

Minutes of the AGM of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council held at 7pm prompt in the Village hall, Lanehead, Tarset, Northumberland, on Wednesday 17th May 2017

THOSE PRESENT J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), D McCracken, R Ward, G Armstrong, T Kathiravel,
IN ATTENDANCE C Miller (Clerk) J Riddle (Northumberland County Council),
T Gates (Northumberland National Park), five members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

S Walton

2. RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS and ANNUAL SUMMARY

A quiet year within Tarset and Greystead parish, and it is hoped local issues can be resolved amicably.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

5. CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT

Clerk stated it was good to see all present Councillor's standing again for re-election, and nice to meet G Armstrong, a new Councillor.

Cllr J Riddle then thanked everybody who turned out to vote and for his re-election, with the new administration at County Hall taking control from next Wednesday. Public notices had been reinstated in the Hexham Courant and the proposed move to Ashington and sheer arrogance of felling trees without a licence at County Hall had gone down very badly with public of all political persuasions. Five area councils are to be brought back who will have a planning committee each, although the strategic committee will remain, each area will have a devolved budget, with details to be firmed up. Many committees are to be scrapped, for example the Scrutiny Committee reducing to 4 or 5, which will save £40K per annum in extra Councillor allowances. D McCracken thanked J Riddle for spending 60percent of the Highways budget for his division within this area. Tony Gates from Northumberland National Park present, remarking on the withdrawal of the Tarset and Greystead Neighbourhood Plan, which was regrettable, however the local plan for the National Park is currently being refreshed, and some of the good ideas in the draft Neighbourhood Plan could be included in this document. The Sill project at Hadrian's Wall is only a few weeks away from practical completion, is on budget and should be open to the public later in the Summer, bringing in a large economic impact to the wider community, and having its own dedicated manager who will run the facility and the 30,000 activities, which would include guided walks programme and Kirknewton archaeological festival. Ongoing projects across the park area include pitching paths at Lordenshaw, Simonside.

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: D McCracken proposed J Morrison-Bell as Chairman, D Walton seconded, all in agreement. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** J Morrison-Bell proposed S Walton as Vice Chairman, T Kathiravel seconded, all in agreement.

M Walton declared he did not wish to stand again as a representative on National Park Committee and was thanked for his contribution by J Morrison-Bell, Tony Gates and John Riddle. J Morrison-Bell expressed an interest in filling this position, which would be discussed further at the monthly meeting of the Parish Council.

7. DATE OF NEXT AGM

The next AGM will be held on Wednesday 16th May 2018 commencing 7pm.

8. CONCLUSION OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 730pm.