**Gosforth Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Gosforth Library**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Tyson Norman (TN) – Chairman**

**Chris Walton (CW) – Vice Chair**

**Councillors**

**David Ancell (DA)**

**Mike McKinley (MM)**

**Graham Hutson (GH)**

**David Gray (DG)**

**Mark Fussell (MF)**

**Also present: County Councillor Paul Turner (PT), Jacqueline Williams – Clerk**

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It was noted that there is still one vacancy.  **RESOLVED** that Paul Turner be duly co-opted to serve on Gosforth Parish Council with immediate effect.  **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2018**  **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on 10th October 2018 (Pages 5 – 8) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.  **Progress Reports:**   * **War Memorial**   DG had tidied up the War Memorial in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. DG suggested contracting a builder to complete the pointing work required.  **RESOLVED** that a builder be requested to complete the works.   * TN reported that the flagpole on the Village Hall roof was not safe and suggested the PC consider installing a new flagpole near the War Memorial.   **RESOLVED** that Councillors research the cost of flagpoles prior to the next meeting.   * **Remembrance Sunday**   TN reported that the event had been well attended with 196 people at the Church Service.GH reported that the Rotary Club had planted an Oak tree with a plaque to commemorate Armistice Day.  **RESOLVED** that a letter of thanks be sent to the Rotary Club for their assistance with the parade.  **RESOLVED** that a letter of thanks be sent to Howard Rooms for the loan of ‘Road Closure’ signs.   * **Cumbria Exchange**   **RESOLVED** that this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting as Cllr. King was not in attendance.   * **Bench Location**   The Clerk reported no further progress. GH reported that the Taylor family had suggested an alternative to the Cycle Way being, on Lane Side at the splay into Thistledown Road. A general discussion took place regarding what permissions may have to be sought.  **RESOLVED** that Councillors visit the site prior to the next meeting.   * **Tethera Charging Structure**   DG recommended an increase in contribution to Tethera Magazine as the cost of paper alone had gone up by 18%. DG circulated a document comparing Gosforth’s contribution to Seascale and Drigg.  **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council increase the payment to £100 being a £20 increase and that Cllr. Gray will inform Tethera before the next invoice is due.   * **Defibrillator Maintenance**   The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting of Mid Copeland Parish Partnership and all other PCs had their Defibrillators mounted in locked cabinets.  **RESOLVED** that Stuart Robb be contacted to enquire on any progress with his research.  **Public Participation**  Jim Polmear, Gosforth Amateur Dramatics representative on the Public Hall Management Committee, addressed the Parish Council concerning the retirement of the Chairman and Vice Chair. He requested that the Parish Council, as Trustees, authorise the continuation of business by the previous Booking Secretary and Treasurer as they had not been officially re-elected due to the lack of a Chairman. Parish Councillors discussed the situation and authorised the continuation of business as usual until the situation can be resolved at an EGM to be called once the outgoing Chairman returns from holiday. In the meantime, the Clerk will offer her support when needed. TN declared his sadness at the departure of Keith Rhodes whose valuable work has been much appreciated. Councillors all agreed and requested that a letter of thanks and card be sent.  **County Councillor and District Councillors’ Reports**  CCllr. Paul Turner said that all items are covered in the agenda.  **Planning Applications**  **Applications**  **RESOLVED** that the following applications are received and the Planning Authority be advised of the Council’s observations as follows: **No Objections**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Application No.** | **Location** | **Proposal** | | 7/2018/4089 | Hill View, Wellington | Change of roof and window to sunroom | | CH/4/18/2489/0O1 | High House Farm, Holmrook | Outline for erection of Agri-worker’s dwelling |   **RESOLVED** to ratify the response given by the Chairman advising that the Parish Council are **unable to support** the following application on the grounds previously stated which still stand.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Application No.** | **Location** | **Proposal** | | CH/4/18/2351/0F1 | Sellafield | Retreatment Plant |   **RESOLVED** that the Clerk respond to the relevant Planning Authority that the Parish Council object to the following planning application on the grounds of Safety.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Application No.** | **Location** | **Proposal** | | 7/2018/4101 | 7 Hardingill, Gosforth | Off street parking space |   **RESOLVED** to note the decisions of the statutory planning Authority with regard to the following applications: **Approved**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Application No.** | **Location** | **Proposal** | | 7/2018/4078 | Parknook, Gosforth | Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development re barn conversion to holiday accomm. | | 7/2017/4077 | Cottage Suite, Rainors Farm | Certificate of Lawful Use re holiday letting | | 7/2018/4070 | 40 Fell View Park | Lean-to Porch |   Councillors discussed the monthly list of upcoming Sellafield Planning applications.  **RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact Sellafield for clarification on the planning conditions on the Yottenfews Car Park application.  **Financial Reports**  **RESOLVED** that the bank reconciliation for the year to 31st October 2018 be received and noted.  **RESOLVED** that the payments listed on the bank reconciliation be approved for payment.  **Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications** *(previously circulated)*  **RESOLVED** that all items listed on the schedule for information be noted.  **Car Parking**  DA circulated a draft letter and reported that Ian Curwen from Sellafield, had interviewed him to obtain material for a personal message to be sent to Sellafield staff. DG read out an exchange of emails which appears to have prompted this, described as a ‘different approach’ in place of the residents’ token scheme idea for the buses.A general discussion took place and it was noted that shift work would be stopping soon and that may have a further negative impact on the parking situation.  **RESOLVED** that the Council continue to work with Sellafield and the Police, continue to monitor the parking situation and place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.  **Sign at Beck Place**  The Clerk reported that the additional insurance cost would be £7.60 per annum.  **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council accept the terms of the draft agreement which will be signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council and that Cllr. Turner communicate this to the County Council.  PT reported that the previous sign had an additional sign attached from the Old Post Office Caravan Site and CBC had informed the owner he could put another sign up on the new one.  **RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform the owner of the Caravan Site that the sign will be a Heritage sign in the ownership of the Parish Council and that it will not be appropriate to attach any other signs to it.  **Community Speed Watch**  PT reported that he is inviting local Parish Councils to take part in a training event the details of which will be notified by CALC in due course.  **Playground**  **RESOLVED** that the Annual Inspection Report for Gosforth Playing Field be received and that it be noted the condition of the Playing Field and Play Equipment is acceptable.  **RESOLVED** that the Clerk produce a sign for the Playground, inviting parents and residents to contact her should they have any concerns regarding the condition of the play equipment.  **Community Land at Denton Park**  Information regarding registration had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors discussed land at Denton Park and other areas within the village.  **RESOLVED** that the Clerk is to obtain the relevant form for registering a new village green.  **Meetings**  **RESOLVED** that the Council note Councillor Hutson’s comments on a discussion that took place at a Stakeholders meeting where it was pointed out that attempts to bring other industries to the area were being hampered by the inflated salary statistics.  **RESOLVED** to note that Cllr. Walton had attended a Gosforth School meeting where he had been presented with a cheque for £200 for the Parish Council from David Ancell of the Village Store and Councillors expressed their thanks and appreciation.  **RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Norman will be attending a meeting with Nugen on the 15th November.  **Councillor Matters**   * MF reported that a resident had contacted him regarding road markings at a junction with Bleng Road. PT reported that this was a private road and not a public highway and therefore no give-way markings would have been there. CW informed the meeting that it was not classed as a road and should not have vehicle access. Cllr. Fussell to report back to the local resident with these findings. * PT reported that two Cork Trees in the village are not covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). One in the Church grounds and one in Bolton Hall. The Clerk is to contact contact Sam Lump of LDNPA to request information. * DG was concerned that items previously discussed are not being signed off, including an update of the Parish Plan and electric sockets in the car park. PT noted that the car park is still not in the ownership of the Parish Council. TN noted that funding for electric sockets has been withdrawn. It was agreed that the Parish Plan update be included on the January agenda. * TN proposed using the £200 donation from the Village Store to erect one or two Christmas trees in the village and invite pupils from the School and Nursery to put decorations on them. The decorations would be ‘memory’ stars to commemorate loved ones. GH suggested the entrance to Denton Park, being close to the school and nursery. TN preferred the green in front of the Car Park.   **Items in Camera – None**  **Date of the next meeting**  The date of the next schedule meeting is confirmed as **Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 7.30p.m.**  **Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.**  **Chairman…………………………………………………………….**  **Date…………………………………………………………………….** | **ACTION**  **Clerk✓**  **All**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk**  **All**  **DG✓**  **Clerk**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk/**  **PT**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **MF**  **Clerk✓**  **Clerk** |