

Minutes of electronic meeting of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 16th September 2020

Those Present J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), G Liddle, T Kathiravel, C Miller (Clerk)

2020/55 Apologies for Absence

G Armstrong, W Morrison-Bell

2020/56 Declaration of Members Interests

J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in planning matters.

2020/57 Minutes of the previous meeting held 15th July 2020

It was resolved the minutes of the previous meeting held 15th July 2020 be accepted as a true record.

2020/58 Matters arising from the previous meeting held 15th July 2020

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held 15th July 2020.

2020/59 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2020/60 Financial Matters

2020/60/01 To consider the most recent financial accounts

It was resolved to accept the most recent financial accounts as a true record. Due to a surplus in the Parish Council bank account, worthwhile projects should be put forward for support. Seating could be installed in the parish for people to enjoy the views, and there had been an idea to clean out the bottom of the allotment, install a bench and plant flowers. The tourism group created in Bellingham may also benefit from funding.

2020/60/02 To note that following the conclusion of the 2021/21 NJC pay award, a 2.75% rise backdated from 1/4/20 is included in Clerk salary payment September 2020

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2020/60/02 To approve the following payments: C Miller July, August Salary - £321.55; expenses - £9.40 HMRC – PAYE - £72.00; CM Commercial – grasscutting - £128.00

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2020/60/03 To consider and approve request for funding to Sport Tynedale

Organisation involved in supporting voluntary sport in the Tyne valley and Ponteland areas. After consideration it was resolved no grant would be given.

2020/60/04 Update on rent payment to Village Hall

Hall Committee had cancelled the meeting room invoice for 2020 and would review usage of the hall by the Parish Council in January 2021.

2020/61 Correspondence received

- Correspondence from a parishioner regarding the Radio Mast considered, and who had received a reply from Parliament regarding their concerns about mobile coverage. It was noted there was poor or non-existent mobile reception within the parish, however the issue of broadband was considered of greater importance, with Alncom, a company from Alnwick, offering an alternative service to Openreach.

2020/62 Planning

2020/62/01 Planning applications received

- 20NP0061: Change of use to B&B accommodation, construction of two storey and single storey rear extension, installation of ground source head pump, additional solar panels and upgrade to sewage treatment plant at Gishie, Tarsset – no objections.
- 20NP0063: Change of use to form garden and construction of single-story side and rear extensions at Eels Cottage, Tarsset – no objections.

2020/62/02 Approval of Planning permission received

No approval of planning permission had been received.

2020/62/03 Radio Mast

Discussed earlier – MP had advised the Parish Council the ministerial response had been passed to the constituent and if there was any direct action the Parish Council could contact the MP.

2020/63 Orchard and Car Park

Parishioner had reported contractor was not strimming along the wall above the car park which is full of weeds and unsightly – there is quite a wide space with only a partial cut being actioned and it should look tidier. It was therefore resolved Clerk would contact contractor to advise to trim up to the wall at the car park. There are wildlife corridors in the parish, however these impede pedestrian access and there are ecological reasons to cut areas to open up a seed bed.

2020/64 Reports

J Morrison-Bell had attended Northumberland National Park Authority meeting and been elected Chair of the Planning Committee, and had also been elected Director of Kielder Water and Forest Park Development organisation. DEFRA had guaranteed to make up any deficit in NNPA finances due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2020/65 Tourism Group

Discussed earlier.

2020/66 Renewal of pub as a community asset

County Council had indicated the pub would be re-registered as a community asset automatically, however further clarification was still awaited regarding this.

2020/67 Community Fibre Partnership

As reported earlier, Alncom delivers more or the same high speeds as underground fibre and works by line of sight connections between wireless transmitters, and should qualify for the voucher scheme that supports gigabit capable service delivery. W Morrison-Bell was currently in contact with the company.

2020/68 Web-site Accessibility Statement

The Tarsset community web-site administrators had carried out a basic check, rather than a detailed evaluation, and Councils do not need to necessarily address any problems “if doing so would impose a disproportionate burden”, and which the Council agreed with. The PC web-site is not currently compliant with the WCAG 1.2AA requirements, however new content additions should comply with the accessibility requirements, and the Clerk would ensure all documents were accessibility checked before transmitting for upload to the web-site. Accessibility Statement to be compiled in due course.

2020/69 To approve Local Transport Plan requests for 2021 - 2022

LTP requests 2019-2020 were 1. Resurfacing of footpath to Greenhaugh School – County Council had advised the maintenance issue had been recorded and will be considered when developing future planned maintenance programmes. 2. Passing places between Diamond Cottage and Trough End – County Council had advised passing places do not score highly enough to be included in the LTP programme and 3. Traffic calming measures in Lanehead – County Council had advised traffic calming is not permitted on roads subject to the national speed limit. It was

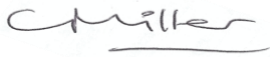
resolved to retain resurfacing of footpath to Greenhaugh School and to add resurfacing of road from Lanehead village hall to the Land of Joy at Greenhaugh.

2020/70 Urgent Business

The fence beside the river bridge on C200 at junction with road leading from Knoppingsholme Farm to Dunterley, which had been repaired earlier in the year, had suffered a further incident and been demolished over the weekend. Clerk to report to County Council.

2020/71 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tarsset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 730pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 820pm.

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