

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council held at 715pm on Wednesday 17th May 2023 in Lanehead Village Hall

Those Present J Morrison-Bell (Chairman) G Liddle, G Armstrong, D Capps, S Coxon, D McCracken, W Morrison-Bell, C Miller (Clerk), one member of the public

2023/34 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2023/35 Declaration of Members Interests

J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in Northumberland National Park Authority/Development Management Committee.

2023/36 Election of Chairman

J Morrison-Bell proposed and seconded as Chairman and duly elected.

2023/37 Election of Vice Chairman

G Liddle proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and duly elected.

2023/38 Minutes of the previous meeting held 15th March 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 15th March 2023 be accepted as a true record.

2023/39 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2023/40 Financial Matters

2023/40/01 To approve the following payments: C Miller – March, April Salary - £343.89; expenses - £28.77; HMRC - £170.40; NALC – annual subscription - £91.81; BHIB annual insurance premium - £348.03; C Mowatt – grasscutting 24/4/23 - £40.80

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2023/40/02 To consider replacement noticeboards at Greenhaugh and Greystead

The noticeboard at Greystead was in disrepair and it was therefore resolved to seek quotations for a replacement – G Liddle to contact joiner.

2023/40/03 To receive update regarding surplus copies of the Jubilee Book There had been no interest in the surplus copies of the Jubilee Book.

2023/41 Planning

2023/41/01 Planning applications received

- 23NP0001: Proposed telecommunications installation, 25m lattice tower, Gledlee Forest, Greenhaugh – application had been approved by Northumberland National Park Authority.

2023/42 Orchard and Car Park 2023/42/01

To consider maintenance issues

No issues reported.

2023/42/02 To receive update on tree report

Contractor to carry out assessment on trees that could be affecting trees within the orchard.

2023/42/03 To clarify information relating to boundary fence contained within orchard deeds

Boundary clarified. Fence posts require replacement, with A Murray to repair. The location of the orchard deeds is still unknown.

2023/43 Reports

J Morrison-Bell had attended NNPA meeting where approval had been given for electrification of the Coquet Valley. D McCracken report funding from Defra had been secured to form a North Tyne Farming Partnership for the next three years.

2023/44 Community Fibre Partnership

Nothing to report.

2023/45 Highway Matters

2023/45/01 Drainage issues between Lanehead and High Green

County Council had attended to potholes, however no drainage works had been undertaken. Numerous drains within the parish required maintenance, and it was agreed Clerk would enquire when the gully sucking machinery would be carried out in the parish.

2023/45/02 Drainage issue at Lanehead Village Hall As above.

2023/45/03 Infringement of road at Bridge End

Rocks had been placed on the highway, and larger vehicles could now park on the grass. It was felt this was not a matter the Parish Council could deal with.

2023/45/04 To consider County Council parish verge cutting 2023 Areas to be monitored.

2023/46 To receive update on governance review, to remove the division of two wards

Governance review had been approved, with County Council Legal Department to arrange the official order, and copy to be forwarded to Parish Council when available.

2023/47 To consider concerns with rewilding in the parish

M.P. office had thanked the Parish Council for alerting them to concerns about re-wilding on the Emblehope and Burngrange Estate, and in the first instance would be contacting the Kennel Club and Northumberland County Council to make enquiries about the situation. Robert Stacy, County Council Wildfire Team Leader and Project Officer had suggested attending a future Parish Council meeting. Clerk to invite to July Parish Council meeting.

2023/48 Audit of Accounts y/e 31/3/23

2023/48/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

2023/48/02 To approve the Governance Statement It was resolved to approve the governance statement.

2023/48/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2022/2023 It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2022/2023.

2023/48/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances
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2023/48/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate It was resolved to approve the exemption certificate.

2023/48/06 To approve public right of inspection dates 5th June to 14th July 2023
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2023/49 To consider Local Government Boundary Commission draft recommendations for division boundaries in Northumberland

The boundary review would not affect Tasset and Greystead Parish Council, however several parishes were to be moved to the Bellingham Ward. The total number of County Cllr's was to be increased by two to 69.

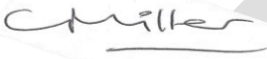
2023/50 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

Several trees in Sid Wood were dangerous, leading to trip hazards, further to Storm Arwen. The Wood was the responsibility of the Forestry Commission and photographic evidence would be forwarded to them – D Capps to provide. Larger refuse items required collection from laybys at Sunday site and Greystead – S Coxon to provide exact location(s),

2023/51 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th July at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 820pm



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk,