

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TARSET AND GREYSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Lanehead

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Julia Small.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: The Chair welcomed everyone present. He introduced Julia Small as the new Parish Clerk.

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr Morrison-Bell

3. DECLARATION of INTEREST: NONE.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th December 2015 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING: NONE.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE.

7. HIGHWAYS:

- a) Wall down in Greenhaugh - Still awaiting an update from NCC. **RESOLVED:** To request a reply for the next meeting;
- b) Dog waste bin - It has been erected at the far end of the car park in Greenhaugh and NCC has been informed so they can add it to the waste bin route.
- c) Lamp post in Lanehead - still not working **RESOLVED:** To Re-report the problem to Paul Mullan;
- d) Burnmouth Bridge - NCC is aware of the problem and it is in line to be repaired
- e) Lanehead signage- the approved plan has been sent back to NCC.
- f) Grit piles - Cllr McCracken has reported the lack of grit piles within the parish to the appropriate authorities.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS: Members were asked to consider:

- a) to authorise any future expenditure; **RESOLVED:** The council authorised payment of engraved glass for Cllr Murray, it was felt his long service to the community warranted the gift from the parish.
- b) Precept 2015-16; Precept proposals were discussed surrounding forecasts sent by the Clerk based on two scenarios including projected election costs. **RESOLVED:** It was proposed by Cllr M Walton that the precept be set at the same rate as last year (£7500.00) , this was seconded by Cllr Ward. It was voted on by the meeting and unanimously passed. Cllr McCracken to inform NCC.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: a) A statement of correspondence received and sent during the previous month was circulated **RESOLVED:** No comments.

10. PLANNING: NONE.

11. REPORTS: NONE, all meetings scheduled had been cancelled.

12. BROADBAND: Cllr Ward reported that he and Mark Hall had discussed possible technological options for improving the broadband service to those households not yet receiving superfast broadband.

RESOLVED: Cllr Ward will try to attend an upcoming iNorthumberland meeting which is being held at the Village Hall.

13. ELECTION UPDATE: The Current period for nominations has passed and the next period has not yet begun. There is now a vacancy in the Tarsset ward as well as two vacancies in the Greystead Ward.

14. AOB: a) Location of Parish Council notice boards, due to recent bad weather no progress had been made.

b) Election of Vice Chair, after a brief discussion Cllr Sharon Walton was elected to the position.

c) Cllr McCracken informed the meeting that representatives of the National Park are to attend the next Parish Council meeting and give a short presentation.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 17th February 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.