

Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Gosforth Library

PRESENT

Councillor Tyson Norman (TN) – Chairman
Chris Walton (CW) – Vice Chair

Councillors

Graham Hutson (GH) David Ancell (DA)
Paul Turner (PT) Mark Fussell (MF)

Also present: Keith Rhodes – Vice Chair – Public Hall, Anthony Millard – Treasurer – Playing Field
Jacqueline Williams – Clerk, three local residents

017/19	<p>Apologies for Absence No apologies were received from Cllrs. Hobson and McKinley and there are two vacancies. RESOLVED that apologies from Councillor Gray be received and the reason noted.</p>	ACTION
018/19	<p>Declarations of Interest None declared.</p>	
019/19	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2018 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on 9th January 2019 (Pages 19 – 22) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
020/19	<p>Progress Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Playground & Playing Field The Chair welcomed Anthony Millard to the meeting and appreciation for his work on the playing field was expressed. RESOLVED that Anthony Millard continue to carry out regular checks of the playground and that a nominated Councillor complete a monthly maintenance check. Financial reports were received from Anthony Millard. RESOLVED that the budgeted grant be paid to the Playing Field Committee forthwith. ➤ Flagpole RESOLVED to note that Cllr. Gray had confirmed the photomontage he had produced will be sufficient for the planning application. ➤ War Memorial RESOLVED that a quotation for £309 for repairs to the War Memorial be accepted. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DG</p> <p>Clerk</p>

022/19	<p>Planning Applications Applications – None received Decisions – None received</p> <p>Other Planning Matters Two local residents attended regarding compliance of the enforcement notice on 5 Denton Park and circulated photographs and plans showing a discrepancy between the original position of the fence and the location of the reinstated fence. A gate has been installed which was not previously present and some of the relocated fencing appears to be on a neighbouring property. The compliance date for the enforcement notice is 21st April 2019. RESOLVED that the Clerk request a copy of the Enforcement Notice and a meeting on site with the Planning authority.</p> <p>The Chairman has been researching the ownership of the land at Denton Park and it appears to be owned by a development company. There was a general discussion on the registration of green spaces and some confusion regarding time limits. Cllr. Walton agreed to check on the Open Spaces Society website. Cllr. Hutson suggested contact CALC for advice. RESOLVED that Councillors Walton and Norman research time limits on registration and that the Clerk contact CALC for advice.</p> <p>Cllr. Hutson reported that a tree had been cut down on Denton Park and that other trees in the cobbled areas will soon need attention. Cllr. Norman requested Councillors to bring to the notice of the Parish Council any trees that need protecting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CW/TN Clerk</p> <p>All</p>
023/19	<p>Financial Reports RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation for the year to 31st January 2019 be received and noted. A grant for equipment of £250 has been received from LDNPA. RESOLVED that the payments listed on the payments for approval schedule and the grant to the Playing Field Committee be approved for payment and signed by two bank signatories.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
024/19	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications (previously circulated) Cllr. Turner reported that the temporary road closure commencing 25 February is unlikely to be in place for four weeks, as stated in the circular. The election briefing sessions were noted and forms should soon be received. The Fred Whitton race route was discussed. Cllr. Fussell suggested a change to the cross-roads when entering the village. Other Cllrs. expressed concerns over the safety of the villagers during the race and that the speed limits should be observed. RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the organisers of the Fred Whitton race to request that the speed limit be included in the briefing and that they may wish to consider whether a re-route via the cross-road would be safer. RESOLVED that all other items listed on the schedule be noted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
025/19	<p>Car Parking A complaint had been received from a local resident regarding parking at the entrance to the Car Park. It was recommended that cars use the allocated parking bays or at least park further up the Car Park. It was suggested that</p>	

	there may be too many disabled bays, however Cllr. Turner pointed out that there is a fixed ratio for car park bays.	
026/19	<p>Public Hall Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman & Secretary Vacancies <p>Cllr. Norman and the Clerk attended the EGM on 10th January 2019 and it was agreed that the Chairman of the Parish Council, or a Councillor nominated by the Chairman, will act as Chairman of the committee until a replacement is found. The Clerk has been appointed acting Secretary. It was noted that the Treasurer will be resigning at the end of their financial year on 30th September 2019. Clerk to update Charity Commission.</p> <p>RESOLVED to note the arrangement regarding acting Chair and Secretary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Audit <p>As well as the heating system, the audit raised many issues with dampness and ventilation in the Supper Room particularly. Roof repairs are in hand and there will be a lot of work to do over time. The Clerk is looking into funding and will be attending an HLF meeting on 15th February.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write to County Libraries to request use of the Library internet access for the improved heating system controls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Protection <p>RESOLVED that the current Data Protection Policy covers the volunteers on the Public Hall and Playing Field committees and that the Clerk will send out forms for completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk – additional hours <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk be paid for twelve hours work in March 2019 for work carried out in December, January and February.</p>	Clerk
027/19	<p>Data Protection – telephone numbers</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk advise that telephone numbers for the Chairman, Clerk and County Councillor can be published in Tethera magazine.</p>	Clerk
028/19	Highways & CRASH group – covered under Minute 021/19	
029/19	<p>GDF Consultation</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the consultation stating that the Parish Council would not support an expression of interest for a repository on land owned by NDA or other government associated body and that the site assessment criteria should include the environmental impact of the construction of the repository, including disposal of spoil.</p>	Clerk
030/19	LDNPA Boundaries – noted under correspondence	
031/19	<p>FLAG Subscription Renewal</p> <p>RESOLVED that the FLAG subscription be renewed for a further year.</p>	Clerk
032/19	<p>Grounds Maintenance Contract Renewal</p> <p>The Clerk reported a price increase of 4% on last year.</p> <p>RESOLVED to renew the Grounds Maintenance Contract with Copeland Borough Council.</p>	Clerk

033/19	<p>Asset Register Review The Clerk reported that Cllr. Ancell confirmed the Defibrillator was donated to the Parish Council. As a donation a value of £1 has been added to the register and the Clerk will research the full cost of replacement for insurance purposes. The figure for the laptop computer and printer has been altered to be net of VAT. RESOLVED that the Parish Council accept the revised Asset Register.</p>	Clerk
034/19	<p>Parish Plan Update RESOLVED that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.</p>	Clerk
035/19	<p>Lighting in Alleyway to Denton Park RESOLVED that no action by the Parish Council will be taken at this time.</p>	
036/19	<p>Meetings SELLAFIELD - Cllrs. Norman and Walton had attended the parish forum meeting with Sellafield Ltd where upcoming planning applications were discusses, along with the Sellafield Traffic Management Plan. NUGEN - The Chairman had attended a NUGEN meeting on 15th January 2019. The company has gone into liquidation, a skeleton staff will remain and the land will be restored apart from the tracks. The site will return under NDA ownership and is still an attractive site for a Nuclear Power Station. With government financial support, other countries may come onboard. STAKEHOLDERS MEETING – Cllr. Hutson reported more on the influence decommissioning will have over 30 – 50 years with 2,000 jobs going at the end of reprocessing. MID-COPELAND – Cllr. Walton had attended a meeting in January.</p>	
037/19	<p>Councillor Administration RESOLVED that Cllr. Mike McKinley be appointed to represent the Parish Council on the LDNPA committee, proposed by Cllr. Paul Turner and seconded by Cllr. Graham Hutson.</p>	
038/19	<p>Councillor Matters - None</p>	
039/19	<p>Items in Camera – None</p>	
040/19	<p>Date of the next meeting The date of the next schedule meeting is confirmed as Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7.30p.m. Meeting closed at 9.45p.m. Chairman..... Date.....</p>	