

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 18 May 2022

Present: Councillors Duell, Farrell, Mears, and Robinson

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

1. Apology for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Agnew, Cooke, Henning and Loftus.

2. Chair

In the absence of the Chair and vice Chair, Councillor Mears was appointed Chair for this meeting.

3. Report of the Parish Council

The report outlining the activities of the Parish Council over the previous year, prepared by the Chair, councillor Agnew was received.
The Report was formally received

Public Participation

There were no issues raised

3. The meeting closed at 7.15pm

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P Jacques - GSL, Brunton Park Scout Group

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2. Appointment of Chair

Given councillor Agnew had indicated he was happy to receive a nomination it was-

- Resolved:** (a) Councillor Mears take the chair for this meeting, and
(b) Councillor Agnew be appointed Chair of the Parish

Council for the ensuing Municipal Year

3. **Appointment of Vice Chair**

It was agreed to consider this appointment at the next meeting.

4. **Councillor Phillipson**

It was with sadness that members received the resignation of councillor Phillipson, brought about by ill health.

5. **Issues raised by members of the public**

There were no issues raised

6. **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 had adapted its activities to cater for pandemic restrictions. Currently the Group had 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 1 Scout Troop. The building had been renovated during the pandemic and was in "good health". The ongoing issue was the availability of adult volunteers to work with the young people.

7. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8. **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting not already on the agenda for this meeting.

9. **Queens Platinum Jubilee events**

- Members noted a request from residents of Melton Park, to hold a family picnic on the green in front of the crescent of shops. It was agreed that this event could use the Green on the understanding that all responsibility and liability for the use of the land was with the organisers and not with the Parish Council.
- A request for grant aid to contribute to the Jubilee event in Brunton Park being run jointly by the Church and the Scout Group was considered, and it was agreed that a grant of £300 be made on the understanding that the Parish Council had no liability for activities held during the event.

10. **Broadway East School Crossing**

A request for grant aid towards the continued funding of the school crossing at Broadway East school was received and members agreed to a grant of £250

11. Financial Matters

(a) Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved -

Robertson (SO)	£464.42
Clerk (SO)	£320.00
HMRC	£80.00
Hall Hire	£18.60
CI Accountancy	£216.00
Emergency Tree Work	£780

12. Correspondence

There was no other correspondence received.

13. Planning Matters

The Parish Council was consulted on the following issues.

2022/0699/01/HOU	3 Beverley Close: Erection of first storey extension to side above existing garage, two storey and single storey extension to rear, porch and single storey garage extension to front.	No objection
2022/0676/01/HOU	3 Chapel Close: erection of porch to front to include canopy over garage	No objection

14. Issues raised by Parish Councillors

- It was noted that the City Council had not collected the election equipment since the May elections.
- The Community Centre had suffered a gas leak that was costly to resolve.
- There had been problems with ad hoc events at the Community Centre.
- Members noted a incident of theft of a bag from a bus.
- Stickers had been added over the bus timetables on the bus stop.
- The memorial bench seat for John Gray was to be sited on Lincoln Green rather than Chapel Close as previously reported.
- Members noted the poor performance of grounds maintenance contractor Robertson and agreed to monitor the situation over the coming months.

