

## **Minutes of electronic meeting of Tarsset and Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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

### **2021/16 Apologies for Absence**

M Walton

### **2021/17 Declaration of Members Interests**

J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in planning issues.

### **2021/18 Minutes of the previous meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be accepted as a true record.

### **2021/19 Matters arising from the previous meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

#### **2021/19/01 Street lighting at Greenhaugh**

The street lamp had been reinstated to its original position; drains currently being installed for the new property.

### **2021/20 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **2021/21 Financial Matters**

#### **2021/21/01 To consider the most recent financial accounts**

It was resolved to accept the most recent financial accounts as a true record.

#### **2021/21/02 To approve the following payments: C Miller January, February Salary - £301.28; Expenses - £24.30 HMRC – PAYE - £75.20**

It was resolved to approve the payments.

#### **2021/21/03 To consider projects the Parish Council could fund – Updated version of the Tarsset book**

Hexham food bank had rejected an offer of assistance as they were receiving a vast amount of donated produce. The Tarsset book had last been updated 2012 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee and it was proposed this could be updated in 2022. G Armstrong to submit article for inclusion in Tarsset News to ascertain interest and support from the parish.

#### **2021/21/04 To consider request for grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland**

It was resolved to grant £100 and ask how many people in the parish the organisation had assisted in the previous financial year.

### **2021/22 Correspondence received**

- Notice of Parish representatives on the Northumberland National Park Authority, Selection process May 2021. Nomination forms and role descriptions to be made available early April 2021.

### **2021/23 Planning**

#### **2021/23/01 Planning applications received**

#### **2021/23/02 Approval of Planning permission received**

- Vary the Section 106 attached to 16NP0053 with respect to removing local needs occupancy and replacing with principal needs occupancy Site Address Burnbank Farm, Greenhaugh

**2021/23/03            Queries relating to Planning application No's 21NP0002 & 21NP0003, Change of use to residential house at St Luke's former C of E Church and Greystead Institute**

Response had been received from NNPA as follows: The grant for the original conversion of St Luke's was paid from the National Park Sustainable Development Fund in 2013 and the terms and conditions relating to the grant had now lapsed. In relation to maintaining the churchyard and permitting access, this was not a condition attached to the planning permission but rather sounds like a private agreement reached with the owners.

The Planning Applications had now been approved.

**2021/24            Orchard and Car Park**

Volunteers had been undertaking maintenance of the orchard, new trees had been purchased, and daffodil bulbs would enhance the area. The bottom part to be flattened out and tidied up with meadow seed and benches placed, and a plan to be drawn up with costings. The area had originally been left as allotment land, however deer had impeded this and it should be converted to a desirable seating area.

**2021/25            Reports**

J Morrison-Bell had attended NNPA meeting earlier today where general issues were discussed. The authority is in a robust financial position at the present time.

**2021/26            Tourism Group**

J Morrison-Bell had contacted Bellingham Parish Council with reply awaited.

**2021/27            Renewal of pub as a community asset**

It appears the County Council should have officially contacted the Parish Council and the pub tenants six months before the ACV elapsed in order for a new application to be submitted, and which would be actioned in due course.

**2021/28            Community Fibre Partnership**

W Morrison-Bell had received a costing from Openreach to provide fibre broadband to 116 properties at £500,000/£4,500/premise. The current voucher scheme is closing at the end of March, and a new voucher scheme could be introduced. Information to be circulated to all Cllr's. Alncom were looking at providing fibre installation at the other side of the valley from Falstone down.

**2021/29            Reintroduction of Lynx to Kielder**

Tarset 2050 had circulated information and they were still opposed to the proposals. A straw poll of the parish indicated the public were also not in favour, and there were many queries and unanswered questions about the project. Kielder Parish Council had requested a joint letter of objection to Natural England in the way the process was being conducted, however it was agreed to reply to state the Parish Council had already liaised with Falstone Parish Council and Guy Opperman MP had been contacted.

**2021/30            Review of Internal Auditor**

It was resolved to re-engage A Winter as Internal Auditor year ending 31/3/21.

**2021/31            Review of Internal Controls**

It was resolved that the current system of internal controls was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2021/32            Review of Asset Register**

It was resolved the register was a true record of the assets of the Parish Council.

**2021/33            Review of Risk Assessment**

It was resolved the risk assessment was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2021/34                    Review of Insurance Policy**

Employers and Public Liability £10m; Libel and Slander £500K; Officials Indemnity £500K, and which was considered sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2021/35                    Review of Bank Signatories and BACS payments**

It was resolved the bank signatories were adequate, BACS payments would continue to be made.

**2021/36                    Review of Standing Orders**

It was resolved the Standing Orders were sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

**2021/37                    May 2021 Elections**

Clerk had forwarded Nomination forms to all present Parish Cllr's.

**2021/38                    Urgent Business**

Road surface on stretch after Greenhaugh leading down to Lanehead is pitted due to erosion from continuous run off from fields; gully at junction entering Greenhaugh from Thorneyburn/Highgreen is permanently blocked and flooded; there are blocked gully's again on the road bank above Burdonside leading to Ford and Highgreen. Donkeywood road is beginning to fall into disrepair and will lead to serious problems, and road from Bellingham to Lanehead also of concern. There are increasing dangers for pedestrians walking between Greenhaugh and Sidwood and Greenhaugh and Thorneyburn, with speed limits half way to Greenhaugh and then the national speed limit applying, which poses great danger to walkers. Clerk to report issues to County Council.

**2021/39                    Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Tarsset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 9pm