

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held on
Wednesday 17 November 2021

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chair)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Farrell, Gray, Loftus, Mears, Philipson and
Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

P Jacques - GSL, Brunton Park Scout Group

66. New Member

The Chair welcomed councillor Farrell to her first meeting since being co-opted.

67. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Henning

68. Issues raised by members of the public

There were no issues raised

69. Scout Hut

Peter Jacques, Group Scout Leader of Brunton Park Scout Group was present to give a report on the work of the group during the last year. He advised members of flourishing membership of beavers, Cubs and Scouts, involving 120 families. Peter also commented on the impact of the Covid-19 lockdowns which had resulted in some children and adult helpers leaving the group. Zoom meetings had replaced the traditional face to face meetings although those that stayed, fully embraced the new digital scouting. With the return to face to face meeting in recent months, there had been a marked change in the young people as they adjusted to leaving the house and mixing again.

Members were advised of the improvements to the building on Gilwell Way, with a new kitchen, attic room, new storage and renewal of electrics and heaters. The group was working towards easy access to the building to provide access for all.

The Chair commented on the Lease of the building and suggested that it should be updated in readiness for its renewal in a few years time. It was agreed that a working group be set up to meet with representatives of the Scout Group to progress this important matter to the benefit of both parties.

70. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 October 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the reference to Classic Masonry being amended to RG Property Maintenance..

Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The renovation of the bus shelters was now complete

- The hedge on Greenfield Road was not yet cut.
- The Chair and Clerk to attend the Parish Council forum meeting organised by NALC

71. Val Hay Memorial Bench Seat

It was noted that the seat was now in position and a number of positive comments had been received from the local community. Members thanked councillor Duell for his efforts in this matter.

72. Community Defibrillator

Members were advised that the Community Centre had agreed to host a community defibrillator on the outside of the building for the benefit of the local community. It was agreed in principle to offer a grant of £500 towards the cost of providing this valuable equipment.

73. Police Matters

The Chair had written to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner requesting attendance at meetings of the Parish Council but had not yet received a response.

74. Correspondence

Members noted the email from a local resident regarding inconsiderate parking at a junction on Melton Park. Members agreed with the writer and urged the city Council to take any necessary action.

75. Financial Matters

Members approved the following payments,

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| • HMRC | 80.00 |
| • Clerk (SO) | 320.00 |
| • Robertson (SO) | 464.42 |
| • Christmas Tree | 50.00 |
| • Bench Seat commemorative sign | 32.00 |
| • Bus Shelter Maintenance | 2680.00 |

76. Planning Applications

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| 2021/2114/01/HOU | 50 Kingsley Avenue | Erection of a detached single storey garden store to rear (retrospective) | No objection |
| 2021/2113/01/HOU | 50 Kingsley Avenue | Erection of single storey extension to rear, canopy extension to front and alterations to elevations | No objection |
| 2021/2052/01/HOU | 82 Warkworth Woods | Proposed single storey rear extension, proposed partial garage | No objection |

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| | | conversion and various internal alterations | |
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77. Matters raised by Members

- Members noted the good work undertaken by the Consortium on Brunton Green
- The work to the base of trees on Lincoln Green was to commence as was the planting of the new trees around the play area.
- Winter planting was taking place in the planters
- The Community Centre was near back to normal following lifting of most of the restrictions.
- It was noted there was an opportunity to plant a new tree adjacent to 1 East Brunton Wynd. It was agreed to ask the Consortium to provide it or allow the Parish Council to pay for it.
- Agreed £50 towards the Christmas tree.
- It was noted that 6 trees had been damaged on Great North Road which needed replacing by the City Council.
- There was a sign in the middle of Heatherly Lane which was a danger to walkers and cyclists.
- The abandoned car, previously reported had not yet been removed.
- The lights on Brunton Lane were now functioning again with a better white light.
- The cycle track on Great North Road was covered in leaves.
- Members noted the Highways Agency were undertaking work to the Ouseburn under the Western Bypass.
- Openreach were undertaking fibre optic work on Melbury.
- Members questioned whether the 5g mast at the 3 Mile Inn was a replacement location for the one proposed for Brunton Park.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 December 2021.