

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of North Gosforth Parish Council held at St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 21 July 2020

Present: Councillor Agnew (chair)
Councillors: Cooke, Duell, Gray, Hay, Loftus, Mears
Phillipson and Robinson.

In attendance: I Humphries - Clerk

80. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from councillor Henning.

81. Financial Matters

Members approved the financial Statement of Accounts for the year 2019/20. The audit Certificate of Exemption was also approved for signature by the chair.

82. Members noted the emergency tree work on Lincoln Green undertaken following the recent high winds. The cost of the work was £189 + VAT

The following payments were also approved –

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

83. Matters raised by Members

- Members were not aware of a planning application for work to 10 Princess Road or the property on the corner of Norwood Avenue
- Further work was being undertaken at 10 Featherstone, causing concerns for residents of neighbouring properties.
- Members applauded the personal undertaking by Cllr. Mears to support local residents with shopping etc. during the pandemic lockdown.
- Members agreed to the request by the Scout Group to undertake renovation work to the kitchen in the Scout Lodge and the clearing of the north garden area to allow for the erection of an outdoor shelter.
- Members noted the good standard of reinstatement to footpaths following the installation of fibre optic cables along Glamis Avenue.
- A member expressed concern regarding the poor quality of the City Council grass cutting in Melton Park.
- Members noted the Community Centre would remain closed until October at the earliest. This would affect the Parish Council's ability to hold meetings indoors if permitted to do so prior to October. The

Church was suggested as a possibility if restrictions on meeting indoors were eased.

- Members commented on the Covid-19 works on Gosforth High Street.
- It was noted that there were no speed limit signs on the north bound Great North Road since the limit had been reduced from 40 to 30mph
- Members noted that the provider of the new website was no-longer able to honour that commitment and it was agreed that the Clerk seek alternatives.
- The Chair proposed that a bench seat be provided in memory of those lost to the covid-19 pandemic and that he would contribute to the cost. Members thanked the chair for his generosity and agreed to seek a price for a bench seat and installation from Robertson.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 16 September 2020 at 7.00pm

The Clerk undertook to provide a virtual meeting facility if an indoor meeting was not possible by September.