

North Gosforth Parish Council

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

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)
Councillors: Duell, Gray, Mears and Robinson.

In attendance: 1 Humphries - Clerk
Cllr Ashby - Newcastle City Council
1 Resident

40. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Cooke, Henning and Phillipson.

41. Issues raised by members of the public

- Mr Murray-Hetherington was present to express an interest in joining the Parish Council

42. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 July 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The grass at Greenfield Road had been cut.
- The hedge on Walkworth Woods had not been cut back.
- The order had been placed for the renovation of the notice boards.
- Polwarth drive was to be inspected by Highways Engineer to assess the need to undertake resurfacing work.
- Speeding vehicles on the Great North Road was a continuing issue.
- The Bus Shelters on Great North Road were to be inspected.

44. Val Hay Memorial Bench Seat

Members confirmed the intention to provide a bench seat in memory of Val Hay and it was agreed that a 5foot Hereford bench seat from Chic Teak be purchased.

45. Vacancy for role of Parish Councillor

The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council was able to co-opt to fill the vacancy and that any formal expressions of interest would be considered at the October meeting. Members confirmed the co-option process.

46. Website/Environmental Sub Group

Members noted that documents were to be uploaded to the new website over the coming months. No progress had been made regarding the Environmental Sub Group.

47. Parish Council Forum

Members noted the Chairman's proposal to form a Forum for Newcastle Parish Councils to debate issues of common interest. It was reported that NALC had proposed a similar idea. The Clerk undertook to clarify the situation.

48. Police Matters

There was nothing to report

49. Correspondence

There was nothing to report

50. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments,

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

Members commented on the need to discuss the Scout Hut lease with the Group Scout Leader and or Chairperson.

51. Planning Applications

2021/1739/01/HOU	5 Greenriggs Avenue	Erection of single storey extension to rear and porch to front.	No objection
2021/1726/01/HOU	39 Great North Road	Erection of first floor extension above garage to side, single storey extension to rear and canopy to front elevation.	No objection
2021/1697/01/HOU	1 Linwood Place	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear	No objection
2021/1516/01/LDC	19 Layfield Road	LDC for proposed hip to gable extension	Noted
2021/1456/01/DET	17 Kilshaw Place	Erection of single storey extension to side and double detached garage following demolition of existing garage.	No objection
2021/1290/01/DET	3 Clinton Place	Erection of two storey extension to side and first floor extension over existing garage to side.	No objection
2021/1533/01/TRE	4 Juniper Close	Pruning works	Noted
2021/1309/01/DET	8 Polwarth Crescent	Proposed two storey side extension, single storey front extension,	No objection

		single storey rear extension and demolition of existing detached garage.	
2021/1328/01/DET	36 Netherwitton Way	Proposed conservatory to rear	No objection
2021/1337/01/DET	40 South Bend	Replacement of conservatory to rear	No objection
2021/1638/01/HOU	7 Park Drive	Erection of single storey to rear following demolition of existing conservatory	
2021/1317/01/DET	14 7 15 Heritage Gardens, High Gosforth Park	New porch to 14 and new roof extension to rear of both 14 and 15	No objection
2021/0822/01/DET	14 Polwarth Crescent	Proposed raising of single storey roof to side and rear and alterations to elevations	No objection
2021/1544/01/LDC	4 Greenriggs Avenue	Proposed render to all elevations	Noted
2021/1100/01/TRE	Newcastle Racecourse	Felling of Norway Maple and replacement with Oak and removal of limb from Ash	Noted

52. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted the Brackenside sign was in need of refurbishment.
- The trees on Kingsley Avenue were needing inspection. It was noted that the City Council had a programme of inspections across the city.
- The tree roots were spreading the tarmac on the new GNR cycleway.
- The carriageway on northbound GNR was uneven and likely in need of repair.
- Problems with gullies had been reported to the City Council.
- The planters on Melton Park had not been replanted.
- The height of some new garden fences appeared to be very high.
- The lid of the grit bin on Walkworth Woods had blown off and rubbish was being put in the open bin.
- The work by Media companies needed to be monitored in terms of footpath reinstatements.
- The proposed development at Rotary Way was to be opposed by local residents.
- Councillor Duell had represented the Parish Council at the inauguration of the new minister at the Church.
- The Community Centre was getting back to regular bookings as the pandemic restrictions were easing.
- Dog mess was a continuing problem.

- A low fence was needed on the garden site at Greenfield Road.
- Councillor Ashby (NCC) commented on the Parliamentary Boundary Review and the review of play area on the Bridleway.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17 November 2021.