

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on Wednesday, 11th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Library of the Public Hall

Present: Cllrs T Norman (Chair); D Gray; G Hutson; D Hobson; A Jacob; M Fussell

Apologies: Cllrs D Ancell; I King; M McKinley; C Walton (Vice Chair)

Also present: Jacqueline Williams (Clerk)

73/18 Declarations of Interest

None declared

74/18 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising, however, Cllr Gray requested that an action list be included in future minutes. **Action: Clerk**

75/18 Consultation

The Lake District National Park Local Plan Review consultation held on 28th June had been well attended. Cllrs reported that LDNPA staff had received balanced views from the public, however there was no Planning Officer in attendance and still some confusion and misunderstanding among residents regarding the process of identifying potential sites. In general, Cllrs agreed that the process had increased public awareness and will continue to monitor further progress.

Cllr Norman expressed concern over sustainability of the village with the locality having no bus service.

Cllrs Norman and Gray had both received letters stating there would be another round of consultation.

76/18 Planning Matters

- **CH/4/18/2254/0R1 – Westlakes Hotel – Access & Layout**
Plans appear to pre-date the existing cycle way which was constructed last year. Concerns were raised over access and visibility as the cycle way is well-used. In addition, there is a

large road sign present directly in front of the proposed access route which, together with the wall construction would hamper visibility.

Resolved – that the Parish Council object on the grounds of Highway Safety and request that any further plans be updated to include the Cycle Way.

- **CH/4/18/2270.0R1 – Westlakes Hotel – Dwelling on Plot 1**
No objections.
- **7/2018/4065 – The Kellbank – Erect small toilet Block**
Whilst the Parish Council support the need for a toilet block, they questioned whether the design of the building would meet modern standards for public toilets. Cllrs also raised concerns over the appearance, in particular of the proposed roofing materials, and were in agreement that the building appearance should be in line with the surrounding building.

Resolved – that the Parish Council object on the grounds of Design, Appearance and Materials.

- **7/2018/4062 – Low Boonwood Farm – Alterations and Extensions**
No objections

Action: Clerk – draft response to TN/DG

77/18

Gosforth Village Care and Assets

Cumbria Exchange – Cllr. Hobson reported on the website and offered to make local groups aware of the benefits of this scheme.

Action: Cllr. Hobson

War Memorial Maintenance – Cllr. Hobson will be re-pointing. Cllr. Norman suggested he check if it needs to be lime-mortar.

Action: Cllr. Hobson

Bin on Cycle Route – Cllrs. Discussed the quotation for a litter bin. Cllr. Fussell observed that there was very little litter, only a small amount at the Seascale end. Members of the public were litter picking the area regularly.

Resolved – that the Parish Council continue to monitor litter along the Cycle Way.

Defibrillator Update – as Cllr. Ansell was not presented this will be included on the next Agenda.

Action: Cllr. Ansell

78/18

Public Participation – no members of the public were present.

79/18

Meetings

Remembrance Sunday –

The Chair and Cllr. Gray had attended a meeting with the Reverend John Riley, Norma Hughes (Church Warden), Rod Kimber (Gosforth and District Royal British Legion) and a representative for the local Churches Together. The service will be in St. Mary's Church at 3pm with a parade to the War Memorial at 4pm, for those who wish to take part. Refreshments will be served back at St. Mary's. A further meeting will take place in September. The Chair has contacted our MP and other local councillors. Road closures may be necessary and a risk assessment can be completed once this has been ascertained.

Action: Cllr. Norman

Cllr. Gray will update the Facebook page with an advance notice.

Action: Cllr. Gray

Cllr. Hobson will continue to seek a Trumpet player.

Action: Cllr. Hobson

80/18

Financial Matters

The Clerk presented the Bank Reconciliation to 30th June 2018 and payments were approved, excepting the Computer Care and Repair contract as Cllr.Hutson suggested contacting PCPitstop for a quotation.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk informed the Chair that she was now established as a user of the online banking system. The previous Clerk is still registered as the Primary User and this needs to be updated. **Action: Clerk**

81/18

Data Protection

Noted - The Parish Council has received a Data Protection Registration Certificate and is fully compliant with new Data Protection regulations.

82/18

Correspondence

Email from applicant regarding decision on 5 Denton Park – previously circulated.

Cllr. Gray declared an interest and withdrew from the discussion.

Cllrs. agreed that the applicant was entitled to his opinion, however, the outcome would have been the same and was based purely on planning grounds.

Action: Clerk

Notice of CVS Funding Event – noted.

Notice of Planning Training Events in September 2018 – CALC
Cllr. Fussell and the Clerk will attend. **Action: Clerk**

North West Coastal Access – Monthly Update – noted.

Copeland – Open Spaces Officer – quote for Bin – discussed in 77/18.

Cumbria Coast Rail Users Group – notice of meeting – noted.

Email from Judith Taylor re bench – Clerk to meet. **Action: Clerk**

Policing Team Update – noted.

NUGEN – Parish Forum – Request for availability of Chair in
September - forward email to Cllr. Norman. **Action: Clerk**

Wasdale Mountain Rescue – official opening invitation for two
members of the Parish Council – 30th September, 2018
Cllr. Hobson will attend. The Chair suggested Vice Chair Cllr. Walton
may wish to attend, if he is unavailable, Cllr. Gray will attend. The site
will be open to the public from 1pm to 4pm.

83/18

Councillor Administration

The Clerk confirmed a Notice of Vacancy has been displayed on the
notice boards and she will contact the Returning Officer on 25th July.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Jacob submitted his formal resignation verbally, commenting that
he had enjoyed his time on the Parish Council and recalled how it had
helped him to establish himself in the village when he moved to
Gosforth in 1989. Cllr. Jacob has suffered from ill health recently. The
Chair, thanked Cllr. Jacob for his time on the Parish Council which he
said would be lesser without him. Cllr. Gray praised Cllr. Jacob for his
work as Chair of the Hall Committee for many years.

84/18

Questions from Councillors

Cllr. Gray had a list of questions which he would send to the Clerk for
inclusion on the next Agenda.

Action: Cllr. Gray

Cllr. Norman mentioned the replacement rope for the Flagpole needs
to be dealt with as soon as possible.

Action: Cllr. Gray

Cllr. Gray questioned the payments the Parish Council makes to
Tethera and it was agreed to make this an Agenda item for the next
meeting.

Action: Cllr. Gray

Cllr. Hobson reported that he had received complaints about traffic on
Boonwood Road and had witnessed a coach trying to come down the
road. It would appear the SATNAV directs traffic along this route. A

white line needs to be repainted at the end of Blengdale Forest Road as there have been several near misses recently. The Clerk to report these to the County Council. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr. Hutson reiterated that local business were still expressing an interest in using the phone box for publicity if it becomes available.

The Clerk reported that the recent road closure had not been NW Electricity. She had telephoned the Wayleaves Officer who confirmed that they would not be starting work on the sub-station until September as the Council had refused road closures until then. Cllr. Fussell reminded the meeting that the Blengdale Runners have their annual 10k in early September and he would confirm the date by email. The Clerk said she would inform the Wayleaves Officer.

Action: Clerk

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In Camera Items

None

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.