

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on Zoom
on Wednesday 21 October 2020

Present: Councillor Agnew (chair)
Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Gray, Hay, Loftus Mears
Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Ashby - Newcastle City Council

92. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Henning.

93. Issues raised by members of the public

- Concerns about the completion of the cycleway to the north and into North Tyneside were addressed by councillor Ashby, who indicated that the pandemic was responsible for the delays.
- A Member reported communication with residents concerned about the concerts held at the Race Course during the summer and early autumn. It was noted that the City Council had acknowledged that they had been a success and that more were planned for next year. It was suggested that the authorised decibel level was too high given the proximity to residential areas.
- Members noted the planning application submitted for development on Heathery Lane and agreed to consider this under Planning Matters
- Members were informed of the availability of funding for tree planting from Persimmon Homes. The Chairman referred to the tragic incident at a local school and understood the City Council inspected trees in the city on a biannual basis. He suggested information from those surveys relating to trees in the Parish Council area would be useful.

94. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 30 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when appropriate.

95. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- A survey of street lighting on Melbury had been submitted to the consortium and members asked that the ward councillors follow this up and press the Consortium/Persimmon for action to repair the inoperative lights.

96. Administrative matters

The Clerk reported on membership costs for NALC of £979.37 and website maintenance costs of £75 per annum. While the membership fees were more than expected, members agreed that the benefits of membership justified the cost. The Clerk undertook to progress joining NALC and developing a

website with NALC. It was agreed that an editorial sub group be appointed to set up the new website, comprising the Chairman and councillors Loftus and Mears.

The Clerk also advised that a Zoom licence had been acquired, shared with the clerks other Parish Councils, resulting in the apportioned cost being £40.

97. Trees

Members were advised that the tree inspection by Robertson/Olivers had taken place the previous Monday and had looked at all trees within the Parish Council area, including the new trees.

98. Police Matters

Members commented on the lack of contact with the Police in recent months. It was also noted that the Speed watch scheme had come to a halt.

99. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments, including the zoom licence

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42
• Zoom licence	40.00

100. Planning Applications

2020/1514/01/NPA	69 Great North Road	Erection of single storey extension to rear	No Objection
2020/1340/01/DET	Site adjoining 2 Heathery Lane cottages	Erection of dwelling House	Object on grounds of intrusion into green belt; close proximity to nature reserve; land liable to flooding and outside of core strategy.
2020/1475/01/DET	Lake Lodge Salters Lane	Erection of classroom and toilets following demolition of garages and adjoining storage area	Change of use No objection
2020/1284/01/LDC	28 Halton way	LDC for proposed single storey extension to rear	For information
2020/1319/01/LDC	54 Netherwitton Way	LDC for proposed dormer extension to rear	For information
2020/1437/01/DET	24 Park Drive	Erection of 2 storey garage, bathroom and dressing room extension to side following demolition of existing garage	No Objection

2020/1454/01/DET	61 The Fairway	Erection of first floor extension to side over existing garage and alteration to elevations	No objection
2020/1412/01/ADV	McDonalds High Gosforth Park, Rotary Way	Display of 3 internally illuminated menu boards and 1 booth screen	No objection

101. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted that the community centre was now Covid-secure for the few users still able to use it.
- Members agreed to contribute £50 towards the Christmas Tree adjacent to the church.
- An incident involving a van driver and a child had recently taken place and parents were being made aware.
- The cycleway on the Great North Road was in need of clearing litter and leaves.
- The hedge on Greenfield Road/ Brunton Lane was in need of cutting back.
- The 30mph and Local Shops signs needed replacing on the entrance to Brunton Park.
- Following the tragic death of the school girl recently, over £70,000 had been raised in aid of the Air Ambulance. The Bridle Way Golf Club had also raised £2,000 for the same charity.
- Members noted residents were seeking a planter to be located at greenfield Road/South Bend.
- It was suggested that a memorial plaque be attached to one of the bench seats either adjacent to the Community Centre of the play area, Lincoln Green.
- Members were advised that the Gosforth Remembrance service would now be on-line, as would the city centre event.

102. Date of next meetings

Wednesday 18 November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom