

Minutes of the annual meeting of **NORTH GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held at St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Councillors Dr. B. Agnew, Mrs. J. Banks, A. Cooke, J.Gray, Miss V. Hay, Mrs. A. Mears, D. Phillipson and Mrs. H. Robinson.

Also in Attendance: Councillor D. Down, PC Craig Foster and two residents.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs. P.M. Spearing.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Councillor D. Phillipson be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Council year.

(Councillor D. Phillipson in the Chair).

3. MINUTES

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

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that Councillor Mrs. A. Mears be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing Council year.

5. POLICE MATTERS

P.C. Craig Foster reported that crime levels were down by 8% and anti social behaviour down by 15%. A vehicle had been damaged in Greenfield Road.

Reference was made to incidents involving youths at Hilton Green and Gilwell Way, builders using a JCB without licence plates on public roads in Brunton Park and an oil spillage from a lorry.

Travellers were illegally parked near the Sage and would be issued with a notice to leave.

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

6. MELTON PARK – CHAPEL SITE

Representatives of the Friends of North Gosforth Chapel reported on the design and wording of the proposed sign at the former chapel site.

The sign could be erected on the existing post for the “No Dog Fouling” sign and the wording invited users of the public open space to respect the listed chapel site. It was again stressed that the sign had no legal status.

It was agreed that permission be given for the sign to be erected.

7. ONGOING ISSUES

Reference was made to the following issues:

- Changes to bus services were being progressed. The M46 would serve Brunton Park and Featherstone Grove via the bus gate. The X40 would serve the Park and Ride and the new housing development via Brunton Lane. The changes would come into effect on 30 May. There was a need to ensure that the Brunton Park service was accessible to those on the extremities of the estate and those who were unable to walk as far as the main bus stop at Polwarth Drive/Lincoln Green.
- It was hoped that Warkworth Woods would be adopted in June or July.
- A date for planning training for Parish Councillors had been suggested. Monday 28 June from 6.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m. was the date proposed and this appeared to be convenient for most.
- The officer responsible for civil parking enforcement had been invited to next Thursday’s Ward Committee meeting.
- Kirkwood Place and Princes Close were due to be resurfaced this year.

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

8. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK

Councillor Miss V. Hay reported the following matters:

- The Great Park Advisory Committee had met on 10 May.
- None of the SUDs had been adopted yet.
- A written report on drainage issues had been requested.
- Yellow lines would be painted along parts of Brunton Lane and Glamis Avenue.
- The traffic restriction report for Brunton Lane was being assessed.
- Further work was being done to ensure safe journeys to school along Brunton Lane.
- Reference had been made to community engagement work, the community building and outdoor facilities.
- Issues about landscaping and trees along Featherstone Grove were being resolved.
- Turney Wilde would not be vacating until July and reinstatement work could commence then.
- Dog bins and litter bins had been requested by residents.

It was agreed that the Great Park report be received.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- NALC subscription 2010/11 - £513.31
- Licensing policy consultation 2011/13.
- Standards (Parish Councils) Sub Committee dissolved with effect 26/05/10.
- Village Green application not determined yet.
- Care Home decision, Melton Park.
- Great North Road/Polwarth Drive roundabout road resurface.
- Northumberland Local Council Charter review.
- CE Electric newsletter.
- Community Centre AGM – 9 June.

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

10. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/10

The Parish Council accounts and annual return for 2009/10 were submitted for approval.

It was agreed that the accounts and annual return for 2009/10 be approved and the Chairman be authorised to sign the accounting statements and annual governance statement in the annual return.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary for month ended 30 th April 2010	£400:00
Postages, phone calls, stationery etc	10:00
	£410:00
Zurich Insurance Annual Premium 2010/11	£205:00
J.Roll – Internal audit fee 2009/10	£100:00

12. PLANING APPLICATIONS

No comments on applications for a conservatory at 28, Greenfield Road and details of external surfaces for St. Aidan's Church extension.

Further information required on an application for the erection of detached dwelling house following partial demolition of existing dwelling house at 34, Park Drive. (Clerk authorised to submit an objection following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman).

Conditional permissions issued for extension to St. Aidan's Church, Care Home at Brandling Avenue, Melton Park, TPO application at Newcastle Racecourse, extension at 14, Waterbury Road, extension at 2, Ferndale Avenue and amended plans at 31, Barmoor Drive.

Refusal of plans at West Lodge, Gosforth Park.

13. OTHER ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- A cyclist had been hit by a car outside the Shell Garage on the Great North Road.
- There was a clutter of road signs at the A1 junction and Brunton Lane junction and traffic problems on the roundabout next to McDonalds.
- The City Council was investigating the cost of improved signage for the City boundary when approaching from the North.

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

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting be held on Wednesday 16th June 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.