

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on Monday, 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of Gosforth Public Hall.

Present: Cllr C Walton (In the Chair); Cllr D Ancell; Cllr D Hobson; Cllr G Hutson; Cllr P Turner; Cllr I King (from Minute No: 111/17)

Apologies: Cllr T Norman (Chair); Cllr D Gray; Cllr A Jacob; Cllr M McKinley; Cllr I Rae

108/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr D Ancell in Minute No 112/17

109/17 Minutes

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

110/17 Councillor Co-option

There had been one application received by the deadline, whose CV and statement had been circulated.

Resolved – that Iain King be co-opted to the Council.

The declaration of acceptance of office was signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

It was noted that a second application had been received after the deadline and that this had been held for the next vacancy which might arise.

111/17 Parish Precept

The Finance Committee had considered the draft budget for 2018-19 in detail. There had been a slight change (on which the committee had been consulted) following notification that additional repairs were likely for the play equipment.

The overall ask was a precept of £24,933 which was a 2.62% rise over the previous year's cash precept and equivalent to a yearly rise of £2.73 on a band D property.

Resolved – that the parish precept request of £24,933 for 2018-19 be approved.

112/17 **Gosforth Village Care and Assets**

The Clerk informed the Council that Copeland Borough Council had been requested to quote for some works to the car park.

The Clerk drew to the attention of the Council the significant changes of data protection requirements, which had come into force since the CCTV camera had been installed, and more regulations would be brought into place in the spring.

Cllr Ancell withdrew from discussions.

In consideration of the extent to which the camera was used and the amount of resource and administration which would be required for the continued use of the camera, it was

Resolved – that the camera be grant aided to the village store to be incorporated into their own system, and if not this was not possible, that the camera should be withdrawn from use.

Cllr Ancell re-joined discussions.

It was noted that following the kind donation from a villager, that the bench at the top of the car park had been installed (action since: letter of thanks sent). The Clerk requested authorisation to go ahead with repairs (as per the quote already received) to the bench at the foot of the car park if no other funding became available by February.

The defibrillator was now installed in the centre of the village. The electrician had been kind enough to donate his time and was intending only to invoice for his electrics (action since: letter of thanks sent).

It was noted that the lock to the disabled toilet was causing problems and was being dealt with.

Cllr Turner noted that Tier 2 contractors at Sellafield would also look to fund local projects and he would forward the details.

113/17 **Viking Way Opening**

The very recent bereavement affecting Cllr D Gray was noted with sadness. Cllr Turner updated the Council as far as he could and was to attend a meeting that week, prior to the opening, at which a Viking encampment was being proposed.

114/17 **Public Participation**

None

115/17 **Meetings**

A compromise was reached on the meetings schedule for 2018, whereby some meetings were moved to accommodate holidays and the remainder stayed with the second Wednesday of the month.

Resolved – that the revised meetings schedule be approved as appended.

Cllr Walton updated the Council in respect of a Parish Forum held with Sellafield. There were would be a good number of applications coming up for consideration and the intention was that there should be early engagement of stakeholders.

Community benefit continued to be a topic of discussion and while there may be some reconsideration of policy, no firm plans were forthcoming.

The recent strike action had been discussed and noted that the police were reluctant to intervene when the unions had a legal right to picket. They will only intervene at certain trigger points.

It was noted that Sellafield had prepared a transport plan, but this would not be discussed with Parish Councils until consultation had taken place with Cumbria County Council and Copeland Borough Council.

116/17 **Financial Matters**

The Bank Reconciliation to 31 November 2017 was received and noted, and payments approved, which included the annual grants. It was noted that £50 of the £300 payment to St Mary's Churchyard was conditional on receiving confirmation from St Mary's that Seascale Parish Council had increased their grant by an equivalent amount.

117/17 **Correspondence**

The information in respect of a site exercise on 6 December 2017 had been received, noted and publicised.

The Fred Whitton Challenge would take place on 13 May 2018 and would involve road closures through parts of Eskdale and the Hardknott Pass. The Clerk had expressed the differing views in the Parish about the cycling race and, amid a welcome of the event, had requested that organisers and participants should respect speed limits and public property.

118/17 **Questions from Councillors**

In response to questioning, the FLAG magazine continued to be received and was circulated.

119/17 **Items in Camera**

None received.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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7.30 pm
Supper Room
Gosforth Public Hall

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