park area initially.

It was confirmed that he had carried out his first cut and avoided the bulbs.

Hours Worked – Anticipated to be 12-13 for March and 37-38 for the quarter and it was **AGREED** for these to be paid at the end of the quarter.

### **39/26 Budget**

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

### **40/26 Accounts for Payment**

Total Results Ltd - £20 for website transfer.

It was **AGREED** for payment to be made.

### **41/26 Traffic Issues in Village**

No further updates from DCC and it was **AGREED** that Paul should chase DCC again for an update and ask for a definite start date and also include that residents had been asking Parish Councillors when the signs were actually going to appear.

### **42/26 DCC Grass Cutting Tender 2026**

Service Level Agreement had been received from DCC regarding the grass cutting at the crossroads in Maiden Law.

It was unclear exactly what area was covered by the agreement and it was **AGREED** that Paul would request a map of the area so that proper consideration could be given to the benefits of the agreement.

### **43/26 Litter Picking Exercise**

Update on actions from previous meeting.

Action	Person Responsible	Update
Check this is covered by Public Liability Insurance	Paul	Completed. Covered.
Risk Assessment of the area to be picked	Vivien	Completed and circulated
Speak to Lanchester Parish Council for any advice due to their experience of such exercises	Paul	Completed. Passed to 3 <sup>rd</sup> party and no response
Complete application form to DCC for use of items	Paul	Completed
Design leaflet to be distributed with Village Voice	Ann	Not yet finalised
Print leaflet when designed	Paul	Not applicable – Ann now to sort

Risk Assessment was agreed with the following amendments to be made –

Broken glass/sharp edges should not be collected and instead reported to Durham County Council via Do It Online.

A first aid kit will be available for any basic first aid required.

#### **44/26 Seat and Fence Inspections**

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

Nathan will be installing the new seat within the next month.

#### **45/26 Questions from Members**

None received.

#### **46/26 Chair Announcements**

None.

#### **47/26 Any Other Business**

None

#### **48/26 Next Meeting**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House.