

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council held in the Village hall, Lanehead, Tarset, Northumberland, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 commencing at 730pm**

**Those Present:** J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), S Walton, M Walton, D McCracken, R Ward

**In Attendance:** C Miller (Clerk), J Riddle (Northumberland County Council)

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

Three members of the public had attended Annual parish meeting, with question raised regarding status of large wind turbine proposals Comb/Byrness, with clerk to enquire on progress with Forestry Commission.

**2. APOLOGIES**

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**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration of Interests.

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

There were on matters arising.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

**7. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- a) Greenhaugh traffic calming/Burnmouth Bridge: County Council Officer to contact clerk regarding Slow road marking suggestion, and had confirmed 20mph to be implemented at school. It was agreed to request slow sign when leaving the village and slow sign half way up the road on other side – bank descending into Greenhaugh on road to Bought Hill – clerk to directly contact Highways Department, County Council. Recent tree cutting works discussed, Tarset Archive Group had complained to County Council about the appalling way roadside tree trimming works had been carried out and had suggested the County Council arrange for the Parish Council to employ persons to clean up the ripped branches with proper cuts and lift the debris which the County Council contractor had left strewn in all directions, and many other parishioners are also furious about this issue. Clerk to contact County Council to report hedge cutting had taken place after the prescribed date, performed with an unsuitable tool, and an extraordinary mess had subsequently been made on the local roads. Burnmouth Bridge works to be carried out, possibly during lambing time, with road closure from 9am to 3pm. Northumberland Association of Local Council's were looking into the fact County Council were no longer publishing public notices in Hexham Courant, only the Northumberland Gazette, Clerk to speak to Stephen Rickett of NALC.
- b) Proposed closure of public telephone boxes: nothing to report.

**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) The most recent financial accounts were accepted as a true record.
- b) The following invoices were authorised: C Miller February Salary, £285.18 (56 ) & March Expenses, £137.57
- c) Grant applications under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972e: no applications.
- d) There was no future expenditure to authorise.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Information regarding Northumberland Residents' Festival 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

- b) Northumberland National Park Authority – requesting the PC hold public consultation meetings regarding their Local Plan 2017 – 2037 – it was agreed to forward documentation from Neighbourhood Plan design company, once received from Steering Group.

#### **10. PLANNING**

- a) No planning applications had been received
- b) No approval of planning applications had been received
- c) To receive update on appeal regarding planning approval conditions stipulated for Burnbank Farm, five two storey detached dwellings – nothing to report.

#### **11. REPORTS**

- National Park Mid term financial report had been under discussion; park taking part in response regarding agricultural issues relating to Brexit.
- Uplands meeting to be held.

#### **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

May 2017 elections briefly discussed.

#### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Tarsset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 730pm.

The meeting closed at 810pm.