

# 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 March 2018

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk  
1 Resident  
S. Herbert – Newcastle City Council  
Community Support Officer – Northumbria Police

**85. Apologies for absence**

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

**86. Great North Road**

A resident was present to raise his concern regarding the amount of mud and other debris on the footpaths along the Great North Road as a result of the cycleway works. It was also noted that there was an expectation that the grassed areas would be reinstated along with the spring bulbs originally provided by the Parish Council.

**87. Great North Road Stone Bus Shelters**

Ms. Herbert, representing Newcastle City Council Highways department, was present to explain the License Agreement under section 115e of the Highways Act, required to enable the Parish Council to take on responsibility for the maintenance of the stone bus shelters on the Great North Road. Ms Herbert outlined the formal process and consultation which would be undertaken after the city council elections in early May. Members noted the need to ensure the various conditions attached to the License Agreement were met and it was agreed that they be considered at the April meeting.

**88. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of councillor Robinson as being present.

**89. Matters arising from the previous meeting**

Following a meeting of the Friends of the Chapel, and the concerns regarding dog fouling in the area of the chapel, it was suggested that an additional litter bin was required in Kingsley Avenue.

**90. Police Matters**

Community Support Officer 4486 was present to report on crime statistics in the area, indicating a low level of recorded crime. Members commented on an ongoing issue of dogs being walked not on leads and of an apparently abandoned damaged car on Greenfield Road.

**91. Room Hire costs**

Members were advised of a request from the Community Centre that the Parish Council pay rent for use of the meeting room for the monthly meetings of the Parish Council. Members were somewhat surprised that rent was not being paid, while the Clerk advised that it had not been identified as a financial item when he came to post and no invoices had been received.

It was agreed that rent should be paid and that the Community Centre should raise an invoice on an annual basis based on 10 three hour meetings a year.

**92. Correspondence**

Members noted receipt of an advertisement for Radar Speed Signs.

**93. Financial Matters**

The following payments were approved –

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

**94. Planning Matters**

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

<b>2018/0347/01/DET</b>	13 Westwood Road, Brunton Park: erection of single storey extension to side and rear.	<b>No objection</b>
<b>2018/0325/01/LDC</b>	16 Halton Way, Gosforth: Lawful development certificate for proposed erection of single storey extension to rear.	<b>Noted</b>
<b>2018/0293/01/DET</b>	31 Milford Gardens, Brunton Park: erection of single storey extension to rear and sides following demolition of car port.	<b>No objection.</b>

<b>2018/0296/01/DET</b>	134 Walkworth Woods, Gosforth: erection of a two storey extension to side and a single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory.	<b>No objection</b>
<b>2018/0363/01/DET</b>	2 Clayworth Road: erection of two storey extension to side	<b>No objection</b>

**95. Other Issues**

- The road markings on Melbury had now been done.
- The shop on the Great Park had been replaced by an eyelash extension salon.
- There were no issues regarding the community centre. A review of hire fees had been undertaken with a modest increase implemented.
- Following proposals for traffic management on Polwarth Drive, it was noted that there would still be two exits.
- It was noted that the sign illumination lights were still not working on Netherwitten/ Greenfield Road.
- Members were disappointed to learn that the annual Christmas Carol Service held at the Chapel, had be disrupted last year by youths. Members also noted that the Chapel ruins were not owned by the Parish Council.
- The resident of Milford Gardens who had demolished part of the flood defence wall to make a gateway had been required by the Environment Agency to make good the damage to the wall.
- A member commented on the cycle paths in the area not being maintained.
- A member commented on a recent political party newsletter article about air pollution possibly being misleading.

**96. Date of next meeting**

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

