

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on
Wednesday 16 June 2021

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Gray, Mears, Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

Cllr Ashby - Newcastle City Council

26. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillor Henning.

27. Val Hay

Members marked the passing of Val with a minute's silence. Members paid tribute to her dedication to the role of Parish Councillor which she undertook for over 30 years. Val was a unique and special Lady, humble in life, with a wicked sense of humour and who was a mine of information.

It was agreed that consideration be given to providing a tree, bench or some other appropriate lasting memorial.

28. Issues raised by members of the public

- There were no issues raised

29. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The Mast application had been withdrawn.
- Anti-Virus stickers on signs around Melton and Brunton Park had been removed by the Chairman.
- Maintenance of footpaths was a continuing problem and it was suggested that a site visit with City Council officers may be of benefit.
- Members considered a complaint received regarding the canvassing of support for the Mast petition.

31. Environmental Sub Group

The Chairman suggested that a sub-group be set up to liaise with community volunteers and recognise their invaluable work in the community.

It was agreed to obtain contact details of those recognised volunteers and use the Website Sub Group to progress this proposal.

32. Parish Council forum

Members supported the Chairman's proposal to set up a Forum of all City Parish Councils to discuss issues of common interest and concern.

33. School Crossing Patrol

Members agreed to continue financial support to the School Crossing Patrol to the value of £300

34. Police Matters

Members discussed the ongoing problem of excessive speeds of vehicles. The Chairman agreed to seek information about the use of Speed Watch in the area.

35. Correspondence

Request for the Parish Council to object to the proposed housing development in North Tyneside adjacent to Gosforth Park Nature Reserve. Members agreed to oppose the proposal.

36. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments,

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

37. Planning Applications

2021/0396/02/NMA	30 Grenville Drive	Non Material Amendments	Noted
2020/1132/02/DCC	Gosforth Bohemians Sport Club	Submission of details of bat boxes	Noted
2021/1231/01/LDC	39 Polwarth Road	Lawful cert. for proposed hip to gable extension	Noted
2021/1210/01/DET	28 Polwarth Road	Erection of two storey extension	No objection
2021/1170/01/DET	6 Princes Road	Erection of single storey extension to side	No objection
2020/2070/01/DET	1 Juniper Close	Raising roof ridge level	No objection
2021/1105/01/DET	41 Greenfield Road	Erection of single storey extension to rear	No objection
2021/0953/01/DET	7 Brackenpeth Mews	Erection of garage extension to front with first floor bedrooms and single storey extension to rear	No objection

2021/1035/01/DET	4 The Fairway	Erection of single storey to side and rear	No objection
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38. Matters raised by Members

- Members were concerned regarding reports of anti-social behaviour in Walkworth woods.
- Grass cutting on Greenfield Road had been hampered by three number of vans parked there.
- Proposed relocation of litter bins was discussed.
- The fence adjacent to the western By-pass had not yet been replaced.
- Concern was expressed over the poor quality of re-instatement of footpaths in Melton Park.
- The gully on the exit road from Melton Park was in need of repair.
- The two lost silver birch trees were to be replaced in the autumn.
- The Brunton Park notice board was in need of refurbishment.
- Concern was expressed regarding the condition of Polworth Drive
- There were positive signs of Melbury being adopted.
- The hedge on Walkworth Woods was in need of cutting back.
- The bus shelters were to be inspected for any necessary maintenance.

39. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18 September 2021.

