

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 16 May 2018

Present: Councillors Agnew, Cooke, Duell, Hay, Loftus, Mears and Phillipson.

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

1. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Robinson.

2. Appointment of Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Agnew be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

The incoming Chair gave his thanks to Cllr Mears for her work as Chair of the Parish Council in previous years

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Cooke be appointed Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the date of the meeting reading 19 April and the number sequence of the minutes being amended.

5. Great North Road Bus Shelters

The Clerk reported on the detail of the draft agreement produced by the City Council and members accepted the agreement indicating that the first point of contact would be the clerk and that councillor Mears would initiate any action required. Members also suggested an inspection of the shelters be undertaken prior to hand-over.

6. Financial Matters

(a) Annual Governance Statement 2016/2017 (Section 1)

Resolved: That the Annual governance statement submitted to this meeting for the year ended 31st March 2018 be approved.

(b) Statement of Accounts 2017/2018 (Section 2)

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and copies of the trial balance for the year ended 31st March 2018.

Resolved: That the statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 as now submitted, based on the trial balance reported to the Parish Council at the last meeting be approved.

(c) Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved -

Robertson – Standing Order	£453.10
Clerk - Standing Order	£320.00
G Clark Internal Audit	£150.00
HMRC	£80.00

7. Correspondence

- Email from Ms Cadwell expressing concern regarding youth congregating on Lincoln Green and attempts to damage the trees. Members recommended telephoning 101.
- Letter of thanks from St Aidan's Church.

8. Planning Matters

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

2018/0511/01/DET 10 Sharperton Drive. Erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of conservatory. **No Objection**

2018/0522/01/DET 23 Polwarth Road. Erection of single storey extension to front with porch, two storey extension to side following demolition of existing garage and kitchen, single storey extension to rear, widening of existing drive and alterations to elevations **No Objection**

2018/0517/DET 30 Easedale Avenue. Erection of first floor extension over existing garage to side, single storey extension to rear and porch to front. **No Objection**

9. Other Issues

- It was noted that the cycle route on Great North Road had been raised because of tree roots.
- Due to the new data protection rules, the TV screen in the community centre showing the CCTV footage had been switch off.
- The bus shelter on Netherwhitton had been repaired.
- Discussions were to be held with Robertson regarding choice of summer bedding plants.
- A new lock had been provided on the fence/gate on Gilwell way to enable grass cutting.
- Members were concerned at the poor quality of work being undertaken on Great North Road as it did not give a good impression to visitors entering the City.
- An Ice Cream van was parking in the bus turning circle preventing bus usage.
- A car had been hit by a bus on Greenfield Road.
- Problems were being experienced due to workmen at the Care Home parking their cars in the surrounding streets.

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- Grass cutting on greenway was poor.
- Members were minded to provide a tree to mark the Royal wedding. A location was to be sought.
- The seats on Lincoln Green had previously been mentioned as needing refurbishment. Councillor Hay agreed to ask Robertson to see if they could do the necessary work.
- Councillor Down advised that the City Ciuncil was considering enforcement action against Coppers for blocking Gilwell way.
- North Tyneside Council was todo work on Salters Road after Killingworth Road works were completed.
- Members noted that a Community Litter Picker was responsible for the removal of litter on Rotary Way.
- Cllr Down also advised that tickets for the Magic Rugby Weekend at St James Park had been given to the Scouts.

10. Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 7.00pm in St Aiden's Community Centre, Brunton Park.