

Minutes of the electronic Annual meeting of Tarset & Greystead Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 19th May 2021

Those Present J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), G Armstrong, G Liddle, D McCracken, W Morrison-Bell, C Miller (Clerk)

2021/40 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2021/41 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

J Morrison-Bell proposed and seconded as Chairman and duly elected.

G Liddle proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman and duly elected.

2021/42 Election of representative on Northumberland National Park Authority

J Morrison-Bell to stand for election as representative on Northumberland National Park Authority.

2021/43 Co-Option Vacancies

Due to insufficient candidates standing for election, there were three co-option vacancies, and notice would be circulated within the parish.

2021/44 Declaration of Members Interests

J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in planning matters.

2021/45 Minutes of the previous meeting held 17th March 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held 17th March 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2021/46 Matters arising from the previous meeting held 17th March 2021

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting held 17th March 2021.

2021/47 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2021/48 Financial Matters

2021/48/01 To consider the most recent financial accounts

It was resolved to accept the most recent financial accounts.

2021/48/02 To approve the following payments: NALC – annual subscription - £89.86; C Miller March, April Salary - £313.29 Expenses - £6.66 HMRC – PAYE - £75.28; Came & Company – annual insurance premium - £218; CM Commercial (NE) Ltd – April grasscutting - £39.60; May grasscutting - £39.60

It was resolved to approve the payments

2021/48/03 To consider projects the Parish Council could fund – Updated version of the Tarset book

No items discussed.

2021/48/04 To approve grant funding towards Tarset Diary

A request for grant funding had been received for the Tarset Diary. The annual cost for the Diary being £1200/annum, with fundraising activities carried out to assist with the costs. It was resolved to grant a figure of £500, and review on an annual basis.

2021/48/05 Request for Parish Council to fund £3065 of improvements to Greenhaugh Orchard

A community meeting had been held in the orchard to discuss improvements. The bottom of the orchard had been used for dumping debris, including by people outside of the parish, and receptacles provided for this were not being used. It could be turned into a mindful space/environment, a meadow with wildflowers and seating, where people could sit and meet up in a socially distanced manner, benefiting local residents and the Parish Council who manage the area. Outside events could be held. However the land had been provided for allotments and at the time there had been a covenant for this. The main costs would be the hire of a digger, planting grass seed and seating, and if prepared as a meadow field, could easily be turned back into allotment space, with work to be carried out by volunteers. The recycling bins were put there by the National Park as waste had been dumped directly into the river, therefore No Tipping Signage would be required. If there was a caveat that dumping had to be permitted, a round receptacle with wire casing that could be turned into a bonfire could be placed. This is a project for Greenhaugh and a Parish Council contribution would have to be proportional, however people from Greystead could use the facility. It was resolved to approve a budget of £800 for levelling out the site which would involve a digger and a skip to remove the rubbish. The community could be involved regarding contributions to bulbs and seating, with several donations already pledged.

2021/49 Correspondence received

- Notice of Parish representatives on the Northumberland National Park Authority, Selection process May 2021
- Acknowledgement of grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland and confirmation they had dealt with 18 issues within the parish since June 2020.
- County Council – findings from Library Consultation - <https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s2141/Public%20Library%20Service%20Consultation.pdf>
- <https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s2143/App%202.pdf>
- Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust – free resident parking

2021/50 Planning

2021/50/01 Planning applications received

- 21NP0025: Prefabricated wooden garage at Sheep Cottage, Lanehead, Tasset – no objections
- 20NP0104: Change of use of land for the siting of 4 chalets for holiday accommodation and associated engineering operations involving the formation of 4 raised platforms and provision of a car parking area, Land East of Donkleywood – it was resolved to request a site visit with Northumberland National Park Authority due to queries including with sewage and water.

2021/50/02 Approval of Planning permission received

No approval of planning permission had been received.

2021/51 Orchard and Car Park

Discussed earlier.

2021/52 Reports

Northumberland National Park Authority had held a Future of Farming meeting, specifically dealing with environmental land management.

2021/53 Tourism Group

Nothing to report.

2021/54 Renewal of pub as a community asset

County Council would be contacting the pub owner and the Parish Council regarding re-registering the building as a community asset, but had a backlog of paperwork relating to ACV's to process.

2021/55 Community Fibre Partnership

Nothing to report.

2021/56 Reintroduction of Lynx to Kielder

Nothing to report. Item to be removed from agenda.

2021/57 Highway Matters

Several roads within the parish of concern, and Clerk would re-contact County Council about concerns raised at the previous meeting, and area between Diamond Cottage and Trough End. The footpath between Greenhaugh Farm and the School had been dug up, with manhole covers in place, but had not yet been re-laid, subsequently vehicles were parking on the path causing problems near to the school.

2021/58 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/21

2021/58/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor

There were no matters arising from the report of the internal auditor.

2021/58/02 To approve the Governance Statement

It was resolved to approve the governance statement.

2021/58/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021

It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2020/2021.

2021/58/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances

It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances.

2021/58/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate

It was resolved to approve the Exemption Certificate.

2021/58/06 To approve public right of inspection dates

It was resolved to approve the public right of inspection dates from 14 June to 23 July 2021.

2021/59 Urgent Business

A culvert runs into the orchard, then into the burn, which has a break in it, and it would be clarified whose responsibility this was once orchard clearance works commenced.

2021/60 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tarsnet Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 at 730pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 830pm.