

Minutes of a meeting of **NORTH GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held at St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Also in Attendance:** P.C. Chris Brooks.

## **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mrs. J. Banks, Mrs. P.M. Spearing, City Councillor Mrs. D. Packham and Amy Stillwell.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 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. Brooks reported that crime levels remained low. Site equipment had been stolen at Brunton Lane and some young people had been abusive in Warkworth Woods. The police continued to patrol public transport networks and their presence was well received.

Issues raised included inconsiderate parking, particularly on pavements and vans parking in the bays next to the shops.

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

## **4. ONGOING ISSUES**

Reference was made to the following issues:

- The Parish Council's land holdings should be registered with the Land Registry and, once done, village green registration could be pursued.
- Negotiations were ongoing about the changes to the M46/X46 bus services.
- A meeting about the new emergency hospital at Cramlington had been held last night.

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

## **5. NEWCASTLE GREAT PARK**

The Great Park Advisory Committee had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were reported:

- E-mail from Darren Penaluna about the gully emptying service.
- Parklands Ward Committee meeting, 8 December 2009.
- CE Electric – Preparing for Mother Nature Campaign.
- Standards and Audit Committee – Parish Council representation.

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

## 7. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following account was approved for payment:

Clerk's salary for month ended 30 November	£350:00
Postages, phone calls, stationery	10:00
	£360:00

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No comments on applications at 34, Greenfield Road and The Byre, Gosforth Steadings.

The application at 75, Featherstone Grove had been withdrawn, 30, The Fairway had been refused and 6, Princes Road granted conditionally.

Problems continued with the Royal George site development and there was no response from the Enforcement Officer.

The City Council's on line system had been introduced and applications would have to be searched electronically. There had been some initial problems.

## 9. OTHER ISSUES

The following issues were raised:

- Broken paving on Greenfield Road particularly outside the Royal George site and the Community Centre.
- Uneven paving outside 1 and 3, Brackenside.
- Leaves accumulating on footpath between Davenport Drive and Clayworth Road.
- Drivers continued to make illegal right turns from south to north at Great North Road/Brunton Lane junction.
- Parklands Priority Maintenance Programme – resurfacing £198k in 2010.
- Concern about recycling bins not being emptied until 11<sup>th</sup> January.
- Gully opposite entrance to Park Drive required cleaning.

- Roadsweeper should sweep right hand side of road as well as near side, particularly on the Great North Road dual carriageway..

#### **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**It was agreed** that the next Parish Council meeting be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park. The Parish Council budget for 2010/11 would be determined at this meeting.