

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on Zoom
on Wednesday 30 September 2020

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

84. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Loftus.

85. Issues raised by members of the public

The Clerk reported communication with a resident concerned about the concerts held at the Race Course. Members acknowledged the concern and noted they had not been consulted regarding the events held. It was agreed that they would raise the matter with the city Council prior to further events being held.

86. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when appropriate.

87. Administrative matters

The Clerk reminded members that they no longer benefitted from membership of NALC and that during the pandemic NALC had been the source of significance advice and guidance to Clerks of Parish Councils. It was noted that NALC also hosted websites for member Parish Councils.

Members were of the opinion that membership of NALC should be reconsidered and that the Clerk obtain more details regarding membership and website provision.

88. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments, noting that the invoice for the emergency tree works would be soon be received amounting to £345.60 and it was agreed that should also be authorised

	£
• HMRC	80.00
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42

89. Planning Applications

Members noted the list of planning applications submitted during lockdown. The objection to the planning application for lighting at the Bohemians Sport ground had been sent to the City Council.

90. Matters raised by Members

- Members were concerned about the safety of trees within the Parish area following the very sad event at the school. It was agreed that Robertson/Olivers be approached to undertake a tree survey of all trees which the Parish Council and Scout Group were responsible for and to act on the results of that survey appropriately as a matter of urgency.
- It was noted that the No.46 bus service was currently reduced to carrying only 17 passengers due to covid-19 restrictions
- Information was provided to residents of Melbury regarding advice on crime prevention, traffic speeds, adoption of highway and a survey of street lights not working.
- Members noted that the bench seat had been renovated and returned to the Green.
- Reference was made to the offer by Parklands ward City Councillors to include a Parish Council page on their Focus newsletter. Members agreed to decline the offer.
- It was suggested that the cycle lane should be extended to Brunton Lane/Sandy Lane
- A plan was now in place for the the planters. Work to be undertaken by Robertson.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom