

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on
Wednesday 16 June 2021

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Gray, Henning, Mears, Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: Residents of Queens Court

13. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Hay and Loftus.

14. Issues raised by members of the public

- Mr Brown was present to comment on the Parish Council suggestion that the Queens Court Green be managed by the Parish Council. He advised that most residents were happy with what the land owners, MoD, were doing and was supported by fellow residents, also present for this item. Residents with an opposing view present to say that the area should be improved with the planting for trees for the benefit of future generations.
- Residents also commented on the lack of reinstatement of highways and pavements following public utility works and voiced their opposition to the proposed site for a telecommunications mast.

15. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish and Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 May 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The Consortium sign adjacent to the A1 had been removed and replaced with advertising for the building companies.
- A reply had not yet been received regarding the suggested extension of the cycle lane to the north.
- There was to be an event at the Race Course but the Parish Council had not been notified.

17. Queens Court Green

The Chairman circulated a report that explained the background and that the city councillors had approached the Parish Council for help with the planting of additional trees in the area. It was discovered that the land in question was registered with the MoD, but it had been suggested that the Parish Council take over management of the Green to safeguard it for the future for the use of the community as a whole. At the previous meeting it had been agreed to raise the matter with the MoD if residents were in agreement with that course of action.

The Chairman had met with residents with opposing views and had written to the MoD without a response. Given that the majority of residents were against

the Parish Council taking over management and maintenance of the Green, it was agreed that no further action should be taken other than it keep a watching brief.

18. Contractors workmanship

Members discussed the poor quality of contractors working for public utility companies on the highway and pavements in Brunton Park and more recently in Melton Park.

19. Review of Parish Boundary – North West

The Clerk explained the small pocket of land to the east of the A1, previously in Castle ward, had been transferred to Parklands in the 2017 Local Government ward boundary review. As it was not within the Parish Council boundary, a new polling district (U03) had been drawn up. As the land was built upon and the housing development now straddled the polling district boundary, members agreed that the land in U03 should be incorporated within the Parish Council boundaries. The Clerk undertook to write to the City Council requesting a Community Governance Review seeking an extension of the Parish Council north west boundary as set out above.

20. Police Matters

There was nothing to report.

21. Correspondence

- A letter of thanks was received from the Community Centre
- Request for support for the school crossing scheme. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.

22. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments,

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

23. Planning Applications

2021/1234/01/NOT	Pavement near to 13 Princes Road.	Installation of 18.00 metre Phase 8 monopole telecommunications mast and cabinets	Sub group of Chairman, cllr Mears and cllr Loftus to consider this
2021/1100/01/TRE	Newcastle Race Course	TPO application – felling and replacement and removal of	Noted

		overhanging damaged limb.	
2021/0298/01/DET	Northumberland Golf Club	Demolition of existing Half Way House and erection of replacement with toilet facilities	No objection
2021/0941/01/DET	2 Waterbury Road	Erection of first floor extension over existing garage	No objection
2021/0903/021/DET	8 Westwood Road	Erection of single storey extension to rear/side	No objection
2021/0846/01/DET	9 Great North Road	Erection of single storey extension to side and rear	No objection
2021/0830/01/DET	61 The Fairway	Erection of first floor extension above existing garage to side and rear	No objection
2020/0822/001/LDC	14 Polworth Crescent	Proposed raising of single storey roof to side and rear.	Noted
2021/0420/01/DET	54 Ascot Drive	Erection of 2 storey extension to rear	No objection
2019/0687/02/NMA	15 Kilnshaw Place	Non-material amendment to roof design	Noted
2021/0816/01/DET	99 Great North Road	Erection of hipped roof extension to side and roof lights to front and rear	No objection
2021/0432/01/DET	36 Kingsway Avenue	Erection of single storey extension to rear and porch to front	No objection
2021/0485/01/DET	46 Warkworth Woods	Erection of single storey extension to rear	No objection

24. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted the road sign for Brakenside was damaged and faded.
- There had been no interest in a Parish Council Facebook page.
- The grass at the top of Greenfield Road had not been cut this season. It was suggested that this might be Council policy to reduce the number of cuts per year.

- The growth of succours on trees on Great North Road were not being cut back and were considered a hazard as motorists could not see entrance to Melton Park.
- Two of the Parish Council trees were dead and would be replaced in the autumn.
- 19 trees would have a 1 metre area at base cleared of grass.
- The Church was starting Saturday coffee mornings.
- The Community Centre was also opening up slowly.
- Railings at Brunton Lane had been damaged and never repaired.
- Part of the fence adjacent to the A1 near Warkworth Woods was damaged and as a result there was a danger children or wildlife may access the A1.
- Stickers were defacing the noticeboard on Melton Park

25. Date of Next Meeting

Annual Meeting Wednesday 21 July 2021.