

Minutes of a meeting of **NORTH GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held at St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

**Present:** Councillors D. Phillipson (Chairman), Dr. B. Agnew, A. Cooke, J. Gray, Mrs. A. Mears, Mrs. P.M. Spearing and Mrs. H. Robinson.

**Also in Attendance:** Councillor Mrs. D. Packham, P.C. Hall and two Friends of North Gosforth Chapel.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mrs. J. Banks, Miss V. Hay and Amy Stillwell.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

## **3. POLICE MATTERS**

P.C. Hall reported that crime figures remained low in the Parish. Gosforth Park Ladies Day Racecourse Event had been reasonably smooth.

Offences related to building sites on the Great Park.

Last Thursday's Police and Community Forum had been held in St. Aidan's Community Centre.

Reference was made to the BMX track in the central reservation, problems with Mini Motos and the continuing parking problems in Featherstone Grove.

**It was agreed** the Police report be received and P.C. Hall be thanked for his attendance.

## **4. MELTON PARK – CHAPEL SITE**

The Chairman welcomed the two Friends of North Gosforth Chapel (FNGC) and said that the latest letter from the FNGC had been copied to all Parish Councillors, as requested.

There was now a better understanding of the Parish Council's role as landowner and protector of the public open space. The contract with FNGC and English Heritage may need to be revised to reflect this.

**It was agreed** that Councillor A. Cooke be nominated as the Parish Council's representative on the Friends of North Gosforth Chapel.

## 5. ONGOING ISSUES

Reference was made to the following issues:

- Turney Wilde had still not re-instated the kick about area.
- A response from Northumbria Water about the outcome of the survey work on Brunton Park was still awaited.
- The fence in the lay by on the east side of the Great North Road had not been repaired.
- The City Council's Constitutional Committee would be considering the Parish Council's request for boundary review in early October.

**It was agreed** that these matters be noted and pursued, as appropriate.

## 6. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK

The next meeting of the Great Park Advisory Committee was on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- Letter from Peter Davidson thanking the Parish Council for their kind thoughts.
- NALC County Committee Membership.
- Newcastle LINK annual report.
- Northumberland NHS Care Trust.
- Cemetery Management Course.
- IPC Stakeholder Event.
- Live Well/Boot Camp.
- Local Council Review magazines.
- Request from university student for volunteer interviewees.
- Parklands Ward Committee papers – 27<sup>th</sup> September.

**It was agreed** that the correspondence be noted and pursued, as appropriate.

## 8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following account was approved for payment:

Clerk's salary for month ended 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2010	£400:00
Postages, stationery, phone calls etc.	10:00
New printer	60:00
	£470:00

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Mrs A. Mears disclosed a personal interest in respect of the application at 30, Newlands Avenue as it was her property. She left the room for the duration of the discussion and decision in respect of that application.

No comments on applications for extensions at 22, Halton Way, 44, The Fairway, 30, Newlands Avenue, and 10, Lumley Way.

No comments on change of use to physiotherapy clinic at 75, Featherstone Grove and totem sign at Rotary Way.

Objection submitted in respect of erection of 1.8m stone wall and fence with 2.1m stone pillar to front and side 1, East Brunton Wynd (retrospective application).

Applications granted for extensions at The Byre, Gosforth Steadings; 6, Clinton Place; 45, Glamis Avenue; 30, Polwarth Road; 14, Sharperton Drive; 18, Westwood Road; 12, Chipchase Mews; 3, Fencer Hill Square.

TPO application at Fencer Hill Square granted.

Applications refused at 101, Great North Road and 31, Barmoor Drive.

Application withdrawn at 28, Greenfield Road.

**It was agreed** that Planning Enforcement be asked to investigate the possible operation of a business at 85, Warkworth Woods.

## 10. OTHER ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- Maintenance issues at the Brunton Park electricity substation had been reported to the official at CE Electric for action.
- The traffic calming on Polwarth Drive was proving to be ineffective and the electronic speed warning sign on the south side had yet to be replaced.
- The willow tree on Lincoln Green had grown above the telegraph wires and was in need of pruning.
- The trees on Hilton Green were also in need of pruning.
- Cooking smells from the new Care Home were not being filtered.
- Two litter bins on Melton Park had not been replaced.
- The new community room attached to St. Aidan's Church was open for use.

**It was agreed** that these matters be noted and pursued, as appropriate.

## **11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was agreed** that the next Parish Council meeting be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.