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Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on Wednesday, 8th November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Supper Room of Gosforth Public Hall.

Present: Cllrs T Norman(Chair); C Walton (V Chair); D Ancell; D Gray; G Hutson; A Jacob; P Turner

Apologies: Cllrs D Hobson; M McKinley; I Rae

99/17 Declarations of Interest

None received

100/17 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 8th November 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

101/17 Planning Matters

Roundstone – it was agreed to support a call from the local community to safeguard the trees lining the adjacent drive and to call for a tree preservation order to be placed on those trees. This was to retain the symmetry of the existing planting and it was felt that this could be achieved without encroaching on the plans. It was noted that United Utilities were now content with the drainage.

Hawkbarrow Farm – plans for a pond were supported and it was noted that there was the potential to reduce local flooding.

Newton Manor – the Council had already had sight of the plans and were supportive of them (albeit disappointed that the building had been allowed to deteriorate to the extent it had).

Developments at Rainors Farm and Bleng Farm had been sent by the Lake District National Park Authority for information. It was requested that the potential for flooding adjacent to Bleng Farm be drawn to the Authority's attention in order to ensure that drainage issues were considered in respect of the new agricultural building.

It was noted that the planning appeal for Adjacent Hillcrest had been refused, the main reason being the character of the world heritage site.

Several applications had been received from Copeland Borough Council, from Sellafeld requesting that temporary accommodation be made permanent.

This was largely in respect of car parking and one for office accommodation. In respect of a waste facility, it was agreed to request further information.

102/17 Gosforth Village Care and Assets

It was felt that the time had come to address the issue of contractors parking all day in the village, preventing parents from using the playing field. It was agreed to discuss car parking at the January meeting. It was noted that the gate had been returned to the playing field in an attempt to alleviate the situation.

The Rotarians had volunteered to help prune bushes in the car park, which was appreciated by the Council.

The new seat, the cost of which was being met by a donation to the Parish Council, was due to be delivered shortly and it was agreed that the old seat be moved to the adjacent land, where the landowner was happy for people to stray into.

103/17 Viking Way Opening

Copeland Borough Council had agreed a grant of £250. This was being matched by Seascale and it was agreed that Gosforth Parish Council would also contribute up to £250. This would allow for a Viking Encampment to be set up on the Playing Field, with drinks to be offered in the Pavillion by the Scouts. . The Kellbank Hotel had volunteered to provide a hot dog stall at cost. It was agreed that the cost of the Vikings hot dog be met from the grant money.

The Clerk agreed to speak to her counterpart at Seascale to agree the details of financing.

The Clerk clarified that any expenses could only be paid by the appropriate claim form and receipts, or by invoices.

104/17 Meetings

It was noted (with thanks from the Clerk for the consideration shown) that the December meeting would now be **4th December 2017**.

The Parish Planning meeting had received a contribution from a member of the public in respect of a vision for the village. Notes would be circulated in due course.

The Finance Committee minutes were received and noted. This meeting had focused almost entirely on the parish precept which would be tabled to the next meeting.

Cllr Walton had attended the Mid-Copeland group.

105/17 Financial Matters

Resolved – that the bank reconciliation to 31 October 2017, and payments, be approved.

Payments included some work that had been carried out in the public toilets, including painting and electrical work.

106/17 Correspondence

The Police report had been circulated.

It was requested that the Clerk respond to correspondence received from Gosforth Women's Institute to advise that the former Wheatsheaf was now being redeveloped; that the Council would write to the owner of Copeland House, but to point out that recent correspondence with the LDNPA, who had the power to intervene in respect of untidy properties, had not met with any success.

Cllr Walton agreed to contribute a response to Copeland Borough Council's local plan consultation and it was agreed that individuals should respond to the budget consultation.

The swift action of Thomas Nelson recently, in clearing gullies and preventing further flooding in the village had been recognised by a letter of thanks.

The Chairman had written to the Chief Constable in respect of the recent chaos during the Sellafield strike. The situation would be monitored.

107/17 Questions from Councillors

The Parish Council noted with deep regret and sadness the very tragic event which had recently taken place in the village. They appreciated that this was a very emotional time, but felt that a balanced approach was needed and that there were mixed views in the village in respect of any action arising from the event. . Copeland Borough Council maintained the area where the incident took place and they would be responsible for dealing with it.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm