

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TARSET AND GREYSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Lanehead**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D McCracken (Chair), R Ward and S Walton (Vice Chair)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** NONE

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS:** The Chair welcomed everyone present.

**2. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Morrison-Bell, Cllr M Walton

**3. DECLARATION of INTEREST:** None

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2016 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:** NONE.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** NONE.

**7. CLERK APPOINTMENT**

Cllr McCracken reported that Claire Miller has been appointed to the post of Clerk and he is to meet with her on the 24th March to hand over all the necessary paperwork. Those present look forward to working with her.

**8. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) Consultation regarding timber extraction from Highgreen - ONGOING

b) Lanehead signage update - ONGOING

c) Lamp post in Lanehead update - ONGOING

d) Greenhaugh Traffic Calming update - ONGOING

e) Complaints have been made regarding:

- Kielder Sports signage at the Lanehead junction and other points in the parish - Cllr McCracken to speak to the business owner.
- The positioning of the Dog Waste bin in Greenhaugh - The residents of Greenhaugh are happy with the placement of the bin, it will remain in place.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS:** Members were asked to consider:

a) to authorise any future expenditure; **RESOLVED:** The final NI PAYE for Kate Chadwick totalling £260.72 has been taken from the bank account by bacs.

b) Another Councillor should be made a signatory on the bank account to facilitate cheque signing, in case of councillors not being present at meetings

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Cllr McCracken reported on the correspondence received and sent during the past month.

- SLCC renewal is due on the 1st April, Cllr McCracken to ask the Clerk if she requires this.
- Pension regulator information for the Clerk
- On the 21st April the Queen is 90 the council have been offered the change to buy commemorative coins for the community - put this on the next agenda
- Request for donation from Northumberland CVA
- NCC Electoral Office has sent out posters reporting that no nominations have been put forward for the two vacant positions in the Greystead Ward in the latest election.

**11. PLANNING:**

a) Neighbourhood Plan - to discuss the Inspector's report

Northumberland National Park and Northumberland County Council have not formed a response to the Inspectors report yet, therefore the Steering Group also feel unable to respond.

No Discussion took place.

b) Community Orchard: The Parish council are to send a letter of thanks to the Green-fingers group and Peter Sampson for the work they have done within the orchard including pruning and feeding the trees.  
Two of the young trees have died and need replaced  
A vandal has chopped down a large sloe tree in the orchard, but has not taken the wood away. If the person responsible can be found they should be asked to pay for the trees which need to be replaced.  
It must be made clear that unauthorised work within the orchard is not allowed.

**12. REPORTS: NONE.**

**13. LITTER PICK AND SKIP HIRE**

Cllr McCracken is to order the Skip to be placed in Greenhaugh on April 1st  
The Litter pick will take place on Sunday 3rd April, volunteers to meet in Greenhaugh at 10.30am.  
Cllr Ward to make posters for notice boards and make sure the date is advertised within the parish and on the parish website / email.

**14. PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING:**

It was decided that the meeting would take place on Tuesday 5th April at 7pm, subject to confirmation.

**15. AOB: NONE**

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm

**CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 8.00pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING.