

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 April 2018

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

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk
3 Resident
Community Support Officer – Northumbria Police

97. Apologies for absence

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

98. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

99. Police Matters

The Officer from Northumbria Police was present to on report crime statistics for the Parish and surrounding area since the previous meeting. Members noted that great effort had been put in by the Police in tackling youth anti-social behaviour and a request was made for information about such activity taking place in order that the Police may build statistical evidence.

Mention was also made of an armed robbery on Melton Park on 23 March.

100. Items raised by Members of the Public

Melton Park

- Members were made aware of the concern of residents regarding the left turn into Melton Park as it was thought to be dangerous. It was noted that the City Council was aware of the complaints made by residents. It was suggested that the City Council be invited to send a Highways officer to a future meeting to discuss the issue.
- There was need of a litter bin at the top bus shelter on Great North Road.
- It was suggested that residents from the areas newly incorporated within Parklands Ward may seek grants from the Parish Council despite being outside the Parish boundaries. The clerk advised that any grant request would be dealt with on merit and whether it was appropriate for the Parish Council to consider a request from beyond the Parish boundary.

Heathery Lane

- A resident requested the support of the Parish Council in his efforts to oppose the planning application to build a dwelling on the site of the stables. His concerns were mainly around land drainage issues, land contamination and flooding. Members confirmed that they had opposed the application on similar grounds.

101. Bus Shelters

Members noted receipt of a draft agreement and the detail to be included in the tender document when seeking quotations for the maintenance contract. It was agreed that these be discussed at the next meeting.

102. Correspondence

- Request from St. Aidan's church for financial support towards the flower festival. Members agreed a grant of £200
- Space for Gosforth requested a dialogue between the Group and the Parish Council regarding road safety issues and how to engage with the wider community. Members indicated a willingness for the Parish Council to contribute to discussions regarding road safety but not to exclusive discussions. In respect of a reference to seats being added to the Great North Road bus shelters, Members were of the view that it was a little premature to discuss such matters in advance of the legal agreement between the Parish Council and City Council being signed.

103. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• CI Accountancy	240.00
• St Aidan's Church	200.00

104. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2018/0366/01/DET	58 Greenfield Road, Brunton Park: erection of single storey extension to side with pitched and flat roof.	No objection
2018/0399/01/DET	17 Davenport Drive, Brunton Park: erection of two storey and single storey	No objection

extension to side following demolition of existing garage and conservatory.

2017/1473/01/DET

2 Heathery Lane Cottages, Gosforth: erection of cottage on former stables site.

Objection.

2018/0412/01/DET

6 Kirkwood Place, Gosforth: erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory and alterations to elevations

No objection

Councillor Hay declared an interest in this item and left the meeting while it was discussed.

105. Other Issues

- The Community Centre was to use the grant funding from ASDA to provide drama lighting – to be used by the new drama group.
- The litter on Rotary Way was becoming excessive.
- The temporary traffic order for work on Hollywood Avenue, Gosforth was to be extended until July.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 May 2018 at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.

