

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 June 2017

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

12. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Robinson and City Ward Councillors.

13. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 May 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of Councillor Robinson as being present and not as submitting an apology for absence.

14. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- The Traffic Regulation Order in respect of Granville Drive/Princes Road was now out to consultation.
- The request for double yellow lines on Polwarth Drive would be considered following the implementation of the changes to the junction with the Great North Road
- A meeting was to be held the following morning to discuss the wild flower planting around the play area, the removal of the fencing and the dead tree.
- Ward Councillors were seeking funds from a Lottery scheme to pay for the School Crossing Patrol.

15. Membership of NALC

Following recent interest in joining the Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC), the Clerk advised members the annual fee would be £899.55. Following a discussion regarding the merits of membership of NALC and the existing Charter with the City Council, members agreed not to join NALC.

16. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved – £

- Hooper Signs
(replacement cheque to include VAT) 456.00
- HMRC 80.00
- Insurance (Zurich Municipal) 348.97
- Robertson (SO) 453.10
- Clerk (SO) 320.00

Members noted the need for a new gate for the area behind the Community Centre at a price of £717.08. The gate would improve the Safeguarding provision for the area in question. It was agreed that the Parish Council offer a third of the amount should the Church and Community Centre be able to fund the other two thirds.

17. Planning Matters

Members noted that the planning application data was still being delivered to Councillor Hay rather than Councillor Agnew. It was agreed that efforts be made to implement the change.

2017/0725/01/TRE	The Stables Gosforth Steadings TPO application – Ash (T1) to be felled and replaced.	More information required
2017/0780/01/DET	24 Barmoor Drive Erection of single storey extension to rear with balcony and glass balustrade and alterations to elevations.	No objection
2017/0919/DET	63 Netherwitton Way Garage conversion including alteration to elevations and loft conversion with roof lights to front and rear elevations.	No objection

The Street naming and numbering of the new development in Gosforth Park - Heritage Gardens, High Gosforth Park was noted.

18. Police Matters

The Clerk reported on information provided by Councillor Down –

- Car vandalised while parked, Fetherstone Grove
- Slaughter deer found behind Walkworth Woods on Consortium Land
- Two cars owned by Jan Foster staff damaged while parked.

19. Other Issues

- McDonalds management were being encouraged to undertake the emptying of litter bins as originally agreed.
- The new development in Gosforth Park would provide street cleaning to clear the Highway of site mud etc.
- The signage for the play area was on order.
- 2 cabinets had been installed on Norwood Avenue and at 3 Mile Inn. Members were unsure of what they were for.

- Concern expressed regarding poor quality of grass cutting on Great North Road verges.
- Members noted bus drivers exceeding the speed limits.
- Nuisance was being caused by children riding bikes on the pavements.
- Members thanked Councillor Duell for the pruning of lower branches of trees.
- Members noted and welcomed the decision reached at the Community Centre AGM to retain the existing name.
- The grass had been cut on Brunton Lane.
- Flooding had again occurred on Great North Road caused by the gullies not being maintained.
- Members noted the damage being done to the drain cover in the bus turning circle.
- The proposed expansion and relocation of Broadwood East school to the Great Park was noted.

20. Date of next meeting

Agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 19 July at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park