

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on Zoom
on Wednesday 20 January 2021

Present: Councillor Agnew (chair)
Councillors: Duell, Gray, Hay, Loftus, Mears, Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

127. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Cooke and Henning.

128 Issues raised by members of the public

- There were no issues raised

129. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record, subject to the amendment of minute 126 regarding date of the next meeting and agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when appropriate.

130. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

131. Scout Hut lease

No progress had been made since the previous meeting.

132. Trees update

Pruning of trees had been completed, two trees had been removed and stumps ground out. The replacement trees would be planted at an appropriate time.

The seat for the Green was being sourced and would be located facing the Green. The Chair confirmed he had the fixings for the seat.

133. Race Course Events

The Chair informed members of a cancelled meeting with the City Council and ward members, to discuss issues arising from the concerts held last summer/autumn. He also raised concerns about the quality of the City Council documents and guidance available for large scale events.

134. Correspondence

A letter of thanks had been received from the Church for the financial support for the Christmas Tree

135. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments,

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

136. Planning Applications

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| 2020/1750/01/DET | 13 Melrose Close | Erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory | No objection |
| 2020/1579/01/DET | 88 Featherstone Grove | Removal of lantern and new roof to create terrace with glass balustrade to rear extension, dormer windows to rear, alterations to elevations by way of Juliet balcony and new doors to front and rear | Concern at privacy for neighbouring adjacent properties |
| 2020/1777/01/DET | 23 Queensway | Erection of a single storey extension to rear | No objection |
| 2020/1797/01/DET | 13 Queensway | Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear following the demolition of the existing garage and rear extension, decking and balustrade to rear, alterations and roof lights to side | No objection |
| 2020/1761/01/TRE | Blackwood Plantation | TPO application: Oak and Ash – pruning of branches overhanging neighbouring gardens and balance crown to keep shape | No objection |
| 2020/1792/01/DET | 1 Great North Road | Erection of a single storey extension to rear and a first floor extension over existing garage to side with new hipped roof | No Objection |

137. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted the new contact for the Great Park Consortium
- Concern was expressed regarding the accumulation of business rubbish on the footpath outside Coppers. Members were if the view that those items should be put out at the rear of the property.
- Oil had been seen in the SUD which feeds into the Letch.
- Safety measures were in place for the Community Centre used as a polling station, should the 6 May election go ahead.
- It was noted that small tree saplings had been removed from Queens Court.

- Concern was again expressed regarding speeding on north bound GNR and the lack of signage.
- Concern expressed regarding potholes at Brunton Lane/GNR
- Members noted that a cyclist had been knocked over, proving the cycle route was not safe.
- Concern expressed regarding the instances of dog dirt on footpaths.

138. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17 February 2021 via Zoom