

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 September 2017

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

In attendance: Cllr Ashby – Newcastle City Council
I Humphries - Clerk
Northumbria Police

29. Apology for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

30. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 July 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- With regard to the work on Wirkwood bungalow, it was reported that building regulations were being adhered to, however work was being undertaken outside of acceptable hours.

32. Tree Matters

Members noted that the necessary tree work to ensure public safety had been recently carried out over a couple of days.

33. Police Matters

A Police Community Support Officer was present to advise members of some ongoing issues of anti-social behaviour by young people and as such a former Notice was in place to help deal with the matter.

The Officer also highlighted the activities of bogus officials cold-calling on residents and recommended that any instances be reported to the police via 101.

Reference was made to a couple of instances where cars had been parked inappropriately.

34. Correspondence

Councillor Robinson reported receipt of a letter of thanks from the Gosforth Traffic Group following the Parish Council's offer of financial support to the school crossing patrol scheme. Particular mention had been made regarding the support and assistance given by councillor Loftus.

35. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (Tree work)	1,801.20
• School patrol crossing scheme	250.00

36. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2017/1229/01/DET	55 Princes Road Erection of single storey extension and extension of existing dormer to rear and porch to side.	No objection
2017/1300/01/DET	43 Kingsley Avenue Melton Park Erection of a single extension to rear.	No Objection
2017/1326/01/DET	29 Barmoor Drive Erection of single storey extension to side and rear.	No objection
2017/1371/01/DET	10 Hazelmere Avenue, Melton Park Erection of porch to front.	No objection
2017/1375/01/DET	148 Walkworth Woods Conversion of garage to side and erection of single storey extension to rear.	No objection
2017/1398/01/DET	23 Hazelmere Avenue, Melton Park Erection of 2 storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear and porch to front.	No objection
2017/1395/01/DET	4 Waterbury Road, Brunton Park Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	No objection
2017/1285/01/DET	Greys House, Great North Road Change of use of former office building (class B1) to health clinic with ancillary offices (class D1).	

Councillor Loftus declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion / decision. Members objected on the grounds of parking, impact on cycle lane and hours of operation.

Members also noted the requirement of leasehold residents to notify the Leaseholder of any extensions etc which could have an impact on the lease

37. Other Issues

- Members noted the City Council's intention to move the litter bins on Brunton Lane and Brunton Green. Members discussed in general the problems anticipated with the removal of bins and the less frequent emptying of those remaining. Councillor Ashby suggested that residents should complain as this was a criteria for the location of bins. Members suggested that residents and the Parish Council should be consulted on the best locations for litter bins.
- Members reiterated the need to formalise the peppercorn rent for the scout hut to protect the Parish Council's interest as land owner.
- Comments had been received regarding public interest in the provision of picnic tables on the green outside the Community Centre. The Parish Council noted the interest.
- Members were informed of the possible trial of an additional glass recycling bin to replace the current small caddy
- The bin in the park had been removed.
- Members commented on the poor quality of the City Council grass cutting on verges within the parish area. It was also noted that weed killing had been less effective and grass cuttings were not being picked up.
- Shoots on trees in the Great North road central verge were reducing visibility for drivers crossing from Brunton Park to Melton Park.
- It was noted that the goal posts had been re-installed on the Green and the fencing would be removed once the concrete in the bases had hardened.
- Concern was expressed regarding the increase in dog fouling of pavements in the area.
- Members were concerned at the lack of a resolution to the problems with the bus turning circle.
- Members were worried that the overflowing bread in the refuse bins at the rear of Coppers would attract vermin. Concern was also expressed about the pallets and empty beer barrels awaiting collection at the rear of Coppers with a number of the barrels rolling around the lane in high winds. A member also questioned the need for a change of use regarding the new provision of pizza sales from Coppers.

38. Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 18 October at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.