

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14th June 2017 in the Supper Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs T Norman (Chair); Cllr C Walton (Vice Chair); Cllr G Hutson; Cllr A Jacob; Cllr I Rae; Cllr P Turner, Cllr D Hobson;

Apologies: Cllr M McKinley; Cllr D Ancell, Cllr D Gray

Also Present: J Murray (Clerk), R McCully

58/17 Declarations of Interest

None received

59/17 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

60/17 Planning Applications

Broom Farm

Resolved - that there were no objections to the application from Broom Farm

Red Admiral

Resolved – it was discussed and no objections were raised.

There was some discussion of whether there should be a limit to the number of consecutive days to encourage tourism as well as contractor use, but felt that this might be a consideration rather than a condition.

61/17 Gosforth Playing Field Association/ENWL

Sports Pavillion

Resolved – It was agreed that the Pavillion is now under the ownership of the Gosforth Playing Field Association (GPFA) which will/is supported by the parish. The financial situation was discussed and it was agreed that further funding options need to be explored.

Further consideration would be needed in respect of the money which Greengarth felt was owed, in light of maintenance that would need to be carried out.

Wayleave Agreement

The Council was updated on the meeting held with a quantity surveyor. The land was non-commercial and it was agreed that the wayleave agreement could progress.

62/17 Meetings

Councillor Paul Turner reported on the 3 tier meeting:

- The boundary commission review is to be discussed at a later date
- The highways reporting system has a new system; which is currently under development (but still active) as some issues have arisen since its release
- Resiliency Preparedness, leaflets have been sent to the parish to be distributed to residents regarding individual household emergency plans
- Community emergency plans were also discussed but to be discussed further at a later date

Councillor Chris Walton met with the Library volunteers and they were looking at options moving forward, but wanted to remain under the Parish Council for the time being. There was agreement on the need to improve communication from both sides.

63/17 Finance

Resolved – that the financial reconciliation, and payments, to the 31 May 2017 be approved.

It was noted that the insurance for the Sports' Pavilion would rest with the Playing Field Committee.

64/17 Correspondence

Grant Request

Resolved – The church warden has asked the parish to consider upping the grant from £250-£300. It was agreed that the parish would do so if other bodies did the same and there was no other form of funding for the church

Police Report

Resolved – No issues were raised

Aerial Photography

Resolved – Sellafeld will be conducting a survey which will include some low flying drones

National Grid

Resolved – This is to be delayed following the actions from NuGen, it was agreed the time and effort put in by NuGen representatives to meet with the public was good. However with no outcome yet the parish cannot comment further

Complaint Re Fred Whitton Challenge

Resolved – The council agreed that the complaint was valid and to notify the appropriate people

65/17 **Parish Council Vacancy**

Resolved – the vacancy will be advertised

66/17 **Councillor Matters**

Councillor Walton rose the issue regarding the kettle issue in the area and that it should be monitored in case it gets worse

Councillor Norman noted that the road signs on the A595 were unreadable due to the high grass, he has reported it but not received any response

The Clerk is to progress with setting up a meeting with the district and county councils.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm