**North Gosforth Parish Council**

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held in St Aidan’s

Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 20 November 2019

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)

 Councillors:, Cooke, Duell, Gray, Hay, Henning, Loftus, Mears

 Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

 Cllr Morrissey - Newcastle City Council

 Northumbria Police

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| **50.** **51.****52.****53.****54.****55.****56.****57.****58.****59.** | **Apologies for absence** There were no apologies for absence.**Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**Matters arising from the previous meeting*** The damaged tree had been dealt with in the week prior to the meeting.
* The property in Featherstone Grove was now empty.
* Flooding was occurring on great North road due to the drains not being cleared.
* The Cycle track was flooding.
* Polworth drive drains were also blocked.
* The Chairman reported on a reply to his letter to the Chief Executive, Newcastle City Council. Members were critical of the response to the issues originally raised by the Chairman in his letter.

 **Police Matters**Officers from Northumbria Police were present to provide crime statistics. Members were advised that there had been no reported anti-social behaviour. Members reported non-reported activity, including – * Damage to bus shelter
* Bike stolen in Gilwell Way
* Vehicle wing mirror taken off in Greenfield Road
* Car scratched in greenfield Road

**Litter bins**Members commented on the survey of litter bins undertaken since the previous meeting listing their location and how they were being used. Members suggested that some be moved to be more eff4ective. Councillor Morrissey undertook to enquire as to the possibility of moving existing bins to alternative locations. The Chairman agreed to send copies of the survey to councillor Morrissey and to Newcastle City Council.**Scout Hut Lease**The Chairman advised members that a copy of the lease had been acquired and showed that the lease was in the name of the Scout Association rather than the local Scout Group and that the lease provided for the association to be responsible for maintenance of trees and fences. Members took the view that the Scout group should not be required to return recent Parish Council funding for fence repairs, however future maintenance should be funded by the Scout Group. Members also noted that the peppercorn rent was identified as £1, although recently the Parish Council had accepted an annual report in lieu of that payment.As the lease was renewable in 2024, members agreed that a meeting and site visit be arranged with the Scout Group to discuss the lease and prepare for its renewal. Councillor Loftus undertook to arrange the visit and meeting.**Correspondence**There was no correspondence to consider.**Financial Matters**The following payments were approved –  £* HMRC 80.00
* Clerk (SO) 320.00
* Robertson (SO) 464.42
* Church – grant towards Christmas tree 50.00

**Planning Matters****2019/1383/01/DET** 16 Arden Avenue: Erection of 2 storey ext.  to front and dormer to  side **No Objection****2019/1354/01/DET** 5 Westwood Road: erection of garage to front/side  following demolition of existing  rear garage, first floor ext. to  side, single storey ext. to side, dormer windows to side and  rear to create loft conversion  and alterations to elevation **No Objection****2019/1357/01/DET** 1 Queens Court:erection of single storey side  ext. and first floor ext. to rear,  porch to front and metal  access gates to drive. **No Objection****2019/1394/01/TRE** 5 Beech Close: TPO application **No Objection****2018/0793/02/NMA** 62 The Fairway: Non Material Amendment to  permission 2018/0793/01/DET **Noted****Other Issues*** Members noted suggestions that a supermarket was to be provided in the Great Park town centre.
* Arriva were looking to introduce no. 46 evening service after Christmas. Members commented on the Q3 service and bus stops in Newgate Street.
* The Community Centre had been inspected by Northumbria water and had been proved to comply with all regulations.
* The Melton Park footpath had not been inspected.
* Glamis Avenue to the bus stop – very little room. It was hoped that this would be dealt with as snagging.
* The signs outside the Golf Club has still not been taken away.
* The City Council was looking again at the junction with Melton Park following an accident. Residents were upset at the prospect of priority to pedestrians and cyclists.
* Network North Gosforth was producing fake correspondence.
* The n. 46 bus service was now using Brunton Lane while not in service so as not to not disturb residents.
* The footpaths along the Ouseburn had flooded while the sud ponds were dry on west side of Western Bypass.
* The pollution survey undertaken by the City Council was flawed as it included the taxi rank under the Central Station.
* Members were of the opinion that Holywood Avenue had not suffered since Brunton Bridge has re-opened.

**Date of next meeting**Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 7.00pm |
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