

# Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Gosforth Library

**PRESENT**

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

**Councillors**

**Mike McKinley (MM)                      David Ansell (DA)**  
**Graham Hutson (GH)                  Mark Fussell (MF)**  
**Paul Turner (PT)**

**Also present: Jacqueline Williams – Clerk, four local residents**

041/19	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>          No apologies were received from Cllrs. Hobson.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies from Councillor Gray be received and the reason noted.</p>	ACTION
042/19	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> - None declared.</p>	
043/19	<p><b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Pages 23 – 27) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
044/19	<p><b>Progress Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Playground &amp; Playing Field</b>              The Clerk advised that Anthony Millard is carrying out regular checks of the playground which will be backed-up by a monthly check to be carried out by a nominated Councillor. Cllr. Norman noted the need for repairs to the mats and compacted ground under the play equipment.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Norman will engage a contractor to carry out repairs.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk will pass on the maintenance check forms and folder to a nominated Councillor each month to be returned at the following meeting.</li> <li>➤ <b>Flagpole</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note that Cllr. Gray has completed a draft Planning Application which has been passed to the Clerk for review.</li> <li>➤ <b>War Memorial</b>              The Clerk reported that the WI have offered to provide flowers and tidy the War Memorial in May. The WI have suggested that the provision of flowers each month by community organisations be re-instated.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk discuss previous arrangements with Cllr. Gray and/or the British Legion.              Cllr. Norman reported that the quote for repairs has been accepted.  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note that repairs to the War Memorial will commence when the weather has improved.</li> </ul>	<p>TN  Clerk  Clerk/ DG   Clerk</p>

	<p>➤ <b>Website</b> A structure for the new website has been forwarded to the company together with some illustrations and initial graphics have been promised but not yet received. Other sources of images were discussed. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk continue to progress the website.</p> <p>➤ <b>Tree Preservation Orders</b> No response has been received from the Vicar regarding the Cork Tree. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk write to the PCC.</p> <p><b>045/19 Public Participation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant of the Planning Application to be discussed under agenda item 6.1 presented his case. He had consulted an ecologist who had provided a report which advised that an Amphibian Fence would be counter-productive and would prevent the dispersal of the Great Crested Newts reported to be present on the property.</li> <li>Two local residents attended regarding the planning issue to be discussed under agenda item 6.3. They were disappointed by the outcome of the Complaint Investigation and were upset that the remedial work described in the Enforcement Notice had not been fully complied with. They estimated that around 70sqm of land or 10% of the total garden area had not been returned as part of the play area identified on the plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports</b> Cllr. Turner reported on data collected by the Speed Indicator Device which had been on the A595 just south of the Seascale/Gosforth junction. 32,500 northbound vehicles were recorded over a two-week period. The fastest speed recorded was 84mph, however, the average speed did not meet the criteria for any speed limit changes. Cllr. Hutson commented that traffic will be slowed by vehicles turning at the cross-roads. Cllr. Norman pointed out that there was a bigger issue between Gosforth and New Mill. Cllr. Turner reported that CCC have deemed it unnecessary to alter current speed limits.</p> <p>Cllr. Turner further reported that a Speed Indicator Device is to be deployed on Hardingill in the near future.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>						
<p><b>046/19</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> <b>Applications</b> Councillors had received the following application and studied all documents including the Ecologists Report. One neighbour had telephoned the Clerk and had no objections after receiving the report content over telephone. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following application is received and the Planning Authority be advised of the Council's observations as follows: <b>No Objections</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1619 1201 1727"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Proposal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/18/2299/OF1</td> <td>Hallsenna House</td> <td>Removal of Condition 3 (Amphibian Fence)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Decisions</b> – None received <b>Other Planning Matters:</b></p> <p>➤ <b>5 Denton Park Update</b> This matter has been investigated under LDNPA's complaints procedure. Copies of the Enforcement Notice, plans, a Complaint Investigation Record and a Planning Investigation Report were circulated to Councillors. Councillors agreed with the report that the new fence had not been returned to the original boundary and still retained an amount of land marked on the plan as 'play area'. Councillors object to the comments in the conclusion of the report as the land still retained represents a</p>	Application No.	Location	Proposal	4/18/2299/OF1	Hallsenna House	Removal of Condition 3 (Amphibian Fence)	<p>Clerk ✓</p>
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	<p>significant amount. Councillors agreed that the only way to resolve the matter is to arrange a site meeting with Planning Officers and Councillors present and that more accurate measurements be made and a percentage of the overall area be calculated. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the area be measured, mapped and recorded and that the Clerk write to the planning officers to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>➤ <b>Paper Copies</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that LDNPA Planning department had suggested an arrangement for paper copies to be made available to Parishioners in the village. Cllr. Ancell agreed to host the planning documents in the village store.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk write to LDNPA advising that documents can be sent to the Village Store.</p>	<p><b>TN/ GH/ Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>047/19</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the bank reconciliation for the year to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be received and noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Norman pointed out an error on the Payments for Approval Schedule.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments for approval schedule be amended to correct the error and that two further payments to Tynedale and Tethera be included and the schedule signed by two bank signatories.</p>	
<p><b>048/19</b></p>	<p><b>Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications</b> (<i>previously circulated</i>)</p> <p>The Clerk reported two late items had been received.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that all items listed on the schedule and the late items be noted.</p>	
<p><b>049/19</b></p>	<p><b>Car Parking &amp; Traffic</b></p> <p>Traffic had been covered in 045/19 above. Cllr. Turner confirmed that Ennerdale PC had installed a 'smiley' speed sign. A further complaint had been received from a local resident regarding parking at the entrance to the Car Park. The owner of the vehicle has been contacted. There are several vehicles permanently parking on the Car Park, including a Camper Van. The subject of the transfer of ownership from CCC was discussed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk obtain prices for traffic speed signs.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk write to the owner of the Camper Van.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk write to CBC legal department for a progress report.</p>	<p><b>Clerk Clerk Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>050/19</b></p>	<p><b>Public Hall Committee</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had attended a National Lottery Heritage Fund presentation in Carlisle. The buildings are believed to be owned by the Parish Council but original conveyance dated August 1930 is confusing and requires legal interpretation. Cllrs. suggested checking with the Land Registry first.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk research the Land Registry for ownership.</p> <p>Cllr. Norman reported that the boiler needs replacing at a cost of £3,500. A new programmable timer and other improvements will cost £2,500 which is covered by a grant from Sellafield.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council agrees in principle to support the Public Hall Council of Management should it be in financial difficulties.</p> <p>The Clerk opened a discussion regarding the grants allocated to the Public Hall and Library and suggested simplifying the arrangement.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Parish Council replace the two separate grants of £1,000 to the Public Hall and £900 to the Library with one grant of £2,000 and that the Parish Council will continue to pay the electricity and telephone costs of the Public Hall and Library as part of this grant.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

