

Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 April 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

49/26 Declarations of Interest

None

50/26 Public Participation

None.

51/26 Minutes of the last Meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 March 2026 be **AGREED** as a correct record.

52/26 Planning

DCC reports had been circulated.

53/26 County Councillor Update

None.

54/26 Clerk Update

Banking

Confirmation from Barclays that the mandate changes have been made and Jane is now a signatory, but Paul was unable to arrange internet banking access for Jane.

Jane needs to contact Barclays directly to do this and Paul will forward relevant contact details.

Roadworks

Paul had contacted DCC regarding roadworks within Parish and had been advised that DCC neither consults nor informs Parish Councils of scheduled works on highway networks.

There is a mobile app which details all of these plans and Paul will forward these details.

AGAR Return

End of year documents are currently with the auditor awaiting his report to be brought to future meeting and then submitted.

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

55/26 Budget

2026/27 budget circulated prior to meeting – no payments made as yet.

56/26 Accounts for Payment

CDALC - £59.53 – 2026/27 Fees

Information Commissioner - £47.00 – Data Protection Fee (due to be collected by direct debit on 22nd May)

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

57/26 Traffic Issues in Village

Paul had received an update from DCC that they had moved to a new speed visor supplier and Maiden Law was to be one of the first sites.

There had been some delays setting up processes but it was now with the internal contractor for installation and they are pushing for a delivery date.

It was **AGREED** that Paul should chase DCC again for a further update on this.

One of the vinyl 30mph signs displayed in the Parish has quickly become tattered due to exposure to the wind.

It was **AGREED** that councillors would check for alternative locations for a replacement sign and also consider whether a different size would be more resistant to the wind.

58/26 DCC Grass Cutting Tender 2026

Map had been provided of the areas covered by the agreement but it was still unclear how and why this particular area to be cut had been established.

It was **AGREED** that the Service Level Agreement should be agreed for 2026 and further discussion take place during the year before 2027 SLA is required.

59/26 Litter Picking Exercise

The exercise had taken place and been a success and the equipment and rubbish has been collected by Durham County Council.

Vivien updated that she had been informed by Durham County Council that once the Spring Clean initiative was over individuals can register as a household to collect litter and DCC will provide equipment.

Litter can be collected and left in a provided bag at a location which should then be report to DCC who will collect it.

60/26 Seat and Fence Inspections

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

The new seat had been installed by Nathan, who still has the materials to complete and install the stakes.

61/26 Questions from Members

None received by day prior to meeting.

Multiple reports have been received regarding tree felling on Greencroft Estate that is visible from the public footpath. Concerns have been raised regarding timing of such felling during the bird nesting season and whether Tree Protection Order (TPO) trees were affected.

Ann Bell then left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

It was **AGREED** that as a matter of urgency Paul should contact Durham County Council planning with these concerns.

62/26 Chair Announcements

None.

63/26 Any Other Business

None

64/26 Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House.