**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 March 2019

Present: Councillor Agnew (Chairman)

Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Hay, Loftus, Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

Cllr Ashby, Newcastle City Council

Northumbria Police

3 Members of the public

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| 94.  95.  96.  97.  98.  99.  100.  101.  102.  103.  104.  105. | **Apologies for absence**  An apology for absence was received from councillor Mears.  **Issues raised by members of the public**   * **Address by the Conservative Candidate**   The Conservative candidate in the forthcoming local elections gave an election address to members regarding his candidacy.   * **Cycle Route**   Members noted that the bus shelters had been unavailable to the public between Tuesday and Thursday the previous week due to the works on Great North Road..   * **“Poop” Bags**   Members commented on the increase of dog waste bags being left or abandoned rather than put in a bin or taken home. It was also noted that Nexus were investigating the reason for the bin at the bus stop not being replaced.   * **Street Cleansing**   Members were advised that the mechanised street cleaner had been seen driving around the area without it’s brushes down.  **Minutes**  The minutes of the meeting held on 20 March were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.  **Matters arising from the previous meeting**   * Members congratulated councillor Robinson on her efforts to improve bus services in the area. * Councillor Hay advised members that Robertson were to provide a quote to the City Council for bulb planting to replace those lost in the Great North Road highways/cycling scheme. * It was noted that local residents were actively communicating with police regarding ant- social behaviour in the Warkworth woods area.   **Police Matters**  Two Officers attended to report crime statistics and discuss policing matters with members, particularily regarding anti-social behaviour. The Officers advised that often the perceived bad behaviour was not as it seemed and groups of young people had been dispersed or moved on. Police had attended school assemblies and in some cases, discussed the behaviour of some youngsters with their parents, resulting in future poor behaviour unlikely.  Members noted that the Speed-watch scheme was still operational.  Members commented on the concerns of residents reported at a previous meeting regarding behaviour of the residents of a house on Brunton Park, questioning why the issues endured by neighbours had not been reported to the Parish Council by the police.  **Members Declarations of Interests**  Members took the forms to complete and return to the Clerk.  **Vacancies following uncontested election**  The Clerk confirmed two vacancies following the uncontested election and proposed that a notice be placed on Notic Boards inviting expressions of interest to be considered at a future meeting.  **Gilwell Way Fence**  Members were advised that the fence on Gilwell Way had been damaged and was in need of repair. The Scout Group had obtaine a quote and arranged for the work to be undertaken at a cost of £280. While expressing concern at the way in which these arrangements had been put in place, members agreed to contribute the full amount to recompence the Scout Group for the cost if repairs to the fence.  **Financial Matters**  The following payments were approved –  £   * HMRC 80.00 * Clerk (SO) 320.00 * CI Accountancy Ltd 216.00 * Fence Repair, Gilwell Way 280.00   **Planning Matters**  Members considered the following planning applications and commented as recorded.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **2019/0422/01/TRE** | West Lodge, High Gosforth Park: TPO application. | **No objection** | | **2019/0443/01/LDC** | 19 Clayworth Road: Certificate for proposed dormer windows to side and rear. | **Noted** | | **2019/0489/01/TRE** | 5 Beech Close: TPO application | **No Objection** |   Members also noted disquiet from local residents regarding 41 Barmoor Drive. It was also noted that ward councillors had objected to an application within North Tyneside to build homes on Salters Lane near the Gosforth Park Nature Reserve.  **Other Issues**   * Members that the water treatment work in the community Centre had been completed. * It was suggested that residents be aware of opportunist thief’s were in the area and doors should not be left unlocked. * Some re-seeding had not taken and therefore the contractor was to return to assess it the following week. * The City Council was considering the need for a litter bin for Netherwitten/Greenfield Road. * Vehicles were being parked for longer than they should at the shops - the situation was to be monitored. * Road lining was in need of renewal on the estate.   **Date of next meeting**  Wednesday 15 May 2019 at the later time of 7.30pm |