

**Minutes of ordinary meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council held at Lanehead Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present** S Walton (Chairman), W Morrison-Bell, D McCracken G Armstrong, G Liddle, M Walton, C Miller (Clerk)

**2020/01 Apologies for Absence**

J Morrison-Bell, T Kathiravel

**2020/02 Declaration of Members Interests**

W Morrison-Bell declared an interest in VARC grant request.

**2020/03 Minutes of the previous meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were accepted as a true record.

**2020/04 Matters arising from the previous meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Fence at Tyne Bridge between Knoppingholme and The Hott had been repaired shortly after the last meeting. Resurfacing works scheduled for C200 had been postponed.

**2020/05 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**2020/06 Financial Matters**

**2020/06/01 To consider the most recent financial accounts**

The most recent financial accounts were accepted as a true record.

**2020/06/02 To authorise accounts for payment:**

C Miller November, December Salary - £281.81 & expenses - £24.24 (BACS); HMRC, PAYE – £70.33 (DD). It was resolved to authorise payments.

**2020/06/03 To discuss/approve budget 2020-2021 and precept requirements 2020-2021**

After discussion the budget for 2020-2021 was approved and due to a surplus in the Parish Council bank account it was proposed and seconded the precept amount be lowered from £7,000 to £5000, all in agreement.

**2020/06/04 To discuss and authorise grant requests received – Visual Arts in Rural Communities (VARC) received to date**

Grant request had been received from Visual Arts in Rural Communities (VARC) who provide opportunities for artists and engage local people and groups. It was proposed and seconded a grant of £250 be donated, all in agreement.

**2020/06/05 To receive acknowledgement of grant from Tynedale Hospice at Home**

Acknowledgement received.

**2020/07 Correspondence received**

No correspondence received.

**2020/08 Planning**

**2020/08/01 Planning applications received**

No applications received.

**2020/08/02 Approval of Planning permission received**

No approval of planning permission received.

**2020/09 Orchard**

There had been an offer from a retired Parish Councillor to replace dead trees within the orchard and it was resolved an expert should attend site and advise what could be planted and the Parish Council would purchase the trees themselves.

**2020/10 Informal Consultation on options for West Woodburn First School**

County Council were carrying out a consultation – Option A – it continues as a first school; Option B – it extends its age range to become a primary school – Option C – the school closes. It was resolved the Parish Council would not be involved with the consultation.

**2020/11 Reports**

There were no reports.

**2020/12 Northumberland County Council – Consultation on library services**

County Council carrying out a consultation on library services at:

<https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NCCLibraryConsultation>.

It was resolved to submit a written response and state the travelling library bus was an important asset to the parish and those parishioners who use the service would not be likely to be on-line and able to complete a survey, and that the library at Bellingham is also an extremely important asset for the community. Details of survey to be circulated via Tasset Mail.

**2020/13 Information Boards**

Information board at Dovecote had now been attended to by NNPA, however board at Greenhaugh car park was the responsibility of the Forestry Commission, with an Officer confirming it would be attended to and would be making enquiries as to how the structure had been allowed to fall into disrepair – Clerk to enquire when the work would be completed.

**2020/14 Fencing Repair**

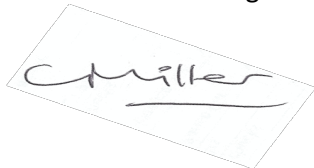
Discussed earlier.

**2020/15 Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**2020/16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 730pm.



The meeting closed at 8pm.