

Minutes of a meeting of **NORTH GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held at St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 21st July 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D. Phillipson (Chairman), Dr. B. Agnew, A. Cooke, Miss V. Hay, Mrs. A. Mears and Mrs. H. Robinson.

Also in Attendance: Councillor D. Down and P.C. Craig Foster.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs. P.M. Spearing and Amy Stillwell.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th June 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. Craig Foster said that crime levels continued to be low. There had been three reported crimes on the Great North Road and one in Clarendon Mews. Children were congregating beyond Warkworth Woods and this was being monitored.

Abuse of bus lanes continued to be a problem and U turns were still being made at the Great North Road/Brunton Lane junction.

Parking on Greenfield Road was still problematical and residents were experiencing difficulty in accessing their driveways.

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

4. MELTON PARK – CHAPEL SITE

The Clerk read out a letter from the Secretary of the Friends of North Gosforth Chapel responding to the Parish Council's concerns about the use of the site. The Treasurer of the Friends of NGC was also in attendance. Suggestions in the letter that the public open space should be restricted to play by children only and that the sign should also say "No hard ball games please" were rejected.

The Friends had removed the bamboo canes and signs about grass cutting promptly. The letter referred to damage to adjacent residents' property, arising from play on the site, and it was acknowledged that this was a matter for the Police.

Reference was also made to a contract between The Friends of NGC and English Heritage about the maintenance of the site. The Parish Council should be provided with a copy of the contract to ensure it did not conflict with the Parish Council's duty to ensure the continuing use of the site as a public open space.

The Friends of NGC were seeking a grant from the Ward Committee to fund new surface material within the chapel ruins. It was noted that the Parish Council, as landowner, should have been consulted directly about the proposal.

It was agreed that the Clerk reply to the Secretary of the Friends of NGC stressing the above points and asking for a copy of the contract.

5. ONGOING ISSUES

Reference was made to the following issues:

- The markings on the roundabout next to McDonalds would be re-done
- Councillors Mrs. A. Mears and Mrs. H. Robinson had attended the planning training event on 28 June and reported that it had been very informative. A copy of the papers was made available for circulation amongst Parish Councillors.
- The wording for the entries in the village green register relating to Lincoln Green was still awaited.
- The Parish boundary review was ongoing and the consultation period would end in the summer. A report would then be prepared and submitted to the appropriate City Council Committee in late autumn for determination.
- The responses to the consultation about the "Brunton Lane Proposed Bus Only Restriction" were being processed by the City Council.
- The City Council did not consider that repairs to the footpath on Greenfield Road (next to the Community Centre) were necessary at the moment.

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

6. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK

Councillor Miss V. Hay reported the following matters arising from the Great Park Advisory Committee meeting:

- Ouseburn Catchment Area – Cell H to be repaired. Cell C to be taken over in 2011.
- Great Park projects not yet started would be reviewed.
- Work on the nursery was geared towards a September 2011 opening.
- A new planning enforcement protocol had been introduced.
- Turney Wilde was required to re-instate the kick about area.
- Traffic problems continued on Brunton Lane – speeding, U turns and misuse of bus lane.
- Brunton School traffic issues would be addressed in the summer holidays.
- Trees would be planted and the top dressing installed on Barmoor Drive.
- The hedge on the south side of Brunton Lane required pruning.

It was agreed that the Great Park report be received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- Parklands Ward Committee papers – 27 July 2010.
- Planning Enforcement Training – feedback letter.
- NSP Sustainable Community Strategy.
- North Tyneside Local Development Framework.
- Finchale Training College – request for funds.
- NHS North of Tyne – pharmaceutical needs assessment.
- Email from resident requesting strimming of edges around Hilton Green.(Positive response and action from City Council)

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 months ended 30 th June and 31 st July	£800:00
Postages, stationery, phone calls etc.	10:00
	£810:00

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No comments on applications at The Byre, Gosforth Steadings; 6, Clinton Place, 101, Great North Road; 45, Glamis Avenue.

Object to application for extension at 31, Barmoor Drive and maintain objection to amended proposal at 34, Park Drive.

Applications had been granted at 12, Chipchase Mews, Royal George (plaques and signs), 25, Clayworth Road, St. Aidan's Church (external surfaces) and 42, Greenfield Road.

10. OTHER ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- Vehicles parked on the pavement on the corner of Clayworth Road were causing an obstruction.
- The new playground at the bottom of Featherstone Grove was being well used.
- There was some builders' rubble in the Letch.
- There had been some flooding on the corner of Polwarth Road.
- The fence in the lay by on the east side of the Great North Road was collapsing.

- The tarmac outside Jan Forsters premises was breaking up and causing difficulty for pedestrians and bus users.

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 15th September 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park.