

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 15th March 2023 in Lanehead Village Hall

Those Present G Liddle (Vice Chairman) G Armstrong, A Robinson, D Capps, S Coxon, D McCracken, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

2023/15 Apologies for Absence

J Morrison-Bell, W Morrison-Bell

2023/16 Declaration of Members Interests

S Coxon declared an interest in Planning Application NO: 22NP0092: Installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels at Tarset Village Hall.

2023/17 Minutes of the previous meeting held 18th January 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, further to amendment to **Agenda Item 2023/09 Community Fibre Partnership**, from **fibre had been laid**, to **fibre is GOING to be laid**.

2023/18 Public Participation

A Murray present who had been involved with initially setting up the Greenhaugh Orchard. AM reported there were several rotten fence posts and he was prepared to carry out post and strainer replacement works. A budget of £200 had been agreed for the works with AM to provide labour free of charge. The matter had been discussed at the last Parish Council meeting whether a fence was required. AM stated the boundary is in the middle of the burn, and if stock were being driven through the village or escaped from neighbouring land, they could enter the orchard. It was therefore agreed a fence was necessary. AM concerned the catch at the hunting wicket had been stapled off by the adjoining landowner, further to an incident several years ago where the gate, which is Parish Council property, had been left open by the hunt. Sheep had entered the orchard, and the gate blown shut. As the fell is open access and footpaths within the orchard permissive, it was agreed the staples would be removed by AM.

AM wished to voice concerns about rewilding at Emblehope and Burn Grange Farm, (which is 7,000 acres and owned by the Kennel Club), which will severely reduce sheep numbers. There is a massive fire risk, with 93 wildfires having occurred within Northumberland during 2022. D McCracken stated there is nothing to prevent a fire from White Lea to Kielder, Emblehope and down, with the fire brigade having advised they could not attend this area. Within 10 years the land could be of no use to anybody and become a greater fire hazard. It was resolved the Parish Council would raise concerns about rewilding/fire hazards with the M.P. and County Council.

2023/19 Financial Matters

2023/19/01 To consider the most recent financial accounts

It was resolved that the most recent financial accounts were a true record.

2023/19/02 To approve the following payments: C Miller – January, February Salary - £340.50; expenses - £24.92; Tarset Village Hall – village hall hire 2023 - £120

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/19/03 To consider replacement noticeboard at Greenhaugh

No action had yet been taken regarding the proposal for replacement noticeboard at Greenhaugh, with G Liddle to action (as agreed at previous meeting).

2023/19/04 To receive acknowledgement of grant from Tynedale Hospice at Home

Acknowledgement of grant noted.

2023/19/05 To receive update regarding surplus copies of the Jubilee Book

J Morrison-Bell had been tasked with publicising the sale of books (at a cost of £10) via Tasset e-mail and the Hollybush Inn.

2023/20 Planning

2023/20/01 Planning applications received

- 22NP0092: Installation of roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels at Tasset Village Hall – the Parish Council had no objections to the proposal.

2023/20/02 Approval of Planning permission received

No approval of planning permission had been received.

2023/21 Orchard and Car Park

2023/21/01 To consider maintenance issues

Pruning of apple trees had been actioned and a letter of thanks would be forwarded to parishioner who had organised this.

2023/21/02 To receive update on possible professional tree report

J Morrison-Bell had been tasked with arranging a tree report. It was understood several trees required attention.

2023/21/03 To clarify information relating to boundary fence contained within deeds

Clarification as to the whereabouts of the deeds required, which could be in the locked cupboard at the Village Hall. The Land Registry could be contacted, however the transfer may not have been registered.

2023/22 Reports

D McCracken had attended an event regarding problems with the increasing instances of wildfire (discussed earlier in the meeting). The Parish Council could consider making a donation to the Wildfire Group, and inform the public of the dangers of wildfires. Clerk to contact WG.

2023/23 Community Fibre Partnership

It was believed the County Council had entered into a contract for fibre upgrade.

2023/24 Highway Matters

2023/24/01 Drainage issues between Lanehead and High Green

Works outstanding.

2023/24/02 Drainage issue at Lanehead Village Hall

Works outstanding.

2023/24/03 Infringement of road at Bridge End

J Morrison had been tasked with carrying out a site visit.

2023/24/04 To consider County Council parish verge cutting 2023

The verges are protected, however corners require attention, particularly at Diamond Cottage, road ends and gateways. Greenhaugh to Diamond Cottage is particularly dangerous due to speeding traffic. It was resolved to contact County Cllr J Riddle to ask when the verges were to be actioned, following issues last year due to the contractor actioning late Summer.

A parish litter pick had been organised by parishioners, and as there were large items that cannot be collected by volunteers, the Parish Council would request collection of these items via the County Council. A letter of thanks would be forwarded to parishioner for organising the litter pick.

Clerk can report any fly tipping within Bellingham parish to Bellingham Parish Council.

2023/24/05 To consider possible additional parking at Greenhaugh

It was felt this was not an issue the Parish Council could resolve and the responsibility lies with Northumberland County Council. J Morrison-Bell was to contact the school as regards opening up land for additional parking.

2023/25 To receive update on governance review, to remove the division of two wards

There had been no further update regarding the governance review.

2023/26 To consider King Charles Coronation

Events had been organised for Sunday 7th May. There was to be a Big afternoon tea as part of national celebrations, with two music groups to play. Event to commence 230pm, ceilidh to be held early evening. Volunteers were welcome to assist. Costs would be in the region of £500. The County Council Coronation funding scheme, where individual groups/Parish Council's could submit a grant for £500 had been oversubscribed.

2023/27 Review of Internal Auditor

It was resolved to re-engage Mrs A Winter as internal auditor y/e 31.3.23.

2023/28 Review of Internal Controls

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

2023/29 Review of Asset Register

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

2023/30 Review of Risk Assessment

It was resolved the Risk Assessment was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2023/31 Review of Insurance Policy

It was resolved the current cover of Street Furniture - £24K; Gates and fences - £9K; Employers liability - £10m; Fidelity Cover - £50K and Officials Indemnity of £500K was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council.

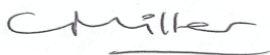
2023/32 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

There was no urgent business/items for next agenda.

2023/33 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tarsset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 17th May at 730pm

The meeting closed at 840pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk