

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on
Wednesday 22 June 2022

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)
Councillors: Duell, Farrell, Henning, Loftus, Mears and Robinson.

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

15. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Cooke.

16. Derrick Phillipson

Members noted the sad passing of former councillor Derrick Phillipson and held a minute's silence

17. Issues raised by City Councillor Allen

- Councillor Allen referred to the requests for litterbins on Featherstone Avenue indicating the City Council could provide bins at a cost plus a service charge for emptying. Members were of the opinion that as the highway was not adopted, it was the Consortium's responsibility to bear these costs. It was agreed that adoption of that part of the Great Park be raised with the NCC Chief Executive at the meeting in September that she was due to attend.
- Speeding on Great North Road – The Road Safety unit was aware of the concerns and may utilise the mobile speed camera in the area.
- Areas affected by the work to the western Bye-pass should be reinstated by Highways England.

18. Appointment of Vice Chair.

Resolved that: Councillor Henning be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

19. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 May 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the Rev, Rundel being recorded as present for part of the meeting.

20. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- It was noted that both Jubilee events in Brunton and Melton Parks had been a great success.
- The bench seat in memorial for former councillor Gray was now in place on Lincoln Green.
- Grounds maintenance undertaken by Robertson had improved in recent weeks.
- The four new trees had now been planted.

21. Bus Shelters

- Members noted the bus shelters and other areas had been targeted with graffiti.
- The Clerk reported a complaint from an individual following the painting of the bus shelter. She had complained that her clothing had been covered in paint as she leant against the wall of the shelter, unaware of the paint being wet as there were no signs to indicate the paint was indeed wet. It was agreed that the clerk and councillor Mears offer to meet the complainant on site to gather further information before making a decision.

22. Police Matters

There were no issues for the police.

23. Correspondence

An offer to maintain the planters at the entrance to Melton Park had been received from a local resident. It was agreed that the Chairman contact the resident to find out more about the offer and that Robertson be also contacted as the planters were included in the grounds maintenance contract.

24. Financial Matters

(a) Members approved the following payments,

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

25. (b) Resolved that: councillors Mears and Henning plus the Clerk be confirmed as signatories for the signing of checks and other transactions with the Bank.

(c) A request for grant aid was submitted by St Aidans Community Centre to assist with financial hardship following an unexpected need to repair a gas leak and associated extensive repairs to the building. Councillor Duell declared a nonpecuniary interest in this item and took no part in the discussion/decision

Members agreed to a grant of £1,000

(d) The Chair provided a Grant Aid Application form which he suggested be adopted by the Parish Council for future grant aid applications.

Members agreed to use the form as proposed

26. Planning Matters

2022/0946/01/TPO	5 Beech Close: TPO application, Laburnum and Holly TPO no, 1975/001	No objection
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2022/0965/01/LDC	26 Waterbury Road; proposed single storey ext. to rear with 3 new rooflights	Noted
2022/0929/01/HOU	21 Greenriggs Avenue: two storey bay window extensions and porch and driveway to front. Alterations to existing single storey rear extension	Out of keeping with other dwellings in the street.
2022/0903/01/LDC	146 Warkworth Woods: LDC for a proposed conversion of existing detached garage to habitable room and alterations to elevations	Consider at next meeting
2022/0885/01/HOU	Barmoor Drive: garage conversion with with 2 roof lights to provide snug with single storey link from main dwelling, alterations to rear elevation. Reduce width of existing drive to provide a garden extension and erection of 2m boundary wall	Concern at insufficient parking. Discuss at next meeting
2022/0849/01/HOU	11 Beech Close; erection of single storey extension to rear and side including alterations to existing garage roof.	No objection
2022/0796/01/HOU	12 Beverley Close: erection of single storey extension to rear to include 1 roof lantern	No objection
2022/0742/01/ADV	Bridge at North Brunton Interchange over B1318 Great North Road: display of 2 illuminated banners to north and south of bridge	No objection

27. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted the need for updated contact details for internal use and a separate version for noticeboards.
- Members noted the changes to the Q3 bus service.
- A number of streets in the area had been inspected some time ago but nothing had been done to repair the damage to the road surfaces. Councillor Allen undertook to seek information.
- The Community Centre had suffered an infestation of mice
- A new key box was to be provided for the entrances to the community Centre.
- The defibrillator had been used twice legitimately.
- There had been a noise complaint at the 3 Mile pub during the Jubilee weekend.
- It was suggested that the City Council use a strimmer to combat weeds at the side of roads in the city,
- The front panel of the noticeboard on Melton Park was reportedly loose.

- Members agreed to provide a plaque for former councillor Phillipson on one of the benches on Lincoln Green.
- The Community Centre AGM was to be held the following Wednesday.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 20 July 2022

