

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 19 February 2020

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Ashby - NCC

70. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillors Agnew and Mears.

71. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

72. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- Regarding the proposed re-location of waste bin on Greenfield Road a speedy reply had been requested from the City Council.
- The visit to the Scout hall had been successful.
- The car parked on Lincoln Green had been removed but had since returned.
- It was noted that the Police were unable to attend. Concern was expressed regarding information provided by Neighbourhood watch but not the police when they did attend previous meetings. Members also commented on the roofing company cold calling to gain business.
- Replacement bulbs on Great North Road were now starting to show.
- The quality of Arriva buses was a cause for concern.
- Cars were being parked in a manner that encroached on the pavement, causing an obstruction.
- Leaf clearing had been done at the shops.
- Cllr Ashby confirmed he had again requested the Brunton Park sign to be replaced.
- The damaged lamppost had been removed, leaving only a stump.

73. Police Matters

Officers from Northumbria Police were not present for this meeting.

74. Correspondence

An email from Mr J Gray requesting seats be provided in the bus shelters had been received. Members noted the request and agreed this be considered later in the year when an inspection of the bus shelters would be undertaken.

75. Trees

Members discussed the need to replace the trees recently lost, noting that Robertson had quoted £80/£100 per tree. Members agreed three trees were

required and discussed the best species to have. Consideration was given to Oak, Hornbeam, Mountain Ash, whitebeam and Alder.

It was agreed that the trees be Oak, Mountain Ash and Hornbeam. The locations were to be carefully considered.

While discussing trees, councillor Ashby ask if there were any locations within the Parish that new trees could be planted in quantity as sponsorship for several hundred trees had been offered. Members suggested areas outside the Parish area but within Parklands Ward.

76. Financial Matters

Members approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20

The following payments were also approved –

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

77. Planning Matters

20209/188/01/DET 3 Greenfield Road: Erection of single storey porch to side and rear and new extended roof to side and rear.
No Objection

2019/0855/02/TRE Lake Lodge: Submission of details to existing application..
No Objection

2020/0133/01/TRE 7 Beech Close:
Himalayan Birth to be felled
No Objection

2020/0075/01/LDC 47 Halton way: Lawful development certificate for single storey extension to rear
Noted

2020/0047/01/DET 32 Princes Road: Erection of first floor extension to side and rear
No Objection

2020/0091/01/DET 15 Hazelmere: Erection of single storey extension to rear (retrospective)
No Objection

2019/1643/01/DET 23 Halton Way: Erection of two storey and single storey extensions to rear and alterations to elevations

No Objection

Amended plans

2019/1375/01/DET 1 Queens Court:

Erection of single storey side extension and first floor extension to rear, porch to front and metal access gates to drive

No Objection

Members noted that they had not seen an application for work done at 18 Milford gardens. It was agreed this should be raised with the City Council.

78. Other Issues

- The seat on Lincoln Green was beyond repair and needed taking away. Councillor Loftus agreed to do this.
- New seats had been acquired for the Community Centre.
- Speeding traffic was a problem on estate roads.
- There was no progress on the renewal of street name signs.
- The Marriot roundabout shrubs were in need of cutting back.
- Councillor Ashby agreed to seek a report on the number of offenses caught on Brunton Bridge camera.
- Members expressed concern that there had been no consultation regarding the location of the charity re-cycling container at the shops.

79. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.00pm