

# North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 19 January 2022

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Farrell, Loftus, Mears and Robinson.

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk  
Cllr Ashby - Newcastle City Council  
1 Resident

## 86. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Gray, Henning and Philipson

## 87. Issues raised by members of the public

A Resident was present to seek support from the Parish Council to oppose the proposed development at land south of Rotary Way. The Chair reported a discussion with residents of The Fold regarding this matter and had prepared a letter of objection based on over development of the site, adverse impact on neighbouring properties, insufficient assessment of the environmental impact and ad hoc and inconsistent development not in keeping with the City Council's adopted Development Plan. Members agreed that the objection as set out in the letter be submitted.

## 88. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 December 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 89. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The Brakenside sign needed updating.
- The abandoned car had now been removed.
- With regard to the Scout Hut Lease, members of the Group were considering the proposed amendments to the lease prior to meeting with Parish Council representatives.
- The Defibrillator was now installed and registered with the Ambulance Service. Signs and posters were to be provided for the notice board and local shops.
- The footpath to the Ouseburn was to be closed for 3 months while drainage work to the A1 improvements were carried out.

## 90. Trees and Planting update

Members were advised that the invoice for the emergency tree work had now been received at £618.00. A further tree had come down without causing damage and Olivers had dealt with that promptly. The hole was to be filled with top soil. It was agreed that a further tree on Lincoln Green be removed as it was showing signs of failure. The replacement trees to be those with

blossom. Given the Queen's Jubilee year, it was agreed that an appropriate plaque be provide for the replacement trees.

**91. Community Champions**

Following on from the proposal discussed at the last meeting, a notice for the website and notice boards had been produced. Councillor Mears had agreed to be the point of contact for this scheme.

**92. Police Matters**

The Chair had been contacted by Speed-watch as it was being set up again. He also indicated that the view of the Police was that repeater signs could be provided on the Great North Road, contrary to City Council opinion

**93. Correspondence**

93. There was no correspondence.

**94. Financial Matters**

Members also approved the following payments,

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42
• Robertson - Tree works	618.00

**95. Planning Applications**

2021/2455/01/HOU	77 Netherwitton Way	Erection of single storey extension and garage conversion to rear.	No objection
2021/2450/01/LDC	36 Netherwitton Way	Erection of porch to front	No objection
2021/2370/01/HOU	29 South Ridge	Erection of single storey extension to rear and alterations to elevations.	No objection
2021/2350/01/DET	56 Clayworth Road	Erection of part two storey extension and first floor extension over existing garage to side, porch extension to front, construction of hardstanding across front garden and alterations to elevations	No objection
2021/2330/01/HOU	9 Beverley Close	Erection of two storey extension to side and rear, single storey porch extension to front, single storey extension to rear with new rooflight and alterations to elevations	No objection

2021/2324/01/HOU	2 Layfield Road	Erection of single storey extension to rear, first floor extension over garage to side	No objection
2021/2146/01/DET	Land South of Rotary Way	Two drive-through units and a fuel filling station, incorporated ancillary retail and associated access, parking and landscaping	Objection as set out earlier in this meeting

### **Matters raised by Members**

- Members noted that a person continued to place dangerous items on the curb corner of the entrance to Melton Park.
- It was believed that the speed cameras were not currently working.
- The hole in the road adjacent to the Three Mile Hotel previously reported, was getting worse.
- It was suggested that the site on the corner of Melbury was owned by Tourney Wilde. The City Council may also be interested in tree planting on that site.
- The damaged trees on Great North Road needed removing and replacing.
- Openreach were still on The Great Park
- Landscaping on the Great Park was currently being undertaken.
- The large articulated waggon parked outside the Health Centre was to be reported to the police, given the inappropriate parking location.
- Members considered a further tree survey given the damage to trees in the recent high winds. It was agreed to seek advice from Robertson.
- As the signs on Brunton Lane Bridge were currently down, members felt it unfair if motorists were still being fined.
- Councillor Ashby undertook to contact McDonalds regarding the increasing amount of litter.
- The glass wall of the bus shelter on Brunton Lane had been smashed.
- There were dangerous potholes on B1318 adjacent to 91/93 Great North Road.
- The litter bins in the Great Park were not being emptied and therefore becoming smelly.
- The chair had been consulted on the proposal to close the cycleway on Grey Street in the City Centre. Members agreed that it should be maintained.
- Work to Gosforth High Street to improve traffic flow was to commence the following day.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 16 February 2022

