Greencroft Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 September 2026 at 6.00pm at Lynwood House, Lanchester

Present Vivien Self (Chair)

Gavin Jarvis, Dorothy Parry, Ann Bell, Paul McAdam (Clerk),

Apologies Jane Cain

The above apologies were received and accepted

116/26 Declarations of Interest

Ann Bell expressed a Declaration of Interest in respect of Item 12.

117/26 Public Participation

None.

118/26 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved – the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting, both held on 28th July 2026 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted.

119/26 Planning

2 applications relevant to Greencroft Parish and no objections raised.

120/26 County Councillor Update

None.

121/26 Clerk Update

<u>County Councillors</u>

Cabinet Support Officer had been in touch chasing availability for meeting.
Resolved – Gavin to forward response on availability to Paul who will respond to DCC.

<u>Commemorative Plaques</u>

All now installed by Nathan.

<u>Local Government Pay Rise</u>

3.3% increase, backdated to April 2026 had been agreed

Resolved – Arrears to be paid to Paul for hours worked at the old rate (35 hours)

Hours

Working hours for the month will be approximately 7.

18 hours worked this quarted.

Resolved – payment for hours to be made at the end of the quarter.

122/26 Budget

Budget update had been received and noted.

Discussion around expenditure for 2027/28

Flower tubs around the bus stop area was a possibility – nearby residents have offered to water

Maintenance of flower beds by councillors is becoming increasingly difficult

Resolved – Vivien to contact Durham County Council regarding the options for maintenance that could be undertaken by them

Resolved – to discuss further at future meetings and councillors to think about any other possible expenditure requirements

123/26 Accounts for Payment

None

124/26 Traffic / Road Issues in Village

Speed visors now operational.

Feedback that the visor when travelling up the hill was slightly obscured

Resolved – councillors to monitor and feedback

Speed Van had been in place and monitoring traffic on 28th September.

All of the bus shelters in village are dirty

Resolved – Paul to contact DCC Clean and Green Team to ask if they clean bus shelters or whether GPC are able to arrange/undertake

125/26 Seat and Fence Inspections

Jane had undertaken inspections and all OK – although 2 seats may need staining soon and she will monitor further.

126/26 Greencroft Park Update

Tree planting to commence soon

127/26 Questions from Members

None received

128/26 Chair Announcements

None.

129/26 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th October 2026 at Lynwood House at 6.00pm