

Minutes of a meeting of **NORTH GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 16th February 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D. Phillipson (Chairman), E. Alder, A. Cooke, J. Gray, Miss V. Hay, Mrs. P.M. Spearing and Mrs. H. Robinson.

Also in Attendance: Councillor Mrs. D. Packham.

1. APOLOGIES

Amy Stillwell.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2011, copies of which had previously been circulated to members, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. POLICE MATTERS

Reference was made to house burglaries and car thefts on the Great Park. Youths continued to gather outside Brunton Park shops and they had been asked to disperse on several occasions. The bus shelter had also been damaged.

It was agreed that these matters be noted.

4. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The City Council's consultation letter for Brunton and Melton Park residents would be the same as that used for the Great Park. The City Council would arrange distribution from Monday 21 February and consultation would last until 21 March.

The Parish Council agreed to issue their own explanatory leaflet to be printed and circulated to Brunton and Melton Park residents, immediately after the issue of the City Council's letter.

The outcome of the consultation would be reported to the City Council's Constitutional Committee in June.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to finalise the details.

5. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman welcomed Ed Alder to his first meeting.

6. ONGOING ISSUES

Reference was made to the following Issues:

- The fence in the lay by on the east of the Great North Road had still not been repaired.

- Clarification about the work needed and proposed for Greenfield Road was still awaited.
- Enforcement Officers had prosecuted two dog owners. The resident in Warkworth Woods was continuing to experience problems with dog owners who allowed their dogs to foul outside his house.
- Work was progressing on the shop in Featherstone Grove, despite the lack of a licence to sell alcohol and restrictions on delivery times.
- Action was being taken to address the problem of rainwater accumulating in the concrete litter bins.
- No response yet about the pavement outside Jan Forsters and the chemists shop.

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

7. PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

A revised estimate had been received from Jesmond Dene Nurseries for the 2011/12 financial year. The estimate was based on the planting of shrubs and bulbs in the main planters and bedding plants in the barrier planters and annual maintenance. The cost to plant the shrub beds at Melton Park entrance was £311:11 with annual maintenance of £56:98. The cost to plant 32 planters with shrubs and bulbs was £1,451:08 with annual maintenance of £91:16. The cost to plant the 6 barrier planters and maintain was £626:28.

It was agreed that the revised estimate from Jesmond Dene Nurseries be accepted and Councillor Miss V. Hay be authorised to discuss the detailed arrangements and types of plants to be used with Nursery staff.

8. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER – BRUNTON PARK FLOODING

Councillors Mrs. J. Banks, Mrs. P.M. Spearing and Miss V.Hay, together with City Councillors John Shipley and David Down, had met Water Authority staff. They received a presentation about possible solutions to the flooding problem on Brunton Park and the potential costs. It was hoped that the survey work would be completed by the end of March and a drop in session had been suggested for affected residents.

It was agreed that progress continue to be monitored.

9. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK

Councillor Miss V. Hay reported that there had been no meeting of the Great Park Advisory Committee. Road markings at junctions had not yet been installed and Barmoor Drive was a particular concern. Tree planting work had stopped temporarily and management of the reeds in the ponded areas/SUDs was still needed.

It was agreed that the report be received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- Parklands Ward Committee – 28 January 2011.
- Royal Garden Party – 19 July 2011.
- Play Pathfinder funding withdrawn and City Council's proposals for Lincoln Green formally cancelled.
- Email from David Down about all day parking on Princes Road and Polwarth Drive.
- Shaping the Future – Newcastle/Gateshead.
- Keys for Hilton Green – Nominated person needed as key holder.

It was agreed that:

- (a) the correspondence be noted and pursued, as appropriate;
- (b) the Parish Council Chairman's name be entered in the NALC draw for Royal Garden Party attendance; and
- (c) Councillor Mrs. P.M. Spearing be nominated as key holder for Hilton Green.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary for month ended 31 January 2011	£400:00
Postages, phone calls, stationery etc., and ink cartridge	23:24
	£423:24
NALC Standing Orders and Chairmanship (two copies)	£53:76
St. Aidan's Church Room Hire	£27:00

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No comments on applications at 38, Park Drive; 2, Hartside Place and 6, Heathfield Place.

Applications granted at 45, Princes Road; 1, Norwood Avenue; 17, South Ridge and 31, Barmoor Drive.

13. OTHER ISSUES

The following issue was raised:

- The developers of the Great Park had sought tenders for planting and junction works on Featherstone Grove. It was hoped that work would be completed by the end of June.

It was agreed that this matter be noted.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting be held on Wednesday 16th March 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.