

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 21 February 2018

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

73. Apology for absence

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

74. Bus shelters

Mr J Dockerty, representing Gosforth Traffic Community Group was present to offer the Group's support and the offer of Crowd funding to raise costs of maintenance / repair should the Parish Council decided to "adopt" the two stone bus shelters on the Great North Road, Southbound.

The Clerk advised that any fundraising would be premature until the PARISH council had formal arrangements in place to take on responsibility for the shelters.

75. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 January 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

76. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- The turf around the base of the new trees was to be removed
- There was still no litter bin on Greenfield Road.
- Members noted the number of bulbs lost during recent works to the play area.

77. Police Matters

Members noted that Officers were currently dealing with a number of issues in areas neighbouring the Parish Council area and would therefore be unable to attend the meeting..

78. Broadway to Brunton Lane Cycleway

Members received the results of the residents survey conducted by the ward councillors, noting that the majority of respondents supported the retention of the stone bus shelters and the responsibility of their up-keep being transferred to the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised members that a local builder was interested in supporting the retention of the bus shelters by offering to undertake repairs and maintenance at cost. The Clerk indicated that the increase in

insurance premium was un-known although it would be based on rebuild costs.

It was accepted that a formal agreement would be required between the City Council and Parish Council.

It was unanimously

Resolved: that the Parish Council be minded to undertake responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the two stone bus shelters on the southbound Great North Road, subject to a formal agreement under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980 being prepared and the conditions of that agreement being acceptable to both the Parish Council and the City Council as Highways Authority

79. No. 46 Bus Service

Members were advised that despite the need for greater capacity, particularly in early mornings and late afternoon, no agreement had been reached for the provision of larger vehicles.

80. Correspondence

Members noted receipt of an email from a resident of Chapel Close expressing concern regarding the amount of “dog mess” being left on Chapel Green by irresponsible dog owners. Members agreed that the situation was unacceptable and agreed to seek support from the City Council dog warden in resolving the problem. It was noted that this was a city-wide problem and that dedicated bins were unlikely to be provided by the City Council. .

81. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –	£
• HMRC (Feb)	80.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Clerk (SO)	320.00

82. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

2018/0186/01/TRE	5 Brandling Drive, Gosforth: TPO application – lift crown of Yew	No objection
2018/0212/01/DET	51 great North Road, Brunton Park: erection	No objection

of single storey extension to side, first floor extension over existing garage with balcony and dormer to rear.

2018/0172/01/DET

9 Greenfield Road, Brunton Park:
Erection of single storey extension to rear.

No objection.

Councillor Agnew declared an interest in the last item and took no further involvement in the discussion or decision.

83. Other Issues

- Road markings on Melbury were to be re-marked
- There were un-confirmed reports that the Great Park Consortium were to acquire temporary speed cameras to be used around the Great Park.
- The Shop on Fetherstone Grove was to close.
- The bridge over the Ouseburn was now accessible following work by Highways England.
- A number of empty gas canisters had been deposited near the Shell Garage, likely used by youths to gain “highs”.
- Councillor Agnew gave a brief update following his first meeting as a member of the City Council Standards Committee.
- Members commented on the appearance of business advertisement hoardings in front gardens, questioning whether or not planning permission would be required.
- It was noted that the Community Centre was functioning well.
- Church members were annoyed at the disturbance caused by workmen digging up the pavement and grass outside the church. It was also noted that the Church was to invest in a defibrillator.
- Concern was expressed regarding the extent of the mud on the Glamis Avenue section of the Great North Road.
- Members agreed to retain the current vacancies until the elections in 2019.

84. Date of next meeting

Thursday 21 March 2018 at 7.00pm in St Aidan’s Community Centre, Brunton Park.

