

# Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30p.m. in Gosforth Library

**PRESENT**

**Chris Walton (CW) – Chairman**

**Councillors**

**Tyson Norman (TN)**

**Paul Turner (PT)**

**Mike McKinley (MM)**

**David Ansell (DA)**

**Graham Hutson (GH)**

**Mark Fussell (MF)**

**Also present: Jacqueline Williams – Clerk**

059/19	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>            No apologies were received from Cllr. Hobson.  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note that Cllr. Norman will attend later.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies from Councillor Ansell be received and the reason noted.</p>	ACTION
060/19	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> - None declared.</p>	
061/19	<p><b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Pages 28 – 31) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
062/19	<p><b>Progress Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Playground &amp; Playing Field</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note that Cllr. Walton completed a playground check in April.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Fussell will carry out the next playground check and return the folder to the next meeting.</li> <li>➤ <b>Flagpole</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Gray progress the Planning Application on behalf of the Parish Council.</li> <li>➤ <b>War Memorial</b>            No progress had been observed.</li> <li>➤ <b>Website</b>            The Clerk reported that no response has been received from parishcouncil.net despite repeated attempts to contact them. The Clerk had circulated a quotation from an alternative website design company with two options which Councillors discussed.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk accept the higher quotation and progress the website.</li> <li>➤ <b>Tree Preservation Orders</b>            The Clerk read out a letter received from Gosforth &amp; Wasdale Parochial Church Council declining assistance as they consider the arrangement they have in place provides adequate protection for the Cork Tree.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that no further action be taken.</li> </ul>	MF
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		Clerk
063/19	<p><b>Public Participation</b> – no members of the public were present.</p>	

064/19	<p><b>County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports</b> Items from Cllr. Turner will be covered under Agenda item 10 – Car Park &amp; Traffic.</p>							
065/19	<p><b>Planning Applications Applications</b> <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="284 398 1310 544"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 398 512 434">Application No.</th> <th data-bbox="512 398 783 434">Location</th> <th data-bbox="783 398 1310 434">Proposal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 434 512 544">4/2019/4026</td> <td data-bbox="512 434 783 544">Hawkbarrow Farm</td> <td data-bbox="783 434 1310 544">Change of use from barn to annex accommodation and sun lounge to side and rear of existing farmhouse.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Late correspondence regarding planning reference 7/2019/4032 6 Ellerside Park was discussed and Cllrs. had no comments. Subsequent to the meeting, the Clerk advised that this was for information only and not a consultation.</p> <p><b>Decisions</b> – None received</p> <p><b>Other Planning Matters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>5 Denton Park Update</b></li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to note Cllr. Gray declared an interest. The Clerk reported that Dave McGowan (LDNPA) had telephoned in response to the Parish Council's request for a meeting. He stated that he did not believe a site meeting would achieve any change to the outcome.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk invite Dave McGowan to meet Parish Councillors at the Library to discuss planning procedure in general.</p>	Application No.	Location	Proposal	4/2019/4026	Hawkbarrow Farm	Change of use from barn to annex accommodation and sun lounge to side and rear of existing farmhouse.	Clerk
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066/19	<p><b>Financial Reports</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the bank reconciliation for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 be received and noted. The Clerk reported a late invoice from Robinson with an increase in cost for Payroll Services of £5 or 11%.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments for approval schedule and the late invoice be included and the schedule signed by two bank signatories. The Clerk reported that she has prepared the AGAR documents and an internal auditor needs to be appointed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk request advice from CALC regarding qualifications required for internal auditors.</p> <p>Cllr. Walton raised the cost of a proposed speed sign which is considerable and not within budget. Cllr. Turner reported that a recent CRASH meeting found that too many of these signs were being installed and in the wrong places. Cllr. Turner pointed out that signs can become ineffective once motorists get used to them and that it would be more useful to collect data via the CC's devices.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that no further action be taken to purchase a speed sign.</p>	Clerk						
067/19	<p><b>Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications</b> <i>(previously circulated)</i> Several late emails had been received and circulated including the LDNPA Local Plan Pre-submission which Cllr. Walton pointed out had removed the development land included in the Parish Council's response.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that all items listed on the schedule and the late items be noted.</p>							
068/19	<p><b>Car Parking &amp; Traffic</b> Cllr. Turner emailed Julie Betteridge regarding the transfer of the Car Park and has been advised that changes to the process of asset transfers are currently being made. Cllr. Turner was assured that the matter had not been forgotten.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Turner continue to pursue this with CCC.</p>	PT						

