

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

**Present:** Councillors D. Phillipson (Chairman), Dr. B. Agnew, E. Alder, A. Cooke, Miss V. Hay, Mrs. A. Mears, Mrs. H. Robinson and Mrs. P.M. Spearing.

**Also in Attendance:** Councillor D. Down, P.C. Steve Jones and Fiona Graham.

## 1. APOLOGIES

Councillor J. Gray.

## 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 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. Steve Jones said there had been no reported crimes in Brunton Park and Melton Park. There had been seven reported crimes on the Great Park (damage to vehicles and burglary other than dwellings). Reference was made to the accumulation of cans and bottles behind Warkworth Woods and the continuing problem of alcohol sales to young people.

Young offenders had been selling goods by cold calling at homes in the Parish. They had displayed appropriate identification.

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

## 4. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Brunton Park and Melton Park residents had until the 21 March to express views on the proposed boundary review. The Parish Council's explanatory leaflet had been delivered to Brunton and Melton Park residents immediately after the City Council's letter.

**It was agreed** that a further report on the outcome of the consultation be made at the next meeting.

## 5. 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.

- Greenfield Road pavement and road surface works were now in the City Council's programme.
- The Featherstone Grove shop had been open for two weeks. There were problems with the delivery of newspapers but it was being well supported so far.
- The pavement outside Jan Forsters and the chemists remained an issue.

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

## **6. PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Chairman and Val Hay had visited Jesmond Dene Nurseries and had discussed details of the proposed planting with John Snowball. The discussions had been positive and it was expected that work would start shortly.

**It was agreed** that the report be received.

## **7. NORTHUMBRIAN WATER – BRUNTON PARK FLOODING**

Northumbrian Water had sent letters to some of the residents affected by flooding about a drop in session to explain the survey work done to date.

**It was agreed** that the Parish Council continue to monitor progress and ensure that dialogue continues with Northumbrian Water about potential solutions.

## **8. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK**

The next Great Park Advisory Committee (GPAC) meeting was scheduled for Monday. Val Hay had walked around Melbury and Warkworth Woods to check on progress. New planting had been undertaken in Lumley Way. There had been no progress with road markings and no maintenance to the SUD in Warkworth Woods.

Governance arrangements for the Great Park were being reviewed by the City Council and the proposals were incorporated in a report to the next GPAC meeting.

Residents had received a letter about the developers' intentions to complete outstanding works.

**It was agreed** that the Great Park report be received.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- Emails from residents about boundary review.
- Zurich insurance policy revisions.
- PAYE for local council clerks.
- Parish Council Clerks' Group meeting – 1 March.

- Election timetable and Parish Councillor nomination packs. The Chairman had ensured that these had been distributed to Parish Councillors.
- Play Practice – new playground funding support service.
- Parklands Ward Committee – 24 March.
- Royal Wedding Celebrations – request for funding for generator.
- Car parking outside shops and on Princes Road. David Down had the mobile number for the Enforcement Officer.

**It was agreed** that the correspondence be noted and pursued, as appropriate and Councillor Dr. B. Agnew offer his mobile generator for use at the Royal Wedding Celebration event.

## 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| Clerk's salary for month ended 28 February 2011            | £400:00   |
| Postages, phone calls, stationery etc.                     | 10:00     |
|  | £410:00   |
| Newcastle City Council Annual Maintenance Contract 2010/11 | £871:24   |
| VAT at 20%   | 174:25    |
|  | £1,045:49 |
| Prontaprint – Boundary Review leaflets                     | £95:00    |
| VAT at 20%   | 19:00     |
|  | £114:00   |
| Andrew Armin – delivery of boundary review leaflets        | £100:00   |
| Councillor Miss V. Hay – stationery/cartridge              | £12:49    |

## 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No comments on applications at 2, Lumley Way, 14, Kingsley Avenue, 43, Kingsley Avenue and 18, Queensway.

Applications granted at 34, South Bend and 119, Warkworth Woods.

## 12. OTHER ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- Emptying of litter bins at Great Park play area.
- More street lights working on Melbury.

- Mud on road from development at Gosforth High School.
- Continuing problem of dog fouling and dog owners failing to clean up.
- City Council notice board to be installed at Melton Park. David Down to investigate potential for City Council notice board at Brunton Park.

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

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was agreed** that the next Parish Council meeting be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.