

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on 14th February 2018 in the Supper room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Tyson Norman (Chair) ; C Walton (Vice Chair); D Ancell; D Gray; G Hutson; I King; M McKinley

Apologies: Cllrs D Hobson; A Jacob

Leave of Absence: Cllr I Rae

Also present: J Murray (Clerk)

14/18 Declarations of Interest

The clerk in discussion of her resignation and would withdraw.
The Chairman in the planning application for Silver How.

15/18 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

16/18 Planning Matters

There had been an application for an agricultural dwelling at Silver How, which had been circulated and no objections raised (the Chair had not commented) and no objections had been submitted to Copeland Borough Council.

17/18 Gosforth Village Care and Assets

Winter maintenance of the car park was discussed. It was agreed that an alert system was required for adverse conditions, and that the car park could be closed if need be. There was not unanimity on what equipment might be needed to deal with slippery conditions. It was requested that the insurance company be approached for advice.

It was noted with thanks that Gosforth Bakery had kindly repaired the bench at the foot of the car park and thanks were requested to be sent.

The damage to the defibrillator was noted and Cllr Ancell reported that the British Heart Foundation had said that there was no need for a lock as no-one ever tampered with them. Clearly this wasn't the case.

Cllr Ancell had kindly said that he would replace the damaged pads and investigate a lock keypad, and put in a note in the cabinet to say whether the defibrillator could be located in the interim.

While no decisions were reached on longer-term maintenance, it was suggested a sum of money be ring-fenced in the budget to meet the cost of materials and that a donation box be set up in the shop. However, until there was a locked cabinet, no decision could be taken.

It was requested whether Mrs Ancell would be willing to demonstrate how the defibrillator worked. Alternatively, a local first responder could be approached.

Cllr Gray put forward an offer from the Rotary to continue pruning work on the car park, which was gratefully accepted.

18/18

Roads

The Chairman had requested this item on the agenda. He was concerned at the number of potholes and the deterioration to drain covers and it was requested that this concern be passed on to the county councillor.

It was also noted that the flooding risk at Longacre continued and that the residents had approached the local MP and Cumbria County Council. The Parish Council had also acknowledged that they had been copied into the correspondence and had also been in touch with the County Council.

(Update since from the County Councillor: Gullies have been cleaned and the culvert is on a list for action. The field flooding is still be looked at).

The changes to street lighting had been noted at the previous meeting and there had been no update between meetings. (Update since: light outside Lion and Lamb to be repaired; no light outside Denton House; light outside Globe and Wheatsheaf to be installed).

19/18

Meetings

The 3-tier meeting was scheduled for 1st March (Action since: postponed)

Discussions were continuing in respect of date and time for the Parish Council Forum.

Cllr Hutson had attended the enablers meeting with Sellafield. Of note, was the proposed introduction of a park and ride at Greengarth picking up in Gosforth and Seascale.

Cllr Hutson also noted that there were two consultations running simultaneously on the geological disposal facility. Previously, there had been a nuclear group convened with other local parish councils and it was proposed to reconvene that group, noting that any recommendations would require the approval of the Parish Council.

Membership of the group from Gosforth Parish Council would be Cllr Hutson and it was also proposed that Cllr McKinley should join the group. It was, however, noted that Cllr McKinley may have a conflict of Interest as Chair of the LDNPA and he would need to give this careful consideration. Any other membership of the group was for the group to decide on the basis of pertinent expertise.

Resolved –

- 1) That Gosforth Parish Council participate in the nuclear group;
- 2) That Cllr Hutson be appointed to the group;
- 3) That Cllr McKinley be appointed to the group (subject to any conclusions reached on conflict of interest).

20/18

Financial Matters

Resolved –

That the bank reconciliation to 31 January 2018 be received, noted and signed, and that payments be approved.

It was noted that £522 had been paid to the Public Hall for the balance of cost incurred in respect of the library.

It was noted that the Viking Way opening costs, which had been split three ways, had seen a payment of £42.70 paid to Seascale Parish Council.

21/18

Questions from Councillors

It had been raised as to whether the Council could do anything about the use of the bridle way by delivery vehicles to the Kellbank. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise this with the Kellbank.

22/18

Correspondence

It was noted that at present, there had been two expressions of interest in the Councillor role and requested that the Clerk seek the advice of CALC on the best methodology of determining between candidates, for a vote to be taken at the next meeting.

The Calc Newsletter, and the ACTION for Cumbria, correspondence had been circulated. Longacre flooding had been discussed earlier. The resignation of the Clerk had been circulated.

The Clerk withdrew, the Chair took minutes

23/18 **Items in Camera**

The terms and conditions on which the post of Clerk would be advertised were agreed as submitted, at SCP 23-26. This had been as a result of a re-evaluation of the job against the national profiles.

The job advertisement was approved and agreed that in addition to social media channels, that the position be advertised on CN Jobs web site at a cost of £149 + VAT.

The Job description and person specification were agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.