

**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Lanehead Village Hall**

**Those Present** Parish Cllr's J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), D Capps, D McCracken, G Liddle, W Morrison-Bell, A Robinson, G Armstrong

**In Attendance** C Miller (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer), M Dickson-Green (B4RN), one member of the public

**2024/81 Apologies for Absence**  
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**2024/82 Declaration of Members Interests**  
J Morrison-Bell declared an interest in Northumberland National Park Authority Planning Committee.

**2024/83 Minutes of the previous meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**RESOLVED:**  
Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were a true record.

**2024/84 Public Participation**  
There were no members of the public present.

**2024/85 Financial Matters**

**2024/85/01 NJC Pay scales. Members to note pay increase of £1290/annum (full-time hours), payable from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**  
Members noted the NJC pay scale rise from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

**2024/85/02 Payments. Members to approve the following payments:**

<b>PAYABLE TO</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Tarset Village Hall (retrospective)	Grant towards Diary running costs	£500
Chris Mowatt Landscaping (retrospective)	Grasscutting 18/9/24	£43.20
	Orchard cut 16/10/24	£300.00
	Grasscutting 23/10/24	£43.20
Wel Medical (retrospective)	Defib pads & Battery	£351.48
HMRC (retrospective)	Quarterly PAYE	£190.40
C Miller	Salary September, October	£437.64
	Expenses	£21.60

**RESOLVED:**  
Members approved the payments.

**2024/85/03 Members to consider draft budget 2025-2026/projected payments 2024-2025**  
Members considered the draft budget 2025-2026/projected payments 2024-2025. Figures to be confirmed at next meeting.

**2024/85/04            Members to consider draft precept 2025-2026.**

Members considered the draft precept 2025-2026. Figure to be confirmed at next meeting

**2024/85/05            Litter bins. Members to receive update on installation of wheelie bin at Greenhaugh car park.**

Litter bin installation outstanding.

**2024/85/06            Noticeboard at Greenhaugh. Members to consider quote**

Greystoke noticeboard not yet in place.

Receipt of quote for noticeboard at Greenhaugh outstanding.

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed to engage alternative contractor to submit quote for Greenhaugh noticeboard.

**2024/85/07            Grant Awarding Policy. Members to adopt Parish Council Grant Awarding Policy**

**RESOLVED:**

Members adopted the Parish Council Grant Awarding Policy.

**2024/85/08            Tynedale Hospice at Home. Members to consider grant application**

**RESOLVED:**

Clerk to forward the Grant Awarding Policy to Tynedale Hospice at Home.

**2024/85/09            Wag & Co North East Friendship. Members to consider grant application**

Wag and Company North East Friendship Dogs were a charity befriending older dog lovers in their own homes as well as care homes/hospitals across the North East.

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed not to grant funds.

**2024/86                Planning**

**2024/86/01            Members to consider Planning applications received**

- 24NP0103: Siting of shepherd's hut for holiday use in NW corner of field opposite Gibshiel – no objections
- 24NP0108: Relocation of drive to provide improved visibility and access to the property at Greystead Cottage, Tarsset – no objections

**2024/86/02            Members to note Planning permission(s) received**

- 24NP0070: Greenhaugh Farm – anthracite steel framed and glazed ground floor rear extension to living room with terrace balcony above from main bedroom and stone plinth at base – no objections.
- 24NP0089: Burnbank Farm, Greenhaugh – construction of one detached dwelling

**2024/87                Orchard and Car Park**

**2024/87/01            Step repair. Members to consider quotation.**

Quotation outstanding. Further contractor's to be contacted and asked to quote for the works.

**2024/87/02            Fence and gate. Members to receive update on fence removal.**

Fence removal works outstanding.

**2024/87/03            Maintenance. Members to consider any maintenance issues.**

Several parishioners had complained about dog mess at the bottom of the orchard.

**2024/88 Reports**

No reports were given.

**2024/89 Highway Matters**

**2024/89/01 Request to County Council to review gritting route. Members to receive update**

A comprehensive response had been received from the County Council who advised they would not be able to amend the gritting route.

County Council had advised the signage had been in place for years. The problem was due to overgrown hedging that had recently been planted by landowners, and who were responsible for maintaining sight lines.

**2024/90 B4RN Full fibre for rural Northumberland. Members to receive update.**

Routes had been planned for the fibre to Emblehope, High Green, Falstone, Gibshiel, and up from Bellingham. B4RN were the only viable option to B.T. Line to be started Spring 2025, with landowner permissions requested. As many people as possible should sign expressions of interest. B4RN receive government money, with funding gap to be filled from investment, attracting a 5% return. It would be beneficial if the Parish Council could regularly advise the community of the service.

**RESOLVED:**

W Morrison-Bell to prepare mail shot for display on parish noticeboards and circulation via Tasset Mail.

**2024/91 Litter picking. Members to consider 2025 litter picking event.**

**RESOLVED:**

Members agreed to arrange litter picking event for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025

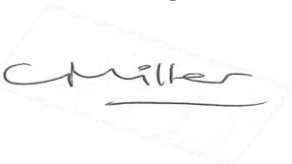
**2024/92 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda**

Information signs in Greenhaugh car parking were rotting – Clerk to advise National Park.

**2024/93 Date of Next Meeting–**

The next meeting of Tasset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 730pm

The meeting closed at 805pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk,