

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Tasset Parish Council held at 730pm prompt in the Village hall, Lanehead, Tasset, Northumberland, on Wednesday 21st September 2016

Those Present: J Morrison Bell (Chairman), D McCracken, T Kaithiravel, R Ward, M Walton,
In Attendance: C Miller (Clerk), A Murray, member of the public

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Neighbourhood plan to be main agenda topic.

2 APOLOGIES

S Walton

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. VACANCY

Latest By-election closing date 7/10/16.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 were agreed as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Parish Council member and parishioner Alistair Murray present with concerns regarding the orchard and surroundings. Weeds in village had previously been attended to, and damage to wall repaired which had now fallen down again. It was apparent how much work Alistair had carried out in the past, and had recently litter picked, despite not now residing in the parish, however due to a wet Summer cutting the orchard had been difficult. Sheep had been put in place, however damage had then occurred, and with no permanent water supply problems arise. The land is also very steep to maintain with a hand held mower, and a small topping machine would be required, or wheeled push around strimmer, however once trees have grown, stock can be reintroduced. Certain parts within the parish are maintained by parishioners, while other parts left, and recruiting volunteers would be advantageous. Cllr Morrison-Bell proposed tasset mailing be contacted to advertise for help with the orchard, and a long term solution could be a sum of money put aside yearly for maintenance. It was agreed litter in Greenhaugh is also problematic.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Lanehead signage update: Signage had been removed.
- b) Lampost in Lanehead: Lampost now working, to be removed from agenda.
- c) Greenhaugh traffic calming/Burnmouth Bridge: Stones to be actioned in Spring when crash barriers installed. Two ditches, one past Burnmouth and one near to the church require attention.
- d) Possibility of a parish sign: Parish board with all signage placed would be sensible, which would replace the multiple and proposed new signage at Lanehead junction.
- e) Greenhaugh dog waste bin: No further complaints received, to be taken off agenda.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The most recent financial accounts were accepted.

- b) The following invoices were authorised: C Miller August Salary, £284.98 (539) & September Expenses, £21.60 (540); HMRC VAT repayment (541) £1166.67
- c) To receive audited accounts from BDO y/e 31/3/16: the annual return year ending 31/3/16 was approved and accepted, there were no matters arising.
- d) Grant applications under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972e – no applications
- e) To authorise any future expenditure – nothing to report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- NALC newsletter 14/9/16
- Northumberland County Council – changes to waste recovery site opening times – reduced opening times for smaller sites.

11. PLANNING

- a) Planning application had been received for the following: 16NP0079 Buddhist Retreat Greenhaugh Hall, install package waste water treatment plant – application supported.
- b) Approval of planning application had been received for the following: Approval of details reserved by conditions 4,5,6, & 7 of planning permission 16NP0042 & 16NP0074, Listed Building consent, Redheugh,
- c) To receive notice of the following being delegated to National Park Officer or Head of Development Management: nothing to report.

12. REPORTS

Northumberland National Park Authority – proposals to introduce links to Kielder Forest – decision lies with Natural England, and NNPA continue to lobby to ask for an independent consultation before any decision is made.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Walton had spoken to Tony Gates regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, who had confirmed if the plan did not go to referendum there would be no repercussions for the Parish Council. There are areas in the plan which could be included in the final document, but this would require additional work. Cllr J Morrison-Bell had met with two members of the Steering Group, whose representatives are to attend Parish Council meeting next month, further to their meeting with Tony Gates.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19th October 2016 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 820pm.