

North Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 19 May 2021

Present: Councillor Agnew, chair
Councillors Cooke, Duell, Gray, Loftus, Mears, Phillipson and Robinson

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

1. Apology for absence

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Hay and Henning.

2. Report of the Parish Council

The Chair presented the report outlining the activities of the Parish Council over the previous year. The meeting also noted that the Chair had painted and stained the bench seats in Melton Park. Members thanked him for his efforts

The Report was formally received

3. Public Participation

There were no issues raised

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.15pm

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2. Appointment of Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Agnew be appointed Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal Year

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved: That Councillor Cooke be appointed Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the ensuing Municipal year.

4. Issues raised by members of the public

There were no issues raised

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

- The Consortium sign on the A1 had been removed for refurbishment.
- Members had met with Mr Gordon the previous day to discuss his companies drilling under the Ouseburn. He had offered the provision of 3 bench seats and bulbs for planting as a gesture of good will.

7. Financial Matters

(a) Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 (Section 1)

Resolved: That the Annual governance statement submitted to this meeting for the year ended 31st March 2021 be approved.

(b) Statement of Accounts 2020/2021 (Section 2)

The Clerk submitted the statement of accounts and copies of the trial balance for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Resolved: That the statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 as submitted be approved.

(c) Accounts for payment

The following payments were approved -

Robertson – Standing Order	£464.42
Clerk - Standing Order	£320.00
HMRC	£80.00
Zurich Insurance	£1,080.83
NALC	£1,082.27
CI Accountancy	£246.00
B Agnew (paint/wood stain)	£36.97

A cheque to the value of £420 was received as a contribution towards the cost of the replacement bench seat on Lincoln Green.

Correspondence

8. Members noted receipt of the following –

- Request to discuss the role of the Parish Council; the Chair agreed to be contacted.
- Notice of damage to the play area fence, Melton Park.
- Comments relating to the holding of concerts at the Race Course

9. Planning Matters

The Parish Council was consulted on the following issues.

2021/0786/01/DET	Erection of a single storey extension to side with part flat and pitched roof over garage, canopy over front elevation and alterations to elevations	
2021/0778/01/DET	41 Glamis Avenue, Melton Park: Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage to side, single storey extension to front and alterations to rear elevations	
2021/0989/01/TRE	Gosforth Nature Reserve, Salters Lane: TPO Application : See schedule of works (TPO 1995/017 - W18)	
2021/0573/01/DET	12 Sinderby Close: Erection of two storey extension to rear with first floor balcony and single storey extensions to side and front.	
2019/0687/02/NMA	15 Kilnshaw Place, Melton Park: Non-Material Amendment: amendment to roof design on single storey rear extension and new position of south facing wall to planning permission 2019/0687/01/DET dated 12.07.2019- Erection of a two storey extension to side, a single storey extension to rear, alterations to rear elevations and roof extension to existing side extension (description amended 12.07.2019) (as amended by plans received 12.07.2019).	
2021/0679/01/TRE	Orchard House Fencer Hill Park: T.P.O. Application (TPO Group 1997/002) see schedule of works	
2021/0695/01/TRE	Low Gosforth Court, Melton Park: TPO Application - please see attached schedule of works (TPO 1975/001)	
2017/1473/02/DCC	Land Adjacent To 2 Heathery Lane Cottages: Submission of materials to comply with condition 3, Hedgerow Management Plan to comply with condition 7, Details of Foul Water Drainage to comply with condition 8, Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme to comply with condition 9, Details of existing and proposed levels to comply with condition 10 and a Scheme of Bat and Bird Mitigation measures to comply with condition 11 of planning permission 2017/1473/01/DET dated 5/6/2018	
2021/0631/01/DET	51 The Fairway: Erection of single storey extension to rear	

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Website

It was noted the website would be populated with the necessary documents and that the sub group would consider what other contents could be added. It was also suggested that consideration be given to a Facebook page. It was agreed that an informal consultation be undertaken to see what interest there was for the proposal.

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Issues raised by Parish Councillors

- It was agreed that a price be obtained for cutting a metre square around the base of the new trees for protection when grass cutting etc.

- Concern was expressed regarding the disintegration of the road surface on Polworth Drive.
- Regarding the grassed area at Queensway beside the MOD houses, it was agreed that residents be asked for their opinion on what should be done with the land. Cllr Ashby undertook to identify which Minister was responsible for the land
- The community centre was slowly opening up to regular activity.
- Noticeboard in Melton Park had been renovated.
- Following an accident at Regent Centre between a cyclist and a car the ambulance had had difficulty reaching the site because of the bollards in place.
- The bus shelters on Gosforth High Street had been moved further North.
- Members thanked the volunteer litter pickers on Kingston Park for their efforts.
- It was suggested that a sub group be set up to meet 4 times a year to promote litter picking and gardening in the community.
- Parking half on the road and pavement was causing difficulty for pedestrians to get passed especially when the garden hedges were overgrown.
- A large van was again causing obstruction in Melton Park when its length was longer than the parking bay.
- City grass cutters had cut off the daffodils on the Great North Road.
- Crocus bulbs provided by Cllr Ashby had not appeared this year. Cllr Ashby confirmed that the bulbs had been planted and didn't know why they had not flowered this year.
- The Three Mile Inn was now open again but unfortunately glasses had been found on top of walls as customers had left the premises.
- Litter from McDonalds was being thrown down and another litter bin was required.
- Some remedial works on Melbury had been undertaken and it was hoped that this would lead to formal adoption.
- The clerk identified a boundary issue and it was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was suggested that the cycle lane should be extended North beyond Brunton Lane. It was confirmed that it was part of the strategy but there was no timescale for it to be undertaken.
- It was suggested that tree planting could be undertaken to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Queens reign in 2022.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 7.00pm in St Aiden's Community Centre, Brunton Park.