

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on
Wednesday 20 April 2022

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)
Councillors: Duell, Loftus and Robinson.

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

123. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Cooke, Farrell, Henning, Mears and Philipson.

124. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 March 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

125. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- It was noted that the new and replacement trees were to be planted as soon as possible
- The grass had not been cut at Greenfield Road and the hedge required work to lower the height
- A litter picker had been provided for a volunteer. Employees from Sage were giving their time to litter pick as part of the Company's community initiative.
- The 46 bus service had commenced a change to its route once per hour.
- The NCC Chief Executive visit arranged for the June meeting was now changed to the September meeting.
- The adoption of highways on Melbury was getting closer.
- The manhole cover on Great North Road had been fixed.
- Polling arrangements for North Gosforth Park estate was to be reviewed after the May elections. Resurfacing had been delayed by the developer and as such adoption of the highway would also be put back.
- There was nothing to report regarding the Scout Hut lease.

126. Trees and Planting update

Councillor Duell gave an update indicating that Tree work in Melton Park was to be carried out the following day.

127. Police Matters

Members noted that an incident involving a cyclist had taken up a significant amount of police personnel and time.

128. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received

129. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments,

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42

130. Planning Matters

13 Greenfield Road: Erection of first floor extension to rear. No objection
29 Polwarth Drive: Erection of single storey extension to rear. No objection

131. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted changes to bus services 46 and 46A.
- It was agreed to provide a plaque for one of the new trees to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- Members noted the proposal from former councillor John Gray's wife to provide a bench seat in his memory and locate it on Chapel Close.
- Concern was expressed over the long time scaffolding had been in place at the Eye Clinic, 99 Great North Road. The Clerk undertook to write seeking an end date to the works.
- It was agreed that councillor Loftus to an Administrator for the website.
- Members commented on the increase in dog mess left on the streets.
- A request for funding for the school crossing person at Broadway East was noted and it was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting.
- Members noted the inappropriate use of the Church path by vehicles delivering equipment to the Community Centre.
- While youths had accessed the defibrillator cabinet, no damage had been done.
- Councillor Loftus undertook to repaint the Great North Road bus shelters.
- Members received a request for funding for a Queen's Jubilee event being promoted jointly by the Church and Scout Group. Members agreed that further information was required before a decision could be made.

132. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18 May 2022

