

# North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 18 September 2021

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Gray, Henning, Loftus, Mears, Philipson and  
Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk  
Cllr Morrissey - Newcastle City Council  
Miss Stansfield  
Mrs Farrell

## 53. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

## 54. Issues raised by members of the public

There were no issues raised

## 55. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 September 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the inclusion of an apology for absence from councillor Loftus.

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

- The bus shelters had been inspected and a quotation received from Classic Masonry for £2,680.00 for work to both shelters. Members considered the urgency of the work to provide safe shelters and it was agreed to accept the quotation to facilitate the work being carried out as soon as possible.
- The refurbishment of the Brunton Park and Melton Park notice boards had been completed and looked good.
- NALC had offered to facilitate a Parish Council Forum for City based Parishes. Members agreed to join this Forum rather than set up an alternative as previously suggested. It was suggested that the new Chief Executive at Newcastle City Council be invited to one of the Forum meetings

## 57. Val Hay Memorial Bench Seat

The bench seat had been ordered and the base installed. Donations had been received from the Community Centre and councillor Philipson. Members noted the offer from the Dean of Newcastle, formerly the curate at St Aidan's, to dedicate the seat at a date to be arranged.

## 58. Vacancy for role of Parish Councillor

The Clerk advised members that two expressions of interest had been received and both were present. The Chair thanked them for their interest in the work of the Parish Council. It was agreed that members defer this item

until later on the agenda and consider it in closed session given the personal details contained in the submissions.

**59. Police Matters**

Members noted that the Police were not attending meetings in the way they used to prior to lockdown. The Chair undertook to write to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner requesting attendance at meetings of the Parish Council.

**60. Correspondence**

A request for support for new street lighting in an area of Parklands Ward not in the Parish Council area had been received. Councillor Morrissey undertook to make contact as a ward councillor.

**61. Financial Matters**

Members approved the following payments,

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42
• Bench seat base	340.00
• Chic Teak (Bench Seat)	794.00
• Hooper Signs (notice boards)	882.00
• Hall hire July & September	12.40

**62. Planning Applications**

In respect of 2021/1855/01/HOU, councillor Gray declared an interest in this item and left the meeting, taking no part in the discussion or decision.

2021/1885/01/HOU	69 The Fairway	Erection of first floor extension to side, single storey extension to rear and alterations to elevations	No objection
2021/1855/01/HOU	34 Glamis Avenue	Erection of single storey extension to west side, single storey extension to side and rear and extension of detached garden room to rear (amended description)	Object on basis of over development

**63. Matters raised by Members**

- Members noted the hedge on Greenfield Road and Brunton Bridge was in need of cutting back.

- It was agreed that the owner of the billboard chained to the leg of the Parish Council noticeboard, Melton Park be requested to remove it.
- Members were advised that Robertson were experiencing staff recruitment and retention difficulties and there would be a delay in certain works being carried out.
- The Community Centre was now fully open after the lessening of Covid restrictions.
- Members questioned the operational status of the speed camera on Grange Estate.
- Councillor Morrissey undertook to seek a resolution to the abandoned vehicle on Polworth Road.
- Road surface works were continuing on Melbury.
- Members expressed concern at the state of the footpaths following Virgin Media works.
- Members noted the new mast at Three Mile and questioned whether that was the replacement for the one proposed for Brunton Park.
- The Chair asked members to take responsibility for various aspects of the work of the Parish Council and the following were agreed –
 

Walkworth Woods / Melbury	Cllr Robinson
Melton Park	Cllr Mears
Brunton Park	Cllr Cooke
Footpaths/Roads	Cllr Gray
Planning Applications	Cllr Henning
Local Environment	Cllrs Mears/Duell
Traffic Speeds	Cllr Agnew
Noise	Cllr Agnew
Notice Boards	Cllrs Duell/Mears/Robinson
Bus Shelters	Cllr Loftus
Community Centre/Church	Cllr Duell

**64. Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members resolved to exclude Press and Public for consideration of the following item on grounds of Personal Information –

**65. Vacancy for role of Parish Councillor**

Members discussed the merits of the two excellent submissions received by the deadline and after full consideration it was agreed to invite Mrs Farrell to be co-opted to the Parish Council for the remainder of the term of office.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 17 November 2021.