

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's
Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 20 June 2018

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk
4 Members of the Public

11. Apologies for absence

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

12. Items raised by Members of the Public

- **McDonalds, Rotary Way**

Representatives of the franchise business, trading as McDonalds were present to explain how they were managing the litter problems associated with their business premises. They explained that they were required by the city council to litter pick in the area throughout each day and provide litter bins which they empty themselves. They explained they were attending the meeting as they had been told the Parish council had complained about the amount of litter in the area from their business. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had noted concerns of local residents some while ago. Members welcomed the efforts of the Company to reduce littering in the area and suggested that they could speak to other neighbouring businesses to develop a combined litter management strategy, especially in light of two new food outlets soon to open in the area. It was agreed that any further concerns regarding litter derived from McDonalds would be raised direct with the company with a view to a quick and amicable resolution to the issue.

- **Scout Group**

Mr Peter Jacques, Group Scout Leader of 1st Brunton Park Scout Group was present to provide a report to the Parish Council of the activities of the Group as an agreed method of paying the peppercorn rent for the site of the Scout Hall.

Mr Jacques reported on the healthy membership numbers and how the Group was seeking to the values of scouting by growing the movement, being fully inclusive, being shaped by the young members and looking to make a positive impact on the local community. He added that the Group was always looking for additional adult volunteers and that they were currently being

asked to expand into the Great Park. It was likely that limited adult support would not be able to support that development.

Members were given an account of the various activities and personal development opportunities provided for the young people within the Group. With regard to the Hall and its grounds, members noted the ongoing maintenance work being undertaken and a desire to level the grounds around the Hall to make it more useable.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jacques for the report and advised that the Parish Council would consider any grant application the Scout Group may wish to submit in the future.

- **Planning Application, 23 Polworth Road**

Mr White of the above address was present to discuss his frustration with the city council planning department regarding his application to develop his property. Member noted and advised Mr White that as statutory consultees, they had considered his application at the previous meeting and not objected to the proposed work. Following further discussion, Mr White indicated that he would take the matter up with the Head of Planning at the city council.

13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman as amended in minute 9 to replace Greenway with greenfield Road and Salters Road with Salters Lane.

Arising from the minutes, members noted the following updates –

- Summer bedding for the planters was now in stock.
- The cost of refurbishing the 2 bench seats on Lincoln Green would be £340. Members agreed to proceed with Robertson doing the work at that price.
- Northumbria Water were to look into the rubble surfacing on Lincoln Green.

14. Bus Shelters

Members were advised that the consultation period had now passed and that the city council had not received any adverse comments/objections. The transfer of responsibility of the bus shelters from city council to parish council was therefore progressing.

15. Correspondence

- Letter from Gosforth traffic Community Group: commenting on the rubble on Lincoln Green, the “hump” on Great North Rad within the highways scheme currently being undertaken, an issue regarding double yellow lines outside a property driveway on Great North Road, the entrance to Melton Park and the poor quality of work

undertaken on the highways scheme on Great North road. Members noted the issues raised and agreed to provide a statement regarding progress on the bus shelters.

- Notice of public consultation – Newcastle International Airport Masterplan 2035

16. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Zurich Municipal (Insurance premium)	353.56

17. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2018/0625/01/DET	47 Easdale Avenue, Melton Park: erection of single storey to rear	No objection
2018/0685/01/DET	My Health clinic, Great North Road: Formation of new entrance alterations to existing main entrance, ramp, 2 parking bays. Refuse area, cycle racks. Alteration to roof east elevation. Removal of existing windows and the addition of external louvrers.	Objection on grounds of traffic
2018/0606/01/LDC	23 kingsley Avenue, Melton Park: LDC application for proposed single storey extension to side and rear	No Objection.
2018/0752/01/DET	16 Greenriggs Avenue, Melton Park: erection of single storey extension to rear with roof terrace. Alterations to rear elevations.	No objection

18. Other Issues

- The road markings on The Great Park were now re-done.
- The speed hump warning signs beside the bus shelter , Lincoln Green were facing the wrong way. The Chairman undertook to deal with them.
- Robertson had been advised of the large tree branch now on Lincoln Green following recent high winds and were wo be asked if any treatment to the tree was necessary.
- The litter bin at the bus shelter on Brunton Park was used to deposit dog dirt and therefore smelly in the warm weather. Members considered asking for it to be moved or emptied more frequently.
- Concern had been expressed over the burning of waste materials in the back yard of Coppers. The city council were investigating.
- Concern was expressed over the poor state of new cycle way and grass cutting on The Great North Road.
- A resident had reported the gate to the play area on Lincoln Green being loose. The gate had subsequently been inspected and work was to be undertaken to tighten it up.
- The Community Centre had now completed the installation of specialist drama lighting, funded by a grant from ASDA.
- The bin at the rear of the Community Centre was without lid and little progress was being made to have it replaced.
- Greenfield Road grass had now been cut and will in future be cut at the same time as great North Road.

19. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.

