

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 18 January 2017

Present: Councillor Agnew (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Cooke, Duell, Hay, Loftus, Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

65. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mears and from city councillors Allen, Ashby and Down

66. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 December 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman subject to the correction to references to the Church as St Aidan rather than St Aiden.

67. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- The Green – While there had been some waterlogged areas, it was agreed that it should be given time to settle down before any remedial work was considered. While it was noted that there were different shades of green to the new grass it was accepted that this would be due in part to the type of grass seed used. “No golf” signs would be reinstated in March when the ground was firmer.
- Bus setting down point –an email received by councillor Down was read out by the Clerk. Members noted that the reason for the change to the setting down point had been at a request of a member of the public who had complained to Arriva saying the buses obscured the junction when stopped and caused vehicles to pass it on the wrong side of the road. The matter was to be reviewed but no timescale was given.
- Hedges, greenfield Road – it was reported that the hedges had now been cut back on both sides and a good job had been done.
- Melton Park – The problem on vans parking for long periods of time in the parking bays in Melton Park had eased recently when one of the vans had been removed, however this had been short lived and the van had now returned. Members noted that this was a city-wide problem.

68. Police Matters

Members were advised that councillor Agnew had now received training for the Speedwatch scheme.

69. Highways Matters

It was reported that the Broadway bollard had still not been repaired. It was also noted that the ½ hour parking sign at the shops had either been removed, or had slipped down the poll as it was not clearly visible in its usual location. With regard to the proposed traffic scheme, there was nothing further to report.

70. Trees

Members noted that during the recent high winds a number of trees has sustained broken branches and other damage. Councillor Hay undertook to discuss this with Robertson to see what work was required.

71. Correspondence

- **Christmas Tree** -The Parish Council noted with appreciation the letter received from the church acknowledging the grant towards the cost of the Christmas Tree. Members took the view that the tree was an important feature in the Parish at that time of year and that further financial assistance towards the cost of siting, lighting and removal may also need to be considered next Christmas.
- **Messy Monkeys** – A request had been submitted for permission to place a banner on the railings along Gilwell Way to promote the Messy Monkeys sessions in the Scout Hall. Members considered the matter and given the precedent this may set, agreed to decline the request.

72. Financial Matters

Accounts for payment – Members authorised the following payments -

Robertson	£453.10
Clerk	£400.00

62. Planning Matters

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

2016/1915/01/LDC	97 Great North Road:	No objection
	Loft conversion with rear dormer window and conversion of hipped roof to gable end.	

2016/1969/01/DET 84 Warkworth Woods: **No objection**
Erection of first floor
extension to rear.

17/00009/NPA 13 Heathfield Place, **Noted**
Melton Park: Erection of
Single storey extension.

2016/1827/01/DET 74 Greenfield Road: **No objection**
Erection of first floor
extension above existing
garage to side and rear
and single storey extension
to rear.

2017/0036/01/DET **48 Princes Road** **No objection**
Erection of two storey
extension to side, single
storey extension to rear
and erection of porch to
front.

73. Other Matters

- Members noted that the Noticeboard on Melbury was in-hand.
- Councillor Down had sent information regarding the number of fines from the cameras as follows

	Netherwitton	Brunton Bridge
October	140	275
November	145	220

74. Date of next meeting

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