

# North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 16 November 2022

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)  
Councillors: Duell, Farrell Loftus and Mears.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

## 57. Apologies for absence

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

## 58. Issues raised by members of the public/ ward councillor

Members considered an email communication from a representative of Great Park residents complaining that the Parish Council would not pay for litter bins in their area. The charging of precept on those residents for no support or benefit was questioned and a suggestion was put that the residents of Great Park should not be required to pay the precept and have a refund of earlier years' payments.

Members noted that it was not possible to return precept payments, nor was it possible to exempt some residents within the parish boundaries. There was some frustration by members that the Consortium were not allowing the Parish Council to undertake work or provision on the Consortium land. As a result, members reiterated their earlier view that it was not possible or appropriate provide litter bins as requested.

A further point was made, that there were other areas within its boundaries that also did not directly benefit from funding and that what funds were available helped maintain the core of the parish area.

## 59. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 60. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The traffic diversion signs were back in place due to work undertaken on the slip road.
- The police Speedwatch operatives had been monitoring traffic on Great North Road northbound. The Chair indicated he was to re-register with the scheme.

## 61. Police Matters

There were no police matters reported

**62. Correspondence**

Information regarding Heads of Service at Newcastle City Council had been received. This was not key contacts but was a positive step forward in terms of communicating with the City Council. Confirmation of the cost of a contested election in 2023 had also been received and would be considered in the context of setting next year's precept.

The ward councillors had provided information regarding the ongoing dialogue with bus companies and Nexus about bus services in the area

**63. Financial Matters**

(a) Members were advised that the bank had now confirmed the new signatories.

(b) Members approved the following payments,

	£
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42
• HMRC August	79.32
• HMRC September	80.16
• HMRC October	80.16
• HMRC November	80.00
• NALC	1,094.67
• Memorial bench plaques	82.00
• Room hire	14.00
55. • Community Centre grant	1,000.00
• Christmas Tree	50.00
• Clerk reimbursement for payments	
Made on behalf of the Parish Council	1,313.04

**56. Planning Matters**

2022/1883/01/HOU	5 Davenport Drive: Erection of single storey extension to rear	No objection
2022/1854/01/HOU	15 Waterbury Road: erection of two storey extension to side and rear and (Amended Description)	No objection
2022/1845/01/HOU	7 Kilnshaw Place: erection of porch and garage extension to front, 2 storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear	No objection
2022/1799/01/TPO	5 Juniper Close: silver birch- prune 2 lowest limbs	No objection
2022/1775/01/HOU	47 Newlands Avenue: erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.	No objection
2022/17710/01/HOU	22 Clayworth Road: erection of hipped roof over existing first floor extension to side, dormer window extension and rooflights to front and side	No objection

**57. Matters raised by Members**

- A member praised SSE for a prompt repair to a street light column.
- The extension to the Care home was on course to open in July.
- It was unclear as to whether additional soil had been provided in the planting tubs on Melton Park.
- The street name signs on Melton Park were very shabby and in need of replacing.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 21 December 2022

