

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 November 2018

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)

Councillors Duell, Hay, Loftus, Mears, Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk
3 local residents

50. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Cooke.

51. Issues raised by members of the public

- **Brunswick Recycling Centre** – concern was expressed regarding the possible closure of the Centre and the likely associated increase in fly-tipping in the area. Use of the Centre by residents from neighbouring local authorities was noted and it was suggested that the residents or the local authorities pay a contribution to the running of the Centre. It was suggested that a public discussion was needed.

A member suggested that the Lets Talk pages on the City Council website enabled the public to participate in the debate on budget cuts and offer issues such as the possible closure of facilities such as the recycling Centre.

It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the City Council expressing concern at the potential closure of the Brunswick Recycling Centre and suggest that consideration be given to seeking a contribution to running costs from neighbouring local authorities.

- **Stone bus shelters** – the Parish Council was advised of issues relating to the use of the bus shelters had been raised at a recent Cycle Stakeholders meeting. Issues included the interaction between pedestrians and cyclists and the question of the need for a window in the shelters. Members advised that a window already existed in both shelters and that in other locations cyclists passed the front of the bus shelter without mishap.

The Chairman commented on the Newcastle Fit for Cycling Bid document in which it suggested that such cycle routes were intended to encourage new cyclists, children and families to cycle and that experienced cyclists would find off road routes unsuitable.

52. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Members noted the response from North Tyneside Council regarding the crossing proposed for the A189 salter's Lane Improvement scheme. The response identified several purposes, including provision for passengers coming from Newcastle and needing to access the Business Park.
- The unusual paint marking on the Bridle Path were the work of runners, who appeared to be leaving a trail for others to follow.
- Robertson were to undertake work to the bench seats on Lincoln Green.
- Dog walkers had been spoken to regarding dog fouling on village greens and it was hoped that the message would be passed on within the dog walking community.
- The road markings at the shops had now been done.
- With regard to the 46 Bus Service, it was reported that the 7.46 am service would be a larger bus Monday to Friday from January and would also service Brunton Park.
- It was confirmed that the Survey undertaken in Brunton and Melton Parks was of the Parish Council and had been funded in kind by donation or gift. The results had been analysed and based on the views of residents, a letter from the Parish Council sent to the City Council and others. Responses had been received from ward councillors and lord Shipley
- Members noted action taken by a member as an individual resident to prompt the City Council to reinstate the bulbs on the great North Road, disturbed by the cycle scheme. The bulbs would be assessed in Spring and gaps identified for new planting to be undertaken in the autumn.
- Members understood that the tree stumps on Great North Road were to have been ground out, however they were to be left in their current state for the immediate future.

54. Great North Road Stone Bus Shelters

Members noted that the Legal agreement was now in place. Members agreed to give consideration to planned maintenance and other issues in the new year. The new paving within and surrounding the shelters was appreciated.

55. Tree Maintenance

The Clerk updated members on the delay in undertaking tree work in Chapel Close as a result of misguided advice given to the contractor by the City Council. The matter had been resolved and the work would be undertaken soon.

56. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

	£
• HMRC (October)	80.00
• Clerk (SO) (October)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	453.10
• Robertson (bench work)	340.00
• St Aidan's Church (Christmas tree)	50.00

57. Planning Matters

Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.

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| 2018/1389/01/TRE | Northern Football Club: T1 Poplar to be felled and T2 lime to be dismantled leaving bole at height of 6m as a habitat pole. | No objection |
| 58. 2018/1404/01/DET | Newcastle Race Course: Change of use to former tea room to ancillary accommodation. | No objection |
| 2018/1391/01/DET | Newcastle Race Course: Erection of block 8 garages with associated hard standing works and six parking spaces for visitors in North Garden. | No objection |
| 2018/1407/01/DET | 25 Waterbury Road, Brunton Park: Erection of first floor extension over existing garage to side, single storey extension to rear and porch to front. | No objection |
| 2018/1422/01/DET | 5 Great North Road; Erection of single storey extension to rear. | No objection |
| 2018/1434/01/TRE | Land to north east of 120 Walkworth Woods; Various tree works. | No objection |
| 2018/1439/01/TRE | The Lodge, Gosforth Steadings, Sandy Lane: 1x sycamore to fell. | No objection |

2018/1444/01/DET Newcastle Race Course: **No objection**
Various changes to hard landscaping to plots 1-6 South Garden, retrospective alterations to South Garden plot 1 house comprising porch extension and new personnel doors to garage, sun tubes to upper floor construction of additional buttressing to the enclosed walls of both North and South gardens.

59. Other Issues

- Concern expressed over delays to bus services.
- SSE ad again inspected lights to signs at Netherwitten.
- A garden in Princes road adjacent to Manor House was in a bad state.
- The Notice Board was to be looked at to resolve the lock problem.
- Ward councillors had offered a joint meeting with City Council officers regarding the Great North Road Cycle scheme. Members agreed to accept the invitation. The Chairman to respond.

60. Date of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting was Wednesday planned for 19 December. However, due to the close proximity to the Christmas break, it was agreed to bring forward the December meeting to 12 December 2018 at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.

