

## North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 15 January 2020

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

### 69. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Henning.

### 70. Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings were approved as a correct record

- 20 November 2019 – subject to Brunton Bridge being amended to Salters Bridge (minute 59)
- 18 December 2019

### 71. Matters arising from the previous meetings

- Members noted the flooding of the cycle track, a likely design fault.
- There was confirmation that the waste bin on greenfield Road was on city Council land.
- The invoice for tree work had not yet been received.
- Members noted the value of the fines collected by the City Council for violations of the traffic cameras in the area, suggesting the income be spent for the benefit of the local community.
- A visit to the scout hut on Gilwell Way was arranged for the following Tuesday.
- The car still parked on Lincoln Green was not taxed.

### 72. Police Matters

Members noted that new shift patterns would make it more difficult for officers to attend meetings of the Parish Council.

### 73. Bus Shelters

A local resident had asked the Parish Council to consider glazing the windows in the bus shelters to protect those using them from inclement weather. Members were of the opinion that glazing, even with plastic, would result in vandalism. It was agreed to consider the request again later in the year when the annual inspection of the bus shelters was undertaken.

### 74. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved –

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

## **75. Planning Matters**

There were no items to consider.

## **76. Other Issues**

- Members noted new tree planting on Great North Road and were concerned the necessary ongoing maintenance and watering may not be provided to support the new trees.
- It was noted that Arriva buses were now providing TV screens at the front of the bus to display travel information. Members doubted the ability to provide screens in all buses given the age of some vehicles. Members also noted York city Council was to encourage bus providers in the city to upgrade their fleets to be environmentally friendly.
- Cars parked outside houses were causing problems for motorists, it was suggested that car owners be encouraged to make better use of their driveways.
- The Community Centre was considering a change to the entry system with a card entry replacing the existing key box.
- A lamppost on Brunton Lane opposite Walkworth woods had been hit. Repairs had not yet been made.
- Dog mess was getting worse, with many dog walkers not picking up after their dogs.
- The drains on Great North Road had recently been cleared and fallen leaves on the central reservation removed. Members noted that while the City Council had a programme of leaf clearing, no-one seemed to be aware of what it was.
- The railing at the top of the Service road had not yet been repaired.
- While pavements in the area had recently been inspected there was no obvious action taken following the inspection.
- The road markings had not been replaced following the completion of work at the entrance to Brunton Park.
- It was agreed that the three lost trees be replaced but that careful consideration be given to location and tree type.
- New soil had been provided in readiness for re-seeding – Great North road.
- The “local Shops” sign had disappeared and needed replacing.
- The draft report on litter bins was circulated and comments were to be given to the Chairman.
- Concern was expressed regarding the upkeep of the Parish Council website. The Clerk undertook to see if improvements could be made and look at alternatives.

### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.00pm