

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 17 May 2023

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)
Councillors Duell, Farrell, Henning, Loftus and Mears.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk
P Allen - City Councillor
1 resident

1. Apology for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Report of the Parish Council

The Chair presented the report outlining the activities of the Parish Council over the previous year. The Report was formally received

3. Public Participation

On behalf of a resident unable to attend, Councillor Allen raised a request for glass or Perspex to be inserted in the windows of the bus shelters. Members declined the request stating that previous attempts to provide windows had been vandalised.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

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P Jacques - GSL, Brunton Park Scout Group
1 resident

1. Apology for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Appointment of Chair

Resolved: Councillor Agnew be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved: Councillor Henning be appointed Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year

4. Issues raised by members of the public

There were no issues raised

5. Scout Group

Peter Jacques was present to provide the annual report to the Parish Council of Scout Group by way of payment of the peppercorn rent. Members noted membership was strong and the Group and currently had 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 1 Scout Troop plus Young Leaders. The ongoing issue was the availability of adult volunteers to work with the young people. Use of the building by other Groups/Organisations brought in a small income but provided a valuable set of activities for the wider local community.

6. Ward Councillor Update

Councillor Allen gave a brief update on the ward meeting with police, advising of a new Inspector – Inspector Wood, the work being done to combat illegal motorcycles and a reminder to lock cars when left unattended.

Members commented on the hazard on Great North road adjacent to Asda, where the vehicle lanes were particularly narrow due to the cycle lane.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

7. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- Members noted that Robertson were short staffed and therefore not providing grounds maintenance as previously done. It was also noted that the cost of the contract had increased by 12%.
- Members noted that there were no current planning applications for new telecoms masts and it was agreed that members should remain vigilant in terms of seeing notices regarding new applications.

9. Financial Matters

- Members approved the following payments

	£
NALC	1,000.29
Room Hire	21.00
Insurance	1,209.81

- Members approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/2023

10. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

11. Planning Matters

The Parish Council was consulted on the following issues.

2023/0777/01/HOU	11 Polwarth Road: Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	No objection
2023/0775/01/HOU	22 Greenriggs Avenue: Erection of a porch to front and a single storey extension to side and rear.	No objection
2023/0633/01/HOU	12 Waterbury Road: Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear	No objection
2023/0606/01/TPO	The Farmhouse, sandy Lane: Works to protect trees	No objection

12. Police Matters

There were no issues raised.

13. Issues raised by Parish Councillors

- The wall fallen over the footpath in Warkworth Woods was still a hazard. Councillor Allen undertook to see what could be done.
- It was reported that Coppers had been sold and was to be a Premier shop.
- Resurfacing of B1318 Great North Road was to commence 5 June.
- Posts on the Brunton Park roundabout were corroded.
- The Cold-calling sign at the entrance to the state had been moved and needed moving back, and new stickers were also required.
- It was suggested that a sign be placed on the Melton Park planting tubs to recognise the work of the local resident maintaining them.
- It was agreed that councillor Mears represent the Parish Council on the Chapel Close committee

