

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TARSET AND GREYSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Lanehead**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: D McCracken (Chair), M Walton, 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

**3. DECLARATION of INTEREST:** M Walton and S Walton both declared an interest in 10a

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2015, after a small amendment regarding the date of Northumberland National Park visiting the Parish Council, were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:** NONE.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** NONE.

**7. HIGHWAYS:**

a) Consultation regarding timber extraction from Highgreen - The Council were informed that the consultation will be coming forward, It is proposed that the timber will be taken out passed Highgreen and onto the A68.

b) Lanehead signage update - ONGOING

c) Lamp post in Lanehead update - ONGOING

d) Greenhaugh Traffic Calming update - ONGOING

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

a) to authorise any future expenditure; **RESOLVED:** The council authorised payment for a Hexham Courant Advert totalling £58.32 and for the final NI PAYE for Kate Chadwick totalling £260.76

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

a) Cllr McCracken reported on the correspondence received and sent during the past month. Kielder Water and Forest Park are again offering free Car Park passes to local Households (one per Household) To claim the free pass residents must take a household bill in their name to the Leaplith Office.

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. Ann Hewetson from the same office wanted to know if we wished to change the artwork on the polling cards. The Parish council decided that this should not be changed.

Geoff Paul from a new Community Regeneration Scheme team wrote with a letter of introduction.

**10. PLANNING:**

a) Neighbourhood Plan - to discuss the Inspector's report. No discussion took place as due to declarations of interest there was not a quorum.

Cllr McCracken reported that the steering group would be attending the next meeting, and would give the Council a report then.

**11. REPORTS:** NONE.

**12. BROADBAND:**

a) Update from Cllr. Ward.

Cllr Ward reported that there is not much hope that the remote houses in the parish will be provided with fibre broadband. He is now pursuing a lead which involves a grant to look for alternative measures. Mark Hall has information on a possible new version of a router which could circumvent broadband problems.

**13. Clerk Appointment: Councillors to be present only.**

The applicants were reviewed and an interview panel was appointed.  
The decision will be made before the next meeting.

**14. AOB:**

- a) Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 22nd March 2016, Light refreshments will be offered and the Council would like to ask the parishioners if they have any questions that they would like to be put to the Northumberland National Park representatives when they visit the council
- b) Parish Grass Cutting, it was felt that the village grass cutting should be left up to the residents of the village.
- c) Annual Litter Pick & Skip hire, this will be discussed at the next meeting

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

**CONCLUSION OF MEETING:** The meeting closed at 9.00pm

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