

GREENHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

19th MAY 2025

Minutes

Present: Cllr B Mason, Cllr H Maxted, Cllr A Sharp. Clerk – Susan Saunders

Meeting started at 6.30pm

- 1 Chairman's welcome & report – the report was noted.

This has been another busy year for the depleted Parish Council and I will begin by thanking all the council members for their continued hard work.

Thanks again to Alan Sharp for his financial contributions and continued support; congratulations to him on his re-election to the County Council. Also, our thanks go to our clerk, Susan Saunders, for all her patience, knowledge, and input.

The new noticeboard for Bankfoot is now erected and functional.

The oak fingerpost has been sited in the centre of the village.

The appearance of the war memorial has greatly improved following the treatment it received last year.

The wheels at NCC "grind exceedingly slow" and the installation of double yellow lines in the village is still subject to legal formalities.

The double white lines on the hill cannot be extended into the village as was hoped.

They have to be bordered by "invitation to overtake" arrows, and putting these further into the village would contravene the Highway Code.

Additional signage has been added at the start of the cycle path up the hill; signage is awaiting installation on the road to Gilsland between Thirlwall and Longbyre to warn motorists of pedestrians in the road.

Two fingerpost signs have been installed either side of the A69 to warn motorists of walkers crossing on the Pennine Journey.

With Alan Sharp's financial contribution, grant from NCC and our own financial contribution, we are installing a covered bus shelter with seating opposite the existing one near the underpass on the A69. Permission is being sought from Roadlink and it is hoped this will be granted in the near future.

A "Tommy" silhouette figure was purchased and erected as part of the VE Day 80 commemorations, the council are yet to decide on where it will be sited.

A substantial contribution was made to the Village Hall towards the funding of the Harvest Fayre in September.

The play park, adjacent to the school, is in dire need of restoration, which would be very expensive. The matter is ongoing and possible solutions are being pursued.

I will end by repeating a request for anyone interested to contact me, regarding potential membership of the Parish Council.

- 2 Clerks Report / Finance – the report was noted.

- The precept was £9240 and will increase to £9517 for 2025-2026
- Grants were issued totalling £650.00:

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S137	313	£10.81	£3,383.53
Detail		24-25	
GNAA		100	
CAB		50	
Age N/Land		50	
Tynedale Hospice at H		100	
B Legion		50	
Village Hall		300	
		<u>650</u>	

- VAT of £364.83 was received for 23-24 and VAT of £321.70 was claimed and received for 24-25.
 - The Burial Committee calculation for the levy is based on the Band D Calculator provided by NCC. The amount charged for 24-25 was £2366.48 and the amount for 25-26 is £2673.44. Melkridge Parish Council has left so the share is now between 6 parishes.
 - Bank Charges were £109 which is £8 per month and £1 per cheque. Online banking has now been activated with the clerk able to set up the payment and one of two councillors to authorise.
 - Grants were received from NCC - £500 and £2500 from Cllr Sharp's capital allowance contribution to the finger post which cost £618 and the bus route initiative contribution to the bus shelter on A69. This purchase is awaiting agreement from Highways, and it is hoped it will be forthcoming.
 - A new bin was purchased for the road to Walltown at a cost of £464.90.
 - The end of year bank balance is £9525.21 but it should be noted that there is £5965 to be paid for the shelter from this.
- 3 Minutes of previous meeting Wednesday 22nd May 2024 - were agreed as a true record.
 - 4 Matters arising from the floor – no matters
 - 5 Any Other Business – no matters

The meeting concluded at 6.35pm