

TARSET AND GREYSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 19th March 2025 in Lanehead Village Hall

Those Present Parish Cllr's J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), G Liddle, D McCracken, G Armstrong, S Coxon

In Attendance C Miller (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer)

2025/14 Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllr's D Capps, W Morrison-Bell

2025/15 Declaration of Members Interests

Members are invited to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other personal interests they may have in any of the items of business on the agenda in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

Cllr J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in Northumberland National Park Authority planning matters.

2025/16 Minutes of the previous meeting held 15th January 2025

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true record.

2025/17 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2025/18 Financial Matters

2025/18/01 Payments. Members to approve the following payments:

PAYABLE TO	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
HMRC (Retrospective, Direct Debit) 23/1/25	PAYE	£109.40
Chris Mowatt (retrospective)	grasscutting 5/11/24	£43.20
Tarset Village Hall (retrospective)	Rent of meeting room 2025	£120
C Miller	Salary January, February	£391.84
	Expenses	£21.60
Tynedale Hospice at Home	Grant (approved at previous meeting)	£500
Hollybush Inn (Via S Coxon)	Litter picking refreshments	£170.95

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2024/18/02 **Members to consider the most up to date financial reports**

Members considered the most up to date financial reports.

2025/18/03 **Litter bins. Members to receive update on installation of wheelie bin at Greenhaugh car park.**

Installation of litter bin outstanding.

Following the community litter pick, Cllr J Morrison-Bell to circulate a note of thanks to residents via Tarsset Mail

2025/18/04 **Noticeboards**

1. Members to receive update on installation of Greystead noticeboard.

Carpenter had advised installation would be forthcoming, however if this was not received imminently, an alternative contractor would be approached.

2. Members to consider quotation for replacement noticeboard at Greenhaugh.

Alternative contractor to be approached to replace noticeboard at Greenhaugh.

2025/18/05 **Members to receive acknowledgement of grant from Tynedale Hospice at Home**

Members noted the acknowledgement of grant.

2025/19 **Planning**

2025/19/01 **Members to consider Planning applications received**

- 25NP0005: Installation of an array of 8 No photovoltaic panels to supplement the energy provision to Park Lodge and the construction of additional visitor parking at Park Lodge, Bellingham

2025/19/02 **Members to note Planning permission(s) received**

- 24NP0111: Bethel, Tarsset – proposed construction of outbuilding to form car port and log store
- 24NP0118: St Aidan’s Church – installation of solar photovoltaic panels to the rear (south-east) roof slope

2024/19/03 **Members to consider St Cuthbert’s Local Plan 2025 – 2055**

St Cuthbert’s local plan had reached the draft publication stage, for public consultation before it goes before an independent inspector.

RESOLVED:

Members had no comments to make on the draft plan.

2025/20 **Orchard and Car Park**

2025/20/01 **Step repair. Members to consider quotation.**

Step repair to be carried out later in the year.

2025/20/02 **Fence and gate. Members to receive update on fence removal.**

Fence removal outstanding.

2025/20/03 **Maintenance. Members to consider any maintenance issues.**

Resident to organise pruning of apple trees.

2025/21 Reports

There were no reports.

2025/22 Highway Matters

2025/22/01 Tarsset Tyne Bridge road closure. Members to consider correspondence from County Council

Further to notice of road closure which would have a big impact on the parish, an electronic meeting had been arranged 26th March, 2pm to 3pm with County Council Highways. However, it was noted that the works to the bridge had now been deferred until next year.

2025/23 B4RN Full fibre for rural Northumberland. Members to receive update.

Cabinet to be installed April / May.

2025/24 Review of internal controls

Members considered the statement of internal control. There was currently one direct debit to HMRC.

RESOLVED:

1. Members agreed the current system was sufficient for the present needs of the council.
2. Members agreed to continue to pay HMRC via direct debit.

2025/25 Review of internal auditor

The Clerk advised Mrs Winter was willing to carry out the audit year ending 31.3.25.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to re-engage Mrs Winter as internal auditor year ending 31.3.25.

2025/26 Review of insurance policy

Members considered the current insurance cover as follows: Employers Liability £10m; Public Liability £10m; Fidelity Guarantee £50K; Libel and Slander £250K; Officials Indemnity £500K; Legal expenses £250K; Contents £9K (to include defibrillators); Street furniture £24K; Gates and fences £9K.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the current insurance covers were sufficient for the present needs of the Council.

2025/27 Review of Risk Assessments

Members considered the Risk Assessments.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the Risk Assessments were sufficient for the present needs of the Council.

2025/28 Review of Asset Register

Members reviewed the Asset Register.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the asset register was an accurate record.

2025/29 British Telecom, Digital Voice. Members to note public meeting 10am to 4pm 4/4/25, Town Hall Bellingham

The Clerk advised an information session had been arranged in regards to the government led digital switch over, which could have an impact on residents during power cuts. Cllr D McCracken to attend meeting.

The mast near to Diamond Cottage had gone live, and three coverage seemed to be available throughout the parish.

2025/30 Local Elections 2025. Clerk to give verbal report on process

Nomination papers need to be delivered in person to Hexham / Morpeth from 21st March to 2nd April.

2025/31 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

The Adapt Bus service from Kielder to Hexham had been changed from a Friday to a Saturday. Members agreed Friday was a better day for users of the bus.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to enquire the reason for the bus service change of day.

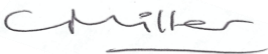
Lloyds Bank were to close the Hexham Branch. Members agreed the Parish Council had limited powers to influence this decision.

2025/32 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 7.15pm.

The annual meeting of the Parish will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk