

TARSET AND GREYSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at 730pm on Wednesday 17th September 2025 in Lanehead Village Hall

Those Present Parish Cllr's J Morrison-Bell (Chairman), D McCracken, D Capps, R Watson, G Liddle, G Armstong, A Robinson

In Attendance C Miller (Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer)

2025/66 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2025/67 Declaration of Members Interests

Members are invited to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other personal interests they may have in any of the items of business on the agenda in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

There were no declaration of members interests.

- R Watson declared an interest in Planning Application NO 25NP0075 – The Old Schoolhouse, Tarsset – demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement workshop.

2025/68 Minutes of the previous meeting held 16th July 2025

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held 16th July 2025 be accepted as a true record.

2025/69 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

2025/70 Financial Matters

2025/70/01 Payments. Members to approve the following payments:

PAYABLE TO	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
HMRC	PAYE, retrospective, direct debit 24/7/25	£114.93
Lloyds Bank	Bank charges, retrospective, direct debit, April, June, July, August	£17.00
Chris Mowatt	Orchard grasscutting 12/7/25	£43.20
	Orchard grasscutting 27/8/25	£43.20
C Miller	Salary July, August	£410.96
	Expenses	£61.84

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2025/70/02 Litter bins. Members to receive update on installation of wheelie bin at Greenhaugh car park, and consider installing bin surround

Wheelie bin had not yet been put in place.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the bin should be located behind the school signage, Clerk to request via NCC Officer.

2025/70/03 Members to consider latest financial statements

RESOLVED

Members were in agreement with the latest financial statements.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to open an online savings account with Lloyds which would attract a small level of interest.

2025/70/04 Members to consider replacement noticeboard at Greenhaugh

Members considered a replacement noticeboard at Greenhaugh.

RESOLVED:

D Capps to provide options and costings for consideration at next meeting

2025/70/05 Members to consider request for grants from Sport Tynedale and Tyne Valley Film Festival

Members considered grant applications from Sport Tynedale and Tyne Valley Film Festival, who had both completed the official Parish Council grant application form.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to grant £100 to each organisation.

2025/70/06 Local government services pay award. Members to note 2025 increase of 3.20%, to be backdated from 1st April 2025

Members noted the local government services pay award.

2025/71 Planning

2025/71/01 Members to consider Planning applications received

There were no planning applications to consider

2025/71/02 Members to note Planning permission(s) received

- 25NP0048: Land of Joy Buddhist Retreat Centre, Greenhaugh Hall, Tarncliffe – two additional retreat huts – members agreed to submit a comment of no objection.
- 25NP0075: The Old Schoolhouse, Tarncliffe – demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement workshop – comments required by 6/10/25 – members agreed to submit a comment of no objection.

2025/71/03 Northumberland County Council. Local Plan – Call for Sites - Consultation. Members to consider areas for potential development sites for consideration

County Council were starting to prepare a new county-wide Local Plan. The process would shape the future of the county setting out a long-term vision for housing, employment, infrastructure and the environment. To inform the plan the council is inviting interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration. Whilst sites for all uses will be accepted, they are particularly interested in potential sites for housing, economic development, town centre uses, mineral extraction.

As the majority of the Parish Council area is within the Northumberland National Park Authority, members agreed they would not submit a response.

2025/72 Orchard and Car Park

2025/72/01 Step / fence repair(s). Members to consider quotation(s)

No quotation(s) had yet been received.

2025/72/02 Maintenance. Members to consider any maintenance issues

There were no maintenance issues to consider. A large amount of fruit was available for collection.

2025/73 Reports

The Clerk advised County Council had agreed to carry out a governance review of Town and Parish Councils.

2025/74 Highway Matters

2025/74/01 Members to consider items for inclusion on Local Transport Plan 2026-2029. 2025-2026 requests listed as 1.Resurfacing road to Bower; 2. Resurfacing on road to High Green - feedback received from County Council as follows:

Resurfacing road to Bower	This maintenance issue has been formally recorded and will be taken into consideration during the development of future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime, our Area Maintenance teams will continue to monitor the situation and undertake any necessary minor works to ensure the area remains safe.
Resurfacing road to High Green	This maintenance issue has been formally recorded and will be taken into consideration during the development of future planned maintenance programmes. In the meantime, our Area Maintenance teams will continue to monitor the situation and undertake any necessary minor works to ensure the area remains safe.

Members considered items for inclusion in the Local Transport Plan 2026 – 2029.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to include the two existing requests above, and rectification of subsidence on Sneep bank as the third request.

2025/75 B4RN Full fibre for rural Northumberland. Members to receive update.

B4RN required an unrealistic number of residents to register interest in the service, however the Parish Council supported residents signing up, as there was no obligation to then agree to a contract with the company.

2025/76 Changes to email requirements / websites for local councils. Members to consider quotation to create .org website / email addresses and annual hosting fee

The Clerk advised a company called Spanglefish could create a website for approximately £150. The annual fee would be £108 to include creation of .org email address.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to accept the quotation for a website and .org email address via Spanglefish.

2025/77 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda - to consider any other business not on the agenda which the Chairman decides is urgent

A union flag had been placed on the orchard flagpole and which had attracted resident complaints.

It was not known who had erected the flag

RESOLVED:

G Liddle would arrange for the union flag to be removed, and Greenhaugh flag to be put up in its place.

2025/78 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Tarset and Greystead Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 730pm

The meeting closed at 820pm



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk,