

Minutes of ordinary meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm prompt in the Village hall, Lanehead, Tasset, Northumberland, on Wednesday 20th December 2017

THOSE PRESENT J Morrison-Bell, (Chairman), M Walton, D McCracken, G Liddle, G Armstrong,
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IN ATTENDANCE C Miller (Clerk),

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

All were welcomed to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

S Walton

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

M Walton declared an interest in Burnbank planning application.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

McCracken proposed and Cllr Walton seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 15th November 2017 be agreed as a true record, all in agreement.

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was agreed to thank County Council for swiftly putting in place grit heaps within the parish, and it was noted the gritter is now travelling as far as Diamond Cottage, which was down to Jan Ashdown and County Cllr John Riddle petitioning for this.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The most recent financial accounts were accepted as a true record.
- b) The following invoices were authorised for payment: C Miller November Salary, £285.27 & December Expenses £32.30 (570); Tasset Village Hall £120, annual hire (571); HMRC £115.31
- c) Anticipated future expenditure: This would involve works to orchard.
- d) Grants to local organisation's: J Morrison-Bell proposed a donation of £100 to Tasset Village Hall towards the Coffee Mornings,
D McCracken seconded, all in agreement.
- e) To set Precept 2018-2019: Budget had been circulated to all, with an estimated year end balance of £8K. Additional work required to the orchard year ending 31/3/19, and woodland down to the river would benefit from planting such as primroses. D McCracken therefore proposed precept figure of £7K, G Liddle seconded, all in agreement.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Acknowledgement of donation received from Tynedale Hospice.
- Northumberland County Council – Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PHA) Consultation – available on web-site.

- Northumberland County Council – query regarding Blacksmiths at Greenhaugh – M Walton had provided information and could provide photographic evidence of the Blacksmith’s shop if required.
- North of Tyne Devolution – Governance Review Consultation to be available on-line and information events to be held.

10. PLANNING

- a) No planning applications had been received.
- b) Approval of planning application had been received for: 17/02894/FUL, Ledingham, land East of Burngrange Farm, erection of pre-assembled cabin.
- c) There was no update on appeal regarding planning approval conditions stipulated for Burnbank Farm, five two storey detached dwellings.

11. REINTRODUCTION OF LYNX TO KIELDER

National Park appear to be sitting on the fence and Natural England discussing reports in private. However, there appears to be very few people in favour of the proposals, including G Opperman, M.P. Forestry Commission have stringent conditions to adhere to, with the feeling these policies will not be met.

12. ORCHARD

A day’s tuition in pruning apple trees had been acquired by a parishioner who is to attend orchard with Peter Samson, with Parish Council agreeing to finance any expenses. With several trees requiring replanting this could be carried out at the same time - Maureen McCracken to liaise with Peter Samson to organise this. Two local gardening contractor’s to be contacted for estimates to maintain the grassland within the orchard three times a year. Clerk to inform interested parishioner of agreed works.

13. DONKLEYWOOD LANE

The brutal tree flailing carried out at Donkleywood Lane had resulted in adverse comments and it was agreed to contact County Council to state whist appreciation is given to attention to hedgerows, flailing machines elsewhere in the county do not make such a dramatic result, suggesting alternative machinery be used in the future, and request remedial works to unblock drains - draft letter to be circulated to all Cllrs which would also be forwarded to Hexham Courant.

14. REPORTS

J Morrison-Bell had attended Northumberland National Park Authority meeting, with tweeting and facebook, broadband speed and mobile phone reception discussed. It appears masts are required to improve reception, however it was felt the Ministry of Defence would not agree to structures on their land. As a general principle, Parish Council’s of the park should support the government initiative to provide masts for emergency services - Wark parish had actually obtained their own mast – and Clerk to approach Chairman to ask for further information. National Park should also consider fuel availability within the area.

15. HEALTHCARE ISSUES

No further information

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk had been contacted by gentleman who is involved with living wild project at Kielder, which had £1500 available to Greenhaugh for interpretative panel, and who had met previously with the Parish

Council and 20/50 club, and wished to attend the next Parish Council – Clerk to ask Jan Ashdown if she could also attend the next meeting

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 830pm.