

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 18 May 2017

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 Mears be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Agnew 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.

5. Matters Arising

The following issues were raised from the minutes of the previous meeting:

- With regard to the problems of parking on Grenville Drive it was proposed to extend the double yellow lines into Princes Road to prevent obstructing the bus turning circle.
- The problem of builder's vehicles blocking the pavement on Grenville Drive had now been resolved.
- It was suggested that double yellow lines were needed on Polworth Drive, especially on match days as the corner was being blocked. Cllr Down undertook to ask Cllr Ashby if any action was proposed.

6. Lincoln Green

A site visit had been held with Northumbria Water and the City Council to discuss the poor quality vegetation and planting around the play area. It had been suggested that the wild flower area be treated to remove the weeds and a temporary notice was to be erected advising of the wild flower

“season”. It had been agreed that if after 4 weeks the wild flowers had not become established, more traditional shrub planting would be undertaken.

There was signs of growth on the maple trees. The grass was to be treated and therefore the fencing would not be removed until mid June.

The 5-a-side goals would be reinstated west to east.

7. Police Report

PC Parker was present and reported no house burglaries but that Coppers had been broken into and a garage on Park Avenue had also been burgled.

Members noted that Speed-watch had been active in the area on a couple of occasions on Polworth Drive and Brunton Lane. PC Parker also commented on parking on pavements and caravans parked on the road outside houses.

Anti-Social behaviour was discussed as was the slaughter of deer. PC Parker acknowledged that dens were being created and asked that the police be informed of similar activity.

8. Financial Matters

(a) Annual Governance Statement 2015-16 (Section 1)

Resolved: That the Annual governance statement submitted to this meeting for the year ended 31st March 2017 be approved.

(b) Statement of Accounts 2015 – 16 (Section 2)

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and copies of the trial balance for the year ended 31st March 2017.

Resolved: That the statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 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
Hooper Signs	£380.00
IC Accountancy	£156.00
G Clark Internal Audit	£150.00
HMRC	£80.00

9. Planning Matters

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

- 2017/00211/NPA** 148 Walkworth Woods.
Application for prior approval.
Erection of single storey extension **Noted**
- 2017/0588/01/TRE** Marriott Hotel. TPO application
To fell 42 trees and prune and
crown remaining 200 **More information
requested.**
- 2017/0575/01/DET** 14 Lumley Way. Erection of
single storey extension to rear
and two storey extension to front
with Juliet balcony on first floor. **Object on over
grounds of
development**
- 2017/0623/01/DET** 18 Park Drive. Erection of first floor
extension over existing garage to
front and extended pitched roof. **No Objection**

10. Other Issues

- Concern was expressed about the potential loss of the school crossing patrols. Ward councillors were looking for income to pay for the service to continue. Members supported the opposition to the withdrawal of the school crossing patrols.
- It was noted that the cycle lane on Brunton Lane had become overgrown.
- It was noted that the sign setting an age limit for the play area had not yet been provided.
- Members noted that the social media reports of a black fox were likely to be a dog.
- Fly-tipping was taking place on Great Lime Road.
- The new lighting within the Community Centre was now completed.
- The speed indicator on Brunton Lane was not working.
- The sign lights on Netherwitton were not working.
- Problems with bins had been reported to Envirocall.
- Concern was expressed regarding the increasing number of advertisements and signs on the wall of Coppers.
- The raised curb outside Jan Fosters was considered a trip hazard.
- Members confirmed the Parish Council's intention to join NALC.

11. Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 7.00pm in St Aiden's Community Centre, Brunton Park.