051/19	<p><b>Community Land</b>  Cllr. Norman suggested that the process of registering the land at Denton Park be started and that other areas in the village can be considered at a later date. Cllr. Hutson said that he would be able to collect evidence.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk start the process of registration on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
052/19	<p><b>Equipment Quote</b>  The Clerk clarified that the equipment was primarily for viewing funding applications and a grant of £250 had been received from LDNPA which would leave a balance of £98.98 to be paid by the Parish Council. Cllr. Turner confirmed that the prices were competitive.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk place the order for the equipment.</p>	Clerk
053/19	<p><b>Parish Plan Update</b>  Cllr. Norman reported that Parish Plans were being replaced with Community Led Plans. Cllr. Walton noted that there is funding from ACT for this.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be pending until the new Parish Council is elected in May.</p>	
054/19	<p><b>Meetings</b>  Cllr. Hutson said a report is being prepared following the Stakeholders meeting. Cllr. Turner confirmed the next 3 Tier Meeting will be held in Drigg on 27<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
055/19	<p><b>Councillor Administration</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk contact Electoral Services to obtain the relevant forms for the election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.</p>	Clerk ✓
056/19	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b>  Cllr. Hutson reported that the Rotary Club have planted crocus around the Oak Tree at Denton Park.  Cllr. Fussell noted a new sign has been installed at Denton Park.  Cllr. Turner reported that the new sign for Beck Place is in production and reminded the Clerk of her action to write to the owner of the Caravan Park.  Cllr. Walton has received notification from Eric Barker of a World Heritage Site Question-time style workshop to be held at the Theatre on the Lake on 26<sup>th</sup> March and any Councillors interested should contact him.  Cllr. Ancell reported that the Scouts had raised £600 for a bench or picnic table.</p>	Clerk
057/19	<p><b>Items in Camera – None</b></p>	
058/19	<p><b>Date of the next meeting</b>  The date of the next schedule meeting is confirmed as <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30p.m.</b>  <b>Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.</b></p> <p>Chairman.....  Date.....</p>	