

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on
Wednesday 19 April 2023

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

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

104. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Cooke and Agnew.

105. Issues raised by members of the public/ ward councillor

There were no issues raised by ward councillors or members of the public

106. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

107. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Members noted that the A1 fence had still not been reinstated.

108. Uncontested Election

The Clerk reported that members submitting nomination papers had been returned uncontested and that the Parish Council now had four vacancies to fill by co-option.

109. Correspondence

- There was no correspondence to report.

110. Financial Matters

Members were advised that the community Centre hall floor required a full refurbishment at a cost of £3,085 plus VAT and it was agreed that a grant of £1,000 be made to the Community Centre towards the cost of the work to the floor.

Members approved the following payments,

	£
• Clerk (SO)	320.00
• Robertson (SO)	464.42
• HMRC	80.00
• Community Centre grant	1,000.00

111. Police Matters

There was nothing to report

112. Planning Matters

Applications in respect of the following properties were considered and there were no objections.

89 Great North Road

5 Beech Close (TPO)

57 The Fairway

52 Eastdale Avenue

21 Grenville Drive

17 Layfield

Newcastle Racecourse (TPO)

75 Featherstone Grove (extension of hours)

113. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted that the Tree survey had been completed and that the only work required was at The Chapel at a total cost of £1,434 plus VAT. Work would be undertaken in September/October 2023. It was noted that there were no dangerous trees, and the work required consisted mostly of crown work. It was agreed to have the recommended work done.
- The hole from a former tree on Lincoln Green required filling in.
- It was agreed that the cost for planting a tree for the coronation be sought. If it was to be planted, members felt The Chapel would be most appropriate.
- Members commented on the need to trim the long grass on the great North road central reservation.
- A sign warning motorists of Deer was needed on The Northbound Great North Road.
- The Group Scout Leader was to be again invited to the Annual meeting to give a brief report.
- The fencing on the southbound great North Road was covered in graffiti and it was agreed that this be raised with ward councillors to see if anything could be done.
- Members noted the long term closure of Coppers due to illness of the owner.
- Members were reminded to remain vigilant regarding notices of applications for new Masts.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 17 May 2023