

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on Zoom
on Wednesday 18 November 2020

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

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

103. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

104. Issues raised by members of the public

- Mr Urquhart dialled into the meeting to raise his concern regarding the lack of site notice in respect of the planning application relating to Heathery Lane. He advised members that the notice posted on site had not always been there resulting in members of the public potentially unaware of the application and the consultation period. Members confirm the Parish Council had been consulted on the application and responded following the previous meeting. It was agreed that the question of site notices not being present for the required period of time, be raised with the City Council as planning authority.

105. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record subject to minute 101 being amended to read Bridle Path rather than Bridle Way; and agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when appropriate.

106. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- There were not matters arising from the previous minutes that were not on the agenda for this meeting.

107. Administrative matters

The Clerk updated members on discussions with NALC regarding annual membership fees and website provision. It was reported that the membership fee had been reduced to a pro-rata figure of £408.07 for part year membership. Members agreed to proceed with membership and website accordingly.

108. Tree Survey

Member noted that the survey of all trees for which the Parish Council was responsible had been undertaken and the full report and costings had been circulated to members. Members commented on possible additional tree work that might be required going forward and appointed councillor Duell as Tree Officer to co-ordinate tree work with Robertson and Olivers. It was

agreed that the works identified in the survey be authorised to be undertaken as soon as possible.

109. Christmas Trees

Members were reminded of an agreement made earlier in the year to offer to pay for a tree to be planted in Melbury for the benefit of residents in that area. It was reported that unfortunately, the Consortium had declined the offer and that therefore residents would not be able to enjoy a Christmas tree as previously requested and agreed.

Members also agreed to contribute £50 towards the provision of a Christmas Tree for Brunton Park in partnership with the Community Centre and St Aidan's Church.

110. Police Matters

The following issues were raised and noted accordingly:

- Reports of a driver of a van inappropriately targeting children near the school
- Some bikes stolen during the summer had been found and were available via the police facebook page.
- Speed watch activity was continuing, however volunteers would not be used during the pandemic.
- Members were concerned at the lack of 30 mph signs not the Great North Road following the recent works there.
- Reports of youth disorder in the Featherstone Grove area were noted.

111. Correspondence

The Clerk reported receiving notice of a Muddy Dog Challenge charity event based at Gosforth Park Racecourse.

112. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments, including the zoom licence

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42
• Christmas Tree	50.00
• NALC fees and Website	483.07

113. Planning Applications

2020/1569/01/LDC	27 Milford Gardens	Erection of single storey extension to rear	Noted
2020/1636/01/LDC	40 Newlands Avenue	Single storey extension to side and rear, new roof to rear extension and alterations to elevations	Noted

2020/1476/01/DET	1 Juniper Close	Erection of first floor extension over existing garage to side, new roof over porch to front and alterations to elevations	No objection
2020/1608/01/TRE	18 Celandine Close	Works to protected trees	No objection
2020/1568/01/DET	22 Glamis Avenue	Installation of timber palisade fence to side	No objection
2020/1478/01/DET	5 Melrose Close	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear and first floor bathroom extension to rear	No Objection

114. **Matters raised by Members**

- Members further discussed the concerts held at the Racecourse during the summer and early autumn. Councillor Allen advised that ward councillors had requested copies of the review report from those concerts and also the license issued to the Racecourse for such events. The Chairman asked to see both documents when available.
- Members commented on a sign in a driveway on Polworth Road that appeared to be an advertisement and questioned the need for planning permission.
- It was reported that the community centre had passed it's 5 year electrical test without problem, the nursery was still using the premises and the tree to the rear of the building was to be trimmed.
- Repairs to street lights on the great Park had commenced.
- Members noted a publicised meeting with the MP in the Great Park without mention of the area within the Parish Council boundary. There was concern that the roads had still not been adopted and that the bus gate was a barrier to residents.
- The speed of northbound traffic on the Great North Road was a continuing problem.
- Work to the My Clinic building were to be complete early in the new year.
- Leaves on the cycleway and footpaths on Great North Road were causing a hazard.
- There was cstill no sign to local shops.
- The trees on Queens Court had now been taken out.
- The planters had been planted with new bedding plants.
- 3 lorries had been parked outside a property on Princess Road undertaking paving work.
- No planning application consultation had been received regarding a large extension to a house on the Fairway.
- The Chairman had some suggested changes to the scout hut lease which was nearing its renewal date. It was greed that this be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

115. **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 16 December 2020 via Zoom

