

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 15 February 2017

Present: Councillor Mears, Chairman
Councillors Agnew, Duell, Hay and Phillipson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Down - Newcastle City Council

75. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cooke, Loftus and Robinson.

76. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

77. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- The Green – It had been agreed that “No golf” signs would be reinstated in March when the ground was firmer. To make progress it was agreed that Alan Hooper to attend a site visit to discuss what signs were required.
- Bus setting down point – Cllr Down reported on a site meeting held with Arriva representatives. Arriva were required to act on an complaint that buses were obstruction vehicle on the highway and as a result, the company may be liable for neglect. Arriva had asked for a re-alignment of the corner to prevent ruts and mud but there had been no response from the City Council. There was no indication that Arriva would reconsider their decision. Members expressed concern that there was passenger confusion as it was unclear in which direction the bus was to travel from its standing position.
- Reference was made at the previous meeting that the waiting restriction sign outside the shops was no longer visible. It was confirmed that the sign had been removed.
- Reference was made to potential traffic congestion when resurfacing works at Haddricks Mill was undertaken. It was noted that a request to temporarily open up Brunton Bridge to all traffic to ease traffic during these works had been refused.
- Messy Monkeys – after discussions with a representative of the organisation, where the decision of the Parish Council was explained, the sign had been removed. It was noted that the Group Scout Leader of Brunton Park Scout Group had been understood to be unhappy at the manner of the discussion although attempts by the Clerk to contact him had been unsuccessful.

78. Police Matters

An increased police presence in the area was noted and presumed to be a deterrent. It was also noted that following city ward Councillors presenting a petition regarding the speed of traffic on Brunton Lane, the City Council was seeking a discussion with police to explore the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 20mph.

79. Highways Matters

Work was to be undertaken to replace paving on The Fairway but a view was expressed that it was superficial and insufficient. It was noted that the Great North Road continued to be liable to flooding during heavy rain due to blocked gullies.

80 Trees

A quote for tree work as discussed at the previous meeting had been received at a total cost of £534.00 which included the removal of any cut wood. Members believed that price to be acceptable and agreed for the work to proceed.

81. Correspondence

The Clerk had no correspondence to present to the meeting.

82. Financial Matters

Accounts for payment – Members authorised the following payments -

Robertson	£453.10
Clerk	£400.00

83. Planning Matters

The Parish Council was consulted on the following planning issues and made the decisions indicated –

2017/0126/01/DET	Newcastle Racecourse. Erection of electricity substation and associated hardstanding	No objection
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2017/0111/01/DET	15 Easedale Avenue. Erection of 2 storey extension to side and extension to front.	No objection
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2017/0096/01/DET	6 Greenriggs Avenue., Melton Park. Erection of 2 storey extension to side and single extension to rear.	No objection
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Members referred to concern expressed by residents of Queensway regarding an extension to a property on the street for which there had been no planning application. It was suggested that the development was within permitted development guidelines.

Members also noted that no application had been received regarding work at 6 the Fairway.

84. Other Matters

- A route for a measured mile had been confirmed, starting at the 3 Mile Inn. There was to be interpretation boards and a map provided for the public.
- A meeting between the Consortium and residents was to be held the following evening.
- Confirmation had been received that Envirocall had been providing incorrect information about recycling. The mistake had now been corrected.
- A map of Warkworth Woods was to be provided for the noticeboard.
- Complaints had been received about the state of the grass area designed as wild meadow. Members were of the opinion that the area should be shrubbed. Cllr Down undertook to seek clarification as to who should provide the shrubs and also repair and maintenance of the play equipment.
- Members recalled at an earlier meeting, parking issues relating to the business being carried out at 51 Greenfield Road. City Planners had now initiated a restriction on the business to resolve the parking issues.
- It was noted that white goods had been “dumped” on Gilwell Way. Cllr Down agreed to ask Environmental Health officers to investigate.

85. Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 15 March 2017 at 7.00pm in St Aiden’s Community Centre, Brunton Park.