

# 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 October 2017

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

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

## 39. Apology for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Agnew.

## 40. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 September 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to Wirkwood being changed to Kirkwood in minute 31 and bullet point three in minute 37 to read .. picnic table on Lincoln Green.

## 41. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Councillor Robinson formally submitted the letter from Gosforth Traffic Group.
- It was with great sadness that members noted the passing away of Jim, the school crossing patrol "lollypop man". Having retired in the summer, he had returned following the fundraising scheme to which the Parish Council had contributed. Members noted that thoughts were being given to providing a memorial bench and it was agreed that the Parish Council would be minded to contribute if that proposal was actioned. It was also noted that in practical terms, a replacement for Jim was urgently needed.

## 42. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

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• HMRC	80.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Clerk (SO)	320.00

## 43. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded. Mr Henman of Heathery Lane was present to speak against the first application.

2017/1473/01/DET	Erection of cottage on former stables site, land adjacent to 2 Heathery Lane Cottages	Objection – On grounds of this being on greenbelt land, impact on wildlife and impact on the neighbourhood, particularly with regard to traffic movement.
2017/1564/01/DET	Erection of single storey extension to front, Holly Cottage North Brunton	No Objection
2017/1551/01/DET	Erection of single storey extension to rear, 10 Arden Avenue Brunton Park	No Objection
2017/1424/01/DET	Erection of single storey rear extension, 76 Newlands Avenue Melton Park	No Objection
2017/2559/01/DET	Erection of first floor extension to side above existing garage/utility with roof lights to front and rear, 58 Greenfield Road	No Objection

#### 44. Other Issues

- Members noted that the resident of 14 Lincoln Green was concerned regarding the amount of leaves accumulating in her drive. It was suggested she contact Envirocall.
- The Parish Council had been asked to do something about one of its trees which was getting particularly tall. Members were advised that the tree was no one owned by the Parish Council but was in a private garden.
- Members were advised that the relocated goal posts were firmly secured and should not suffer from being knocked over.
- Rubbish was being left next to the bins outside the Community Centre.
- Members were advised to be vigilant regarding hoax phone call purporting to be about tax refunds.
- With regard to the bus turning circle, it was reported that a further delay was caused by the Environmental Team having to investigate whether trees / tree roots were affected.
- Efforts were still being made to facilitate the provision of street name/numbering signs for Walkworth Woods following advise that they could not be located on traffic sign posts.

- The off-shoots on trees on Great North Road had been cut and removed.
- Members noted that the site mud on Coach Lane around the entrance to the new development site was becoming hazardous.
- The City Council's licensing team were investigating the issues referred to at the previous meeting at the rear of Coppers.
- The fence at the rear of Walkworth Woods had now been repaired and reinforced against chainsaw damage.
- The overgrown hedge on Greenfield Road had been reported to Envirocall.
- Members noted that traffic along Netherwitton was increasing and concern was expressed about the issuing of permits to access Brunton Bridge.
- Reference was made to the boundary fence at 30 Davenport Drive, which had fallen over and was hindering the grass cutting on the neighbouring open space.
- The spring planting for the Planters had been finalised and some of the Planters had been repainted.
- The Chapel – The Friends of the Chapel had asked for the Parish Council to remove the eaves on the site. They were also proposing to hold a Christmas Carol Service on the site on 20 December.
- The Church were proposing to obtain a more manageable sized Christmas Tree this year.
- The replacement Maple tree was yet to be planted and the grass around the base of the trees on Lincoln Green cut back.
- Members were pleased to note that Northumbria Water were checking the burn following any heavy rain to help prevent flooding.
- The new plans for a double cycle lane on the east side of Great North Road caused concern with members questioning the demand for such provision.
- Reference was again made to the need for something to be done for traffic leaving Melton Park onto the Great North Road, particularly in the icy weather.
- City Planners were holding a drop-in session for the Draft Development and Allocation Plan on 25 October at Trinity Church, Gosforth.
- Members were advised that there had been some trouble with Broadband provision in Polworth drive.

**45. Date of next meeting**

**Agreed** that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held one day later than previously scheduled, on **Thursday 16 November** at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.