

Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the virtual Meeting held online on Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 7pm

PRESENT

Mark Fussell (MF) – Vice Chairman

Councillors

Paul Turner (PT)

David Gray (DG)

Dawn Pennington

Graham Hutson (GH)

Rachel Rowe (RR)

Others present: Cllr. Andy Pratt (Copeland Borough Council), Jacqueline Williams (Clerk)

275/20	<p>Apologies for Absence RESOLVED that apologies from Councillors Norman and McKinley be received and the reasons noted.</p>	
276/20	<p>Cllr. Fussell opened the meeting by congratulating Cllrs. Rowe and Pennington on each receiving a High Sheriffs Special Recognition Award in appreciation of their work in the community during the pandemic.</p>	
277/20	<p>Declarations of Interest – None received.</p>	
278/20	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2019 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2019, pages 74 to 76, be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
279/20	<p>Public Participation – The Clerk reported that members of the public had been invited to attend but no members of the public were present.</p>	
280/20	<p>County Councillor and District Councillors’ Reports – none. Cllr. Turner reported the road closure between Santon Bridge and Gosforth which will begin on 16th July. The first section will take 2 weeks and the second, 4 weeks.</p> <p>Cllr. Pratt reported that Copeland had opened many of the play parks. They are trying to resolve issues with recycling as some collections are currently running late. CBC hope to return to fortnightly brown bin collections soon.</p> <p>Cllr. Pratt, on behalf of CALC, gave an update on the situation regarding street lighting and said there would be an email regarding CBC’s questionnaire early next week.</p>	
281/20	<p>Planning Applications Applications Cllr. Rowe agreed to deliver letters to neighbours of Ellerslie Terrace. RESOLVED that the Clerk send a response to the Planning Authority of the Council’s observations on the applications listed below:</p>	<p>RR Clerk</p>

App. No	Location	Proposal	Comment
4/20/2211	Land North of High House Farm, Gosforth	Reserved matters – Farm workers dwelling	No objections – suggest conditional on dwelling being tied to the Farm
4/20/4045	1 Ellerslie Terrace, Gosforth	Demolition of garage, greenhouse, lean-to – replace with garage and sunroom	Letters have been delivered to neighbours - awaiting comments

Decisions - none

Other Planning Matters
The latest list of upcoming Sellafeld applications had been circulated. Cllr. Fussell reported that many of the projects had been delayed because of the pandemic. There will be a meeting soon and he will update at the next meeting or before if anything significant comes up.

282/20 Financial Reports
RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2020 be received, noted and signed by the Chairman.
RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be approved and an additional late invoice from Robinson & Co. also be approved for payment.
The Clerk reported that a VAT refund request had been submitted.

283/20 Public Toilets
Cllr. Fussell had met with Cllrs. Norman and Gray at the toilets to check what needed doing to reopen. An action list had then been circulated and some repairs completed. Government guidance has now been published. A lively discussion took place with all Councillors expressing their views which were summarised as follows:

- The aim is to re-open the toilets on the 17th or 18th July.
- Clerk to update the Risk Assessment and discuss with Cleaner what PPE and other equipment is needed.
- It is of primary importance to ensure the Cleaner is working in a safe environment.
- Cllrs. Rowe and Pennington have some PPE available.
- Clerk to research aerosol spray recommended by Cllr. Pennington.
- Clerk to produce signage for entrances (social distancing, own risk) and inside (hand hygiene, social distancing, catch-it, bin-it etc.)
- The public will be expected to use their own sanitiser.
- The legal position needs to be resolved. Cllr. Pratt sent an email to Copeland B.C.

284/20 Cycling on Pedestrian Paths
Cllr. Turner reported that a painted sign to define the end of the Viking Way is on a list of work to be completed. If this turns into a major problem he will report it. Cllr. Turner is also trying to get some maintenance done to the grass verges.

285/20 Public Hall
The Council of Management of the Public Hall will be meeting online tomorrow

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<p>286/20</p>	<p>evening to discuss the recent government guidance on reopening and the Clerk will report the outcome.</p> <p>Trees on Meadowfield Residents of Meadowfield had contacted the Parish Council regarding the removal of trees close to their properties. Cllr. Gray had visited and met with the residents. After some discussion it was agreed that, although the Parish Council did not have the authority to grant permission, they have no objections to the removal of the trees. RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the residents advising them to contact a professional tree surgeon to guide them through the process.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>287/20</p>	<p>Councillor Administration Cllr. Turner confirmed that he would be standing down as Chairman but continuing as a member of the Parish Council. RESOLVED that Cllr. Mark Fussell be elected Chairman – proposed by Cllr. Hutson – seconded by Cllr. Rowe and agreed by all present. RESOLVED that Cllr. Rachel Rowe be elected Vice Chair – proposed by Cllr. Fussell – seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by all present.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>288/20</p>	<p>Councillor Matters Cllr. Rowe -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Has written two articles for Tethera; one on VE Day and the other on the work of the Volunteer Group. ➤ Cllrs. agreed that the work of the Volunteer Group should be continued and reviewed at the next meeting. <p>Cllr. Gray -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Noted that Cllr. Rowe has agreed to coordinate the distribution of Tethera magazine. ➤ Wrote to the Land Registry on 15th June and sent a follow-up message today asking if the office is still actioning mail as he has not had a response. <p>Cllr. Fussell –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Has been approached by residents enquiring about a memorial bench and will have a further conversation to ascertain their requirements and expectations. ➤ Is concerned about the weeds in the village. Cllr. Pratt recommended contacting Open Spaces at Copeland. <p>Date of the next meeting Cllrs. agreed that an August meeting was necessary due to the number of issues regarding the reopening of facilities. The date of the next meeting is scheduled as Wednesday 12th August 2020 at 7pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8:45pm</p> <p>Chairman.....Date.....</p>	