

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 15 March 2017

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

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Down - Newcastle City Council
2 Officers - Northumbria Police

96. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 March 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

97. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Hoopers Signs had not been in touch since being given the work to provide signs.
- There was no further news regarding the Bus Turning Circle. Members discussed the issues relating to the matter.

98. Police Matters

Members reported there being a problem of cars parking partly on pavements; a problem with fires and "dens" being created in the woods on the Great Park estate and damage to public seats.

Members also congratulated councillor Agnew on the commencement of his duties with Speedwatch.

99. Correspondence

A letter was received from St Aidan's Community Centre thanking the Parish Council for its financial support towards the new lighting. Members commented favourably about the improved quality of lighting in the centre.

100 Financial Matters

Accounts for payment – Members authorised the following payments -

Robertson	£453.10
Clerk	£320.00
HMRC	£ 80.00

101 Planning Matters

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

2017/041/01/DET 22 Princes Road

Object on grounds of over development and out of keeping with the surrounding area

	Erection of 2 storey extension to side and rear including balcony. Single storey extension including canopy to front	
2017/0459/01/DET	86 Polworth Road Single storey extension to side	No objection
2017/0457/01/TRE	Northumberland Golf Club TPO application and arboriculture assessment	No objection
2017/0502/01/DET	12 Hazlemere Erection of first floor extension over existing garage/utility room to side and single storey extension to rear (retrospective)	No objection

102 Other Matters

- Members noted that the shared use of the noticeboard on Melbury was proving successful.
- Problems continued with blue bin collections on Walkworth Woods.
- Work had commenced on the 3 Take-Away establishments in North Gosforth between the Travel Lodge and Co-Op Garage.
- City councillors were lobbying to get the Regent Centre into Travel Zone 1 to lessen the cost of Park & Ride. They were also looking to promote the details of other parking spaces available to those going into town. Members commented on the publicised open every day regent Centre car park which was always closed on Sundays.
- City councillors were unaware of planned Utilities work so were unable to advise residents of those works.
- There were issues with parking on Grenville Drive and consideration was to be given to providing Double Yellow Lines on the corner of Grenville Drive.
- Members noted the provision of new equipment on the Melton Park side of the Great North Road – possibly for use in monitoring bus lanes.
- New parts were being sourced for the bus lane sign lights on Netherwitten.
- With regard to the Play Area and Lincoln Green, members were of the opinion that the wild flower bed was not successful and should be replaced with grass. It was also suggested that the trees on the Green be protected with a 1 metre area around the base of the trees.
- The Post Office was to be closed during refurbishment work between 3-10 May.
- While there was growing concern regarding dogs being walked not on leads, members noted that there was no legislation to combat this problem or the number of dogs being walked.
- Members recorded their thanks and appreciation of the gardening work undertaken by a volunteer in maintaining the landscaped area on

Greenfield Road. It was agreed that their appreciation of her community efforts be passed to Elizabeth.

- Members noted that Red House Farm bridge was to be replaced with improved access.
- It was noted that the Community Centre AGM was to be held on 14 June at 7.30pm

103 Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on 17 May 2017 at 7.00pm in St Aiden's Community Centre, Brunton Park.