

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 17 October 2018

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)

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

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk
3 local residents

39. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillor Cooke and city councillors Allen, Ashby and Down.

40. Issues raised by members of the public

- The North Tyneside Council consultation on A189 Salter's Lane Highway Improvement Scheme was drawn to Members attention. In particular, the proposed crossing adjacent to land within the parish Council which was green belt land. The crossing had no apparent purpose. There was concern that the proposed crossing in some way implied future development of the land in question. It was agreed the Clerk write seeking an explanation for the proposed crossing point within the scheme.
- White markings had been noticed on the Bridle Path. There were no known reasons for the markings, consisting of arrows and circles.
- Concern was expressed regarding the poor state of the area, with the resident stating that the city Council was not carrying out street sweeping in accordance with its stated 10 day cycle. Members noted seeing street sweepers in operation in recent days.
- There was an excessive amount of leaves on pavements in the area.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the poor quality of work on the new cycleway.

41. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The Salvation Army were to contact the Clerk to confirm their request to hold an event in the Chapel Grounds

43. Great North Road Stone Bus Shelters

The revised insurance quotation had been received at an additional £424.42 for the remainder of the insurance policy year. Members agreed to accept the increased premium and noted that the next stage was for the Agreement, being prepared by the City Council, to be signed by both parties.

44. Tree Maintenance

Members were advised that Robertson had responded to the Gail damage very quickly, undertaking essential work at a cost of £360. An invoice was to follow. Members agreed payment of that amount and also agreed to payment of £325 for additional work of a less urgent, but necessary nature.

It was noted that Robertson would also refurbish the seat on Lincoln Green at a cost of £340.

45. Correspondence

- Members noted an exchange of emails between the clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and a representative of Gosforth Space, with the aim of seeking an understanding of each organisation's work. The Clerk reported that Gosforth Space were to undertake a survey of the wider Gosforth area and would ultimately produce a report on the feedback obtained.
- Email from a resident of Chapel Close expressing concern at the condition of the oak tree opposite his house. The additional tree work agreed earlier would resolve this matter.

46. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

	£
• HMRC (October)	80.00
• Clerk (SO) (October)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Robertson (tree work)	360.00

47. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2018/1205/01/DET	38 Queensway: erection of first floor extension over existing garage to side and single wrap around extension to rear.	No objection
2018/1255/01/DET	5 Heathfield Place, Melton Park: Erection of replacement pitched roof over existing conservatory to rear.	No objection
2018/1266/01/LBC	Ice House, High Gosforth Park: Listed building application. Works to secure the ice house and allow access by means of stairway, provision of power supply, internal lighting, external	No objection

interpretation board and pointing to brickwork.

2018/1310/01/DET

No objection

2 Queensway, Brunton Park:
Erection of a two storey extension to sides following demolition of existing garage, a single storey infill extension to rear and alterations to rear elevations

48. Other Issues

- Members noted a camera had been temporarily present on Brunton Lane, purpose unknown.
- Dog fouling on Lincoln Green was a problem with dog walkers not picking up after their dogs.
- Reports of ponding on Lincoln Green had not been substantiated, although the site would be monitored.
- The road markings at the shops in Brunton Park had all but disappeared. Re-marking had been promised but nothing had happened yet.
- A resident of Fairway Close had reported the burn as polluted. Northumbria Water had identified the problem as a washing machine being plumbed into the wrong drain.
- A survey had been conducted in Melton and Brunton Parks regarding the paths and cycleway on the Great North Road. The responses were to be analysed. A small group of Parish Councillors were to meet to discuss the results and find a suitable way to progress the matter.

49. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21 November 2018 at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.