	<p>Cllr. Turner has been in touch with the resident on Hardingill concerned about traffic speed and explained the situation regarding why speed on the A595 cannot be reduced. A data SID will be installed and is on the County-wide list of actions. Cllr. Turner reported that Community Speedwatch training is being organised.</p>	
<b>069/19</b>	<p><b>Public Hall</b> The Clerk reported that the Public Hall Council of Management had approved expenditure of £3,500 for a new boiler and £2,500 for upgrading the timer and thermostats on some radiators which is covered by a Sellafeld grant. Cllrs. noted a sign regarding the commencement of work on the heating system.</p>	
<b>070/19</b>	<p><b>Community Land</b> The Clerk reported that she had been unable to start the process of registering the land at Denton Park. Cllr. Norman confirmed that they just needed the form. Cllrs. discussed various pieces of land within the Parish which should be registered. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk obtain a registration form. Cllr. Gray raised the subject of the Gravel Pit. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a rent book be purchased and completed for the Gravel Pit.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk</p>
<b>071/19</b>	<p><b>Meetings</b> Cllr. Turner had attended a 3 Tier meeting but had nothing to report. Cllrs. Norman and Walton will be attending a Sellafeld Parish Forum meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
<b>072/19</b>	<p><b>Councillor Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Elections</b> Cllr. Gray, Cllr. Hutson, Cllr. Turner and Cllr. McKinley submitted papers and have been notified that they are elected. Cllrs discussed the date of the AGM. <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Annual Parish meeting and AGM be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The Clerk read through the nomination procedures for LDNPA elections and it was noted that Cllr. McKinley had been nominated at the February meeting (minute 037/19). <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk complete the ballot papers when they are received.</li> <li>➤ <b>Appointments &amp; Resignations</b> Mark Fussell was away during the submission period and is willing to be co-opted. David Ancell is willing to be co-opted. Tyson Norman explained his reasons for stepping down as Chairman however is willing to be co-opted. Chris Walton previously resigned as Vice Chairman however is willing to be co-opted. Cllrs. expressed their appreciation for the work of Chris Walton and Tyson Norman in their respective roles on the Parish Council. <b>RESOLVED</b> that Mark Fussell, David Ancell, Tyson Norman and Chris Walton be co-opted to Gosforth Parish Council, proposed by Cllr. McKinley, seconded by Cllr. Gray and appointed by unanimous vote.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p>
<b>073/19</b>	<p><b>Parish Council Meetings</b> Cllr. Turner requested a change to the start time and shorter meetings. <b>RESOLVED</b> that future meetings commence at 7pm and finish no later than 9pm.</p>	
<b>074/19</b>	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b> No matters were raised.</p>	
<b>075/19</b>	<p><b>Items in Camera</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Legal Issues</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to note that Cllr. Gray declared an interest and left the meeting. Recent correspondence was discussed and a response considered.</li> </ul>	

<p>076/19</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a response will be agreed by all present and sent within one week.  Cllr. Gray re-joined the meeting.</p> <p>➤ <b>Personnel issues</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk be paid an additional twenty hours to compensate for the increased workload this month.</p> <p><b>Date of the next meeting</b>  The date of the next schedule meeting is confirmed as <b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at 7pm.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 9.35p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b>.....</p> <p><b>Date</b>.....</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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