

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 20 February 2019

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Hay, Loftus, Phillipson, Mears and Robinson.

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk

6 Members of the public

76. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from city councillor Ashby

77. 27 Polwarth Drive

Mr Jones and his neighbours were present to seek the Parish Council's support in opposing the planning application in respect of 27 Polwarth Drive. The Parish Council had previously had no comment when it considered the application at a previous meeting.

Mr Jones outlined his own objection and expressed concern at work currently underway at the property which, in his view, suggested the development was not producing an enlarged 6 bed family home, but an HMO.

After a full discussion members asked that the Clerk write expressing concern at recent activity at the property and should the work be to produce an HMO, the Parish Council would wish to object.

78. Great North Road

A local resident expressed concern at the entrance to Polwarth Drive as a result of the work undertaken as part of the GNR Cycle scheme. He also commented on the difficulty faced by motorists wanting to exit Newlands Avenue. He further commented on the fence on GNR being re-located.

Members agreed that the scheme was creating difficulties for residents and agreed to invite a representative of the City Council's Highways Team to attend the next meeting to discuss the concerns of the members and residents.

79. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 January were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Members noted that recent reports indicated the Brunswick Recycling Centre was to close in 2021.
- Bus Service No.46 was to revert to using single deck vehicles.

- Discussions had been held regarding replacement of bulbs on GNR following cycle scheme works.

81. Police Matters

Members noted that a car had been seen driving round the back of the church and across the Community Centre green. While anti-social behaviour had been on the increase, members noted the police were closely monitoring the situation.

82. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

	£
• HMRC (January)	80.00
• Clerk (SO) (January)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Mrs Agnew – materials for up-keep of planted area on Greenfield Road	20.00

Members noted that the current contract with Robertson would end next month. A new contract price of an increase of 2.5%, equal to £113 per annum had been offered. As members were satisfied with the service provided, it was agreed to renew the contract with Robertson on the terms offered.

83. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2019/0137/01/LDC	2 Beech Close: Single storey extension to rear.	Noted
2019/0103/01/DET	17 Kingsley Avenue: change of hipped and flat roof to a gable with pitched roof over property together with alterations to elevations.	No objection
2019/0084/01/TRE	North Brunton House: TPO application	No Objection
2019/0066/01/DET	7 East Brunton Wynd: Erection Single storey extension to rear	No Objection
2019/0054/01/TRE	The Byre, Gosforth Steadings: TPO Application	No Objection
2019/0235/01/LDC	43 Westwood Road: detached garage	Noted

84. Other Issues

- Following concerns regarding scholars bus 116, it was to be monitored.
- The consortium was to undertake maintenance work on the SUDs following which they were to be fenced.
- The Community Centre was to be closed during July for works to polish the floor.
- The city Council had cut both sides of the hedge on Greenfield Road.
- Robertson had cut back the Buddleia at Greenfield Road/Netherwhitton.
- A waste bin was still needed at Greenfield Road as rubbish was accumulating under the bushes.
- Cyclists were using the pedestrian side of the new path/track, GNR.
- A volunteer litter picker was doing a good job along GNR.
- Members agreed to provide Mrs Agnew with materials (£20) to assist her in maintaining the area of garden on Parish Council land on Greenfield Road. Councillor Agnew declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision.

75. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.00pm.