

Minutes of a meeting of **NORTH GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held at St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors D. Phillipson (Chairman), Dr. B. Agnew, J. Gray, Miss V. Hay, Mrs. H. Robinson and Mrs. P.M. Spearing.

**Also in Attendance:** Councillor Mrs. D. Packham and P.C. Hall.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mrs. J. Banks, A. Cooke and Mrs. A. Mears.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 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 there was little reported crime in the Parish. There had been some misbehaviour in the play area and children had been spoken to outside the shops.

Reference was made to young people causing problems between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday evenings. The operation of the BMX track near the Great North Road was also raised.

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

## **4. MELTON PARK CHAPEL SITE**

Councillor A. Cooke had attended the meeting of the Friends of North Gosforth Chapel in his role as Parish Council representative. It had been a positive meeting and the Friends were pleased that recent issues had been resolved amicably.

**It was agreed** that permission be given for the proposed work to the Chapel site surface and FNGC be advised of the public liability cover contained in the Parish Council's insurance policy.

## **5 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

The City Council's Constitutional Committee had considered the Parish Council's request for boundary review. The Committee's report to the City Council meeting on 3 November would recommend that the requested reviews of Hazlerigg and Woolsington Parishes should proceed but that North Gosforth's request should be rejected.

Concern was expressed about the consultation process which had excluded the majority of Parish residents and that the Constitutional Committee had not been advised of all the Parish Council's reasons for the request.

It was suggested that the City Council should be requested to defer that part of the Constitutional Committee's report to Council concerning North Gosforth Parish and a City Council representative be asked to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss reconsideration of the matter.

**It was agreed** that the suggested course of action, outlined above, be actively pursued.

## **6. ONGOING ISSUES**

Reference was made to the following issues:

- Re-instatement of the Turney Wilde site would commence shortly.
- Northumbria Water would not be publishing the outcome of their survey work on Brunton Park drainage until the New Year.
- Some repairs had been carried out to the fence in the lay by on the east side of the Great North Road.
- The electronic speed warning sign at Polwarth Drive had been replaced.
- The City Council had inspected the willow tree on Lincoln Green and did not think that pruning was necessary. They did not think that the trees on Hilton Green were in local authority ownership.
- The Planning Dept had confirmed that there was no planning condition imposed to control cooking smells from the new Care Home. Environmental Health had been asked to report back on the matter.
- Darren Penaluna had asked for the specific locations on Melton Park for the missing litter bins.

**It was agreed** that these matters be noted and pursued, as appropriate and the City Council be asked to provide an estimate for pruning the willow tree on Lincoln Green and the trees on Hilton Green.

## **7. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK**

The next meeting of the Great Park Advisory Committee was on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- Parish Council Clerks' Group – 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- Proposed Deanery Service at North Gosforth Chapel – June 2011.
- Society of Local Council Clerks.
- NALC correspondence.

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

## **9. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary for month ended 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	£400:00
Postages, stationery, phone calls etc.	10:00
	£410:00
BDO LLP – Audit Fee 2009/10	£135:00
VAT@17.5%	23:63
	£158:63

## **10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor J. Gray disclosed a personal interest in respect of the planning application at 3, Easedale Avenue because the applicant was a friend. He left the room for the duration of the discussion and decision about this application.

No comments on applications at 12, Barmoor Drive, 72, Newlands Avenue, 10, Lumley Way, 101, Great North Road, 97A, Featherstone Grove and a TPO application at 11, Beech Close. A comment about the use of dormer windows regarding an application at 3, Easedale Avenue.

Objections to applications at 3, Dukes Drive and 18, Princes Road.

Applications granted conditionally at 30, Newlands Avenue and 75, Featherstone Grove.

Refusal of application at 1, East Brunton Wynd.

The Planning Enforcement Officer has investigated the potential operation of a business at 85, Warkworth Woods. No action proposed but further investigations in the New Year.

## **11. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2009/10**

BDO LLP, the Council's external auditors, had completed the audit of the Parish Council's 2009/10 accounts. There were no matters to report and the advertisement of the conclusion of the audit should be displayed for 14 days.

**It was agreed** that the annual return be approved and accepted by the Parish Council.

## **12. OTHER ISSUES**

The following issues were raised:

- Authority for Councillor Val Hay to purchase plants for the Melton Park beds.
- Renegotiation of the contract with Jesmond Dene Nurseries to include planting of the new planters and the Melton Park beds.
- Arriva should be asked to ensure that buses do not wait outside chemists and at top of Greenfield Road with engines running.
- Overhanging hedge at 37, Polwarth Drive.
- Work was proceeding on Great Park road surfaces, and bins and benches had been provided at the play area. Legal notices for the Brunton Lane bus gate were being processed.
- Councillor David Down, the Chairman of the Ward Committee should be asked to report on the potential for repairs to Greenfield Road being undertaken by the City Council.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.