

# North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 19 January 2022

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Farrell, Henning, Loftus and Mears.

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

**97. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Philipson and Robinson

**98. John Gray**

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of former councillor John Gray who had recently passed away. The Chair paid tribute to John who had served the Parish Council and local community for many years and would be sadly missed.

**99. Vacancy**

The Clerk confirmed that the notice of vacancy following the death of John Gray would be published in due course. The Chair highlighted some changes to the process for co-opting new members which were agreed.

**100. Issues raised by members of the public**

Councillor Ashby confirmed information about the new defibrillator had been included in the ward councillor's newsletter. He also asked about damage to trees and buildings following the recent high winds.

**101. Minutes**

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

**102. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

- The meeting to discuss the Scout Hut Lease was arranged for the following evening.
- A series of public information sessions had been arranged by National Highways to advise on progress with the A1 Scotswood to Brunton works.
- The Chair had submitted a response to the Cycle Group regarding the proposed changes to Grey Street in the City Centre.

**103. Trees and Planting update**

Councillor Duell gave an update on the tree work recently undertaken and confirmed 4 replacement trees were on order.

Members were informed of a reported dangerous tree in Melton Park. Councillors Duell and Mears had investigated earlier in the day and while not obviously dangerous, felt some branches overhanging a bench seat should be removed as soon as possible. As Olivers were not available to do the work for the foreseeable future, it was agreed that an alternative tree specialist be asked to inspect the tree and carry out any necessary work.

With Regard to the Jubilee tree, members confirmed the need for a plaque and agreed to seek providers.

**104. Community Champions**

Litter pickers, gloves and bags had been purchased and a certificate was to be designed. It was agreed to promote the new scheme via notices on the noticeboards.

**105. Police Matters**

There was nothing to report.

**106. Correspondence**

- A representative of The Manor House had written offering to provide a presentation of intended expansion of the premises. It was agreed that this be an item on the agenda for the next meeting
- The Chair had written to the new Chief Executive of the City Council, inviting her to attend a future meeting but had as yet not received a reply.
- Concern was expressed regarding the positioning of items on the curb- side at the entrance to Melton Park. Other related traffic issues were discussed, including the likely reduction of bus services in the area.

**107. Financial Matters**

Members approved the following payments,

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

Members also approved the inclusion of the Chair and Clerk as signatories for payments, and the move to on-line banking.

**108. Planning Applications**

2022/0139/01/HOU	12 Sharperton Drive	Erection of a single storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory and alterations to elevations.	No objection
2022/0205/01/HOU	13 Heathfield Place, Melton Park,	Erection of a first floor extension above existing	No objection

		garage, canopy to front and alterations to elevations	
2022/0222/01/HOU	21 Waterbury Road, Brunton Park	Erection of a single storey extension to rear including lantern, and alterations to elevations	No objection
2022/0136/01/HOU	34 Glamis Avenue, Melton Park	Erection of hipped roof over existing flat roofed extension	No objection
2022/0175/01/HOU	16 Westwood Road, Brunton Park	Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, and single storey rear extensions	No objection
2022/0110/01/HOU	26 Waterbury Road, Brunton Park	Erection of single storey extension to rear including roof lantern. As supplemented by information received on 02.02.2022	No objection
2022/0107/01/TPO	On The Border Of The And Bohemians Football Club	T.P.O. Application (TPO 1997/002) 4 Populus, crown reduction of 5.5 metres	Noted – not within Parish Council boundaries
2022/0068/01/HOU	65 Polwarth Road, Brunton Park	Erection of two storey extension to side following partial demolition of existing garage, single storey extension and raised decking to rear, single storey extension including porch and canopy to front and alterations to elevations. (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)	No objection
2022/0137/01/HOU	3 Blenkinsop Mews	Loft conversion with 3 no. rooflights to front and 2 no. rooflights to rear.	No objection
2022/0102/01/HOU	25 Grenville Drive, Brunton Park	Erection of first floor extension to side above existing garage, single storey extension to rear, porch to front and alterations to elevations.	No objection
2022/0098/01/LDC	13 Greenfield Road, Brunton Park	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed first floor extension to rear.	Noted
2022/0097/01/HOU	5 East Brunton Wynd	Erection of single storey extension to front including 1 no. roof lantern	No objection
2021/0719/02/NMA	4 Juniper Close	Non material amendment: (installation of window to west side elevation,	Noted

		alterations to conservatory to rear including increased footprint, changes to roof and elevations, alterations to garage door) to planning permission 2021/0719/01/DET dated 25/06/2021 - Erection of a two storey extension to side, single storey extension to front and rear and the widening of vehicle hardstanding.	
2021/2426/01/DET	The Manor House Gosforth Greenfield Road, Brunton Park	Erection of two storey extension to existing Care Home for the elderly to provide 14no. bedrooms with associated landscaping works and additional car parking following demolition of no. 16 and 18 Princes Road.	Deferred to next meeting

#### 109. **Matters raised by Members**

- Members noted a Memorial for Val Hay was to be held on Saturday 5 March in the Church Hall at 12.30pm
- Members commented on the poor visual impact of the bollards on Gosforth High Street, given it was a major route into the City.
- The Community Centre was now fully operational following the pandemic.
- Members were advised by the Chair that JCB had produced a new pothole filler which he suggested might be of interest to the City Council
- Members recalled the intention to provide a plaque for one of the seats on Lincoln Green to commemorate the young girl who died when a branch fell from a tree in her school grounds. As the family continued to grieve and had moved away from Brunton Park, it was agreed that no further action be taken regarding this matter.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 16 March 2022