

Minutes of electronic meeting of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 18th November 2020

Those Present J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), G Armstrong, D McCracken, W Morrison-Bell, C Miller (Clerk)

2020/72 Apologies for Absence

S Walton, M Walton, G Liddle, T Kathiravel

2020/73 Declaration of Members Interests

J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in planning matters.

2020/74 Minutes of the previous meeting held 16th September 2020

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th September 2020 be accepted as a true record.

2020/75 Matters arising from the previous meeting held 16th September 2020

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held on 16th September 2020.

2020/76 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2020/77 Financial Matters

2020/77/01 To consider the most recent financial accounts

It was resolved the most recent financial accounts be accepted as a true record.

2020/77/02 To approve the following payments: C Miller September, October Salary - £301.28; HMRC – PAYE - £9.40; CM Commercial – grasscutting - £400; Wel Medical – replacement battery for defibrillator £192.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2020/77/03 To consider request for grant from Northumberland AGEUK and Tynedale Hospice at Home

Northumberland AGEUK were not actually requesting funding as they had received a substantial grant from the Ray Wind Farm, with funds aimed at helping Over 50s through the Covid pandemic in areas such as health and wellbeing and online exercise Classes. Clerk to circulate further information through Tarset News email

Grant request had been received from Tynedale Hospice at Home and it was resolved to grant £400.

2020/77/04 To consider budget and precept requirements 2021-2022

Budget and precept requirements discussed and it was resolved to accept the budget for 2021-2022 and precept requirements of £5,000 for 2021-2022.

2020/78 Correspondence received

- Fighting Crime Preventing Crime – Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner survey available on-line.

2020/79 Planning

2020/79/01 Planning applications received

- 20NP0075: Vary the Section 106 to 16NP0053 with respect to removing local needs occupancy and replacing with principal needs occupancy at Burnbank Farm – as it would be a primary residence, no objections had been submitted.

- 20NP0079LBC: Listed Building Consent – increase the highway loading capacity of the structure to 40 tonnes, repairing masonry elements and excavation of existing fill materials over the bridge at Redmire – it was agreed the work needed to be actioned, therefore no objections would be submitted.

2020/79/02 Approval of Planning permission received

- 20NP0062: Gibshiel, Tarsset – Change of use of agricultural land for the siting of a dark sky and wildlife observatory
- 20NP0063: Eals Cottage, Tarsset – Change of use land to form garden and construction of single storey side and rear extensions

2020/79/03 Radio Mast

Item to be taken off agenda.

2020/80 Orchard and Car Park

Parishioner had claimed green waste is being dumped at the bottom of the orchard by person not entitled to do this, however there were no other reports of this being carried out and it would be extremely difficult to police. There had been a suggestion to place warning signage, however the Parish Council did not believe this would be effective, and J Morrison-Bell could arrange grab and trailer to remove the debris if required. Orchard had been well maintained, and there had been a large crop of apples this year with some going to waste. Dead trees to be replaced in the future through a donation by a former Parish Cllr.

2020/81 Defibrillator

Parishioner had volunteered to take over guardianship of the defibrillator and had installed the new battery. It was agreed to officially thank them for this.

2020/82 Reports

J Morrison-Bell had chaired National Park Planning meeting where there had been an application for change of conditions from a holiday cottage to a primary premises, which is in accord with the newly adopted NNPA local plan, therefore the switch would be relatively simple. A policy meeting had centred itself around re-wilding, with 5% coverage throughout the UK assumed achievable. Meeting had been held regarding the farming industry single payment scheme, and it had been interesting and helpful to see how other people are approaching a change in the scheme, and useful to meet representatives throughout the NNP area and listen to their perspectives.

2020/83 Tourism Group

Nothing to report.

2020/84 Renewal of pub as a community asset

County Council advised the renewal of pub as a community asset was automatic, however Clerk would attempt to clarify the situation.

2020/85 Community Fibre Partnership

Openreach had advised due to the remoteness of some of the properties the project would not be financially viable, and W Morrison-Bell would speak to Inorthumberland to discuss further. Costs for the back-up scheme of wireless fibre through Incom had stalled due to a technical problem revolving line of sight. G Armstrong had spoken to Incom about placing equipment on her roof which would aid other properties, however the costs per month for the broadband service would be greater than the existing Vodaphone service. There are other schemes, such as B4RN where the community take charge of installing the infrastructure and which requires much more of an active community effort.

2020/86 Web-site Accessibility Statement

Web-site accessibility statement had been displayed on web-site.

2020/87 Urgent Business

Fence on roadside reported after last meeting had been repaired very quickly.

2020/87 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 810pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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