

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 16 November 2017

Present: Councillor Mears, Chairman

Councillors Agnew, Cooke, Duell, Hay, Loftus, Phillipson and Robinson.

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

46. Apology for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

47. Minutes

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

48. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Noting that there had not yet been an appointment of a replacement school crossing patrol person, members were keen to see progress being made.
- Members noted that a member of the Clergy, receiving a permit to cross the Bridge had also gained permission to access Netherwitton.
- The boundary fence at 30 Davenport drive had not yet been removed from the grassed area.
- The planters at the shops had now been painted. Councillor Duell had the signs which would need to be secured in place.
- The friends of the Chapel had emailed the Clerk regarding their intention to hold an event in the Chapel grounds.
- Members indicated a willingness to again contribute to the cost of this year's Christmas Tree outside the Church
- Members commented on the need to know whether or not the grit bins would be replenished before the onset of the bad weather.
- Members were opposed to the plans for the closure of Newlands Road and the cycle scheme for the Melton Park side of the Great North Road.

49. Police Matters

Members noted that the Door-to-Door sellers, previously believed to be from the Cleveland area had returned.

50. Correspondence

Members noted the request from the City Council for a Parish Council representative to serve on the Standards Committee. Councillor Agnew offered to have his name put forward.

51. Financial Matters

The Clerk reported on the outcome of the external audit findings that the Annual Return had not added up to the amount of £1
Members noted the discrepancy and the findings of the external Auditor

The following payments were approved –	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Clerk (SO)	320.00

52. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2017/0564/01/DET	Appeal lodged by the appellants against refusal of planning consent for replacement of existing dormer window with new flat roof dormer window to rear	Noted
2017/1551/01/DET	10 Arden Avenue, Brunton Park: Erection of single storey extension to rear	No objection
2017/1674/01/DET	25 Westwood Road, Brunton Park: Demolition of garage/part kitchen to side and erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extensions to front and rear.	Cllr Agnew declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in the decision. No objection.
2017/1642/01/DET	39 Milford Gardens, Brunton Park: Erection of porch to front, a two storey extension to side, a single storey	No Objection

extension to rear and dormer windows to rear.

2017/1572/01/DET	58 Greenfield Road, Brunton Park: Erection of first floor extension to side above existing garage/utility with roof lights to front and rear.	Members expressed concern over the proposed development overlooking adjoining properties.
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2017/1717/01/TRE	Land to rear of 1A Low Gosforth Court, Melton Park.	Members suggested that more information was required before being able to pass comment
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53. Other Issues

- The car parking issue on Netherwitton had been resolved amicably.
- Members were of the opinion that the roundabout at the Marriot Hotel required a yellow box to help the flow of traffic. Members noted that it had previously been requested but turned down.
- Members noted a near accident with a car and cyclist on Broadway West near the roundabout. It was noted that Ward Councillors were in discussions with Police regarding cyclist behaviour.
- It was reported that the new Smart Traffic Lights on Great North road should help traffic flow.
- It was noted that not all bus drivers were giving way to motorcyclists on Polwarth Drive roundabout.
- In response to an item in the Conservative Party newsletter, members noted that there were no plans to provide communal bins in Brunton Park.
- There had been an outbreak of youth disorder and graffiti on garage doors. The recommendation was for residents to inform the police via phoning 101.
- Councillor Duell commented on a conversation with the owner of Coppers regarding the owner's belief that there was a "witch hunt" against him. Councillor Duell had assured him that there was not.
- The new lighting scheme for the Community Centre was now complete.
- It was noted that the new tree for the Green had not yet been provided.
- Members noted that damage had been done to the radiator in the committee room, Community Centre by one of the Hall hirers.

- The public were being encouraged to phone 101 to report any incidents to the police. This would provide police with useful statistics regarding activity within the area.
- Members noted the continued use of Warkworth Woods by gangs of youths.
- The litter bin outside the shops in Brunton Park appeared to have been misused for the depositing of commercial waste.
- There had been an increase in dog waste bags being deposited at the location of the removed litter bin on Greenfield Road

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Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held one week earlier than previously scheduled, on **Thursday 13 December** at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.