

# Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7p.m. in Gosforth Library

**PRESENT**

**Paul Turner (PT) – Chairman**

**Councillors**

**David Ancell (DA)**

**Barbara Davies**

**Rachel Rowe (RR)**

**Mark Fussell (MF)**

**Tyson Norman (TN)**

**Also present: Andy Pratt – Copeland Borough Council**

**Jacqueline Williams – Clerk and two residents of the Parish**

125/19	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies from Councillors Gray, Hutson, McKinley and Walton be received and the reasons noted.</p>	
126/19	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> - None declared.</p>	
127/19	<p><b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, pages 41 to 43, be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
128/19	<p><b>Progress Reports:</b></p> <p>➤ <b>Playground &amp; Playing Field</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to note that Cllr. Ancell completed a playground check in July.  The Clerk reported that she had contacted Playdale regarding a quote for repairs but they had only sent a quote for the annual inspection which is due in October. Playdale had also stated that if the finger entrapments that Cllr. Burrows had reported were at ground level it was not something they could undertake as it is groundworks. After several email exchanges, the Clerk proposed that the inspection be brought forward and a quote obtained for the work at the same time.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the quote for annual playground inspection be accepted and the inspection brought forward.  It was reported that the Litter Bin is full and overflowing. This is usually emptied by Anthony Millard who is away on holiday.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Ancell will contact the Wild Olive to request their help.  The Clerk reported that the playing field is covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy however the Pavillion is not. There may be some duplication regarding insurance cover for the playing field.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk discuss with Anthony Millard on his return.</p> <p>➤ <b>War Memorial</b>  Cllr. Norman reported no further progress.</p> <p>➤ <b>Website</b>  Cllr. Rowe reported that she had set up a new Facebook page for Gosforth which was already active. Appreciation was shown by all present. Cllr. Turner is an administrator</p>	<p>Clerk ✓</p> <p>DA</p> <p>Clerk ✓</p>

<p><b>129/19</b></p>	<p>for the Gosforth &amp; Seascale Facebook page so we have a good presence on social media.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the website be approved and publicised.</p> <p><b>Public Participation</b>  Two residents of the Parish addressed the Council in support of their planning application for outline planning permission for a development of 16 dwellings. The development will be mixed housing, including low-cost and local occupancy and is in line with local housing needs. Their greatest challenge had been the mitigation of potential flooding and drainage issues and it was clear this had been extensively researched and appropriate methodology proposed which they claimed would address and improve drainage from the site.</p>	<p>Clerk ✓</p>																		
<p><b>130/19</b></p>	<p><b>County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports</b>  District Cllr. Pratt reported that he had followed up on complaints of noise and illicit activities. Cllr. Pratt recommends that residents should make complaints direct to the Licensing Officer at Copeland Borough Council as these would be on record when the premises applied for further licences.  Cllr. Turner as County Councillor reported that:  A breach of local occupancy rules raised at the last meeting was being looked into. An enforcement notice for the footpath at Harecroft has been served but is being disputed.  Reports have been received about the high volume of cars coming down Boonwood following satnav.</p>																			
<p><b>131/19</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b>  <b>Applications</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to receive a Declaration of Interest from Cllr. Norman regarding Thornbank.  <b>RESOLVED</b> to receive Declarations of Interest from Cllrs. Ancell and Turner regarding the residential development on land adjacent to Ellerslie - Cllr. Fussell chaired the discussion.  Councillors agreed the development consisted of a good mix of properties in line with local housing needs. Two comments had been received from residents; one concerned about flooding which Councillors agreed had been appropriately mitigated and another regarding increase in traffic which the applicants have no control over.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Planning Authority be advised of the Council's observations on the applications listed below as follows: <b>No Objections</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="325 1550 1353 1845"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Proposal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CH/4/19/2204</td> <td>Westlakes Hotel</td> <td>Detailed plan of dwelling on Plot 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/2019/4050</td> <td>Gosforth Public Hall</td> <td>Erection of Flagpole</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/2019/4062</td> <td>7 Meadowfield Close</td> <td>Two-storey extension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/2019/4067</td> <td>Land adjacent to Ellerslie</td> <td>Outline of proposed residential development</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7/2019/4052</td> <td>Thornbank Farm</td> <td>Change of use of land, camping pods etc.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Decisions – none received</b>  <b>Other Planning Matters</b>  The Caravan, discussed at previous meetings, has been investigated by LDNPA and the matter closed.</p>	Application No.	Location	Proposal	CH/4/19/2204	Westlakes Hotel	Detailed plan of dwelling on Plot 2	7/2019/4050	Gosforth Public Hall	Erection of Flagpole	7/2019/4062	7 Meadowfield Close	Two-storey extension	7/2019/4067	Land adjacent to Ellerslie	Outline of proposed residential development	7/2019/4052	Thornbank Farm	Change of use of land, camping pods etc.	<p>Clerk ✓</p>
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	<p>Cllr. Norman reported that a resident had approached him about an agricultural building on Bleng Fell, concerned about a caravan and other developments. Cllr. Norman agreed to send details to the Clerk.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that a letter be sent to LDNPA to make enquiries.</p>	<p><b>TN Clerk</b></p>
<b>132/19</b>	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the bank reconciliation to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be received and noted. The Clerk reported that a late invoice for the second quarterly payment for grass-cutting and grounds maintenance had been received. Cllr. Davies reported that there are weeds between the payment and road around the Denton Park area. Other Councillors reported weeds elsewhere in the village.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Turner find out how often weed-control is carried out under our current contract with Copeland Borough Council.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that contact details of Stuart Kenyon be passed to the Clerk to obtain a quote for additional weed-control in the village.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the payments for approval schedule and one late invoice be included and the schedule signed by two bank signatories.</p>	<p><b>PT  TN/ Clerk</b></p>
<b>133/19</b>	<p><b>Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications (previously circulated)</b></p> <p>One item prompted a discussion, led by Cllr. Norman, about community consultation and the need for a Community Led Plan. Cllr. Norman proposed a public meeting as the first step.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that this item be included on the agenda for the September and that all items listed on the schedule be noted.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>134/19</b>	<p><b>Car Parking &amp; Traffic</b></p> <p>Cllr. Turner reported on the meeting with Barbara Vernon on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr. Gray had produced notes from the meeting which had been circulated. Two options were on the table; Leasehold and Freehold. More detail needs to be obtained before the Car Park meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that District Cllr. Pratt request more detail on the responsibilities of both parties under a Leasehold agreement.</p> <p>Cllr. Norman asked if this was a continuation of previous negotiations or whether we were starting from scratch. Cllr. Turner believed that latter was the case. Cllr. Norman pointed out that the Parish Council had incurred Solicitor's fees throughout this lengthy process which seems unfair.</p>	<p><b>AP</b></p>
<b>135/19</b>	<p><b>Public Hall</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that she will be attending a Funding event on 11<sup>th</sup> July where she hopes to approach the Heritage Fund regarding an application. The works to the heating system is now complete and invoices paid.</p>	
<b>136/19</b>	<p><b>Community Land</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the form has been drafted but no Witness Statements had been forthcoming.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Witness Statements be collected and sent to the Clerk.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<b>137/19</b>	<p><b>Village Publicity</b></p> <p>Cllr. Davies would like to see more promotion of the village as a gateway to the Eskdale and Wasdale valleys.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that this item be placed on the next Agenda.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

138/19	<p><b>Meetings</b></p> <p>Cllrs. Fussell and Norman had attended a Sellafield Parish Forum meeting. The 'No Fly Zone' for drones was discussed with the Police. Apart from the signs, nothing has changed but as this is a growing problem, they wanted to raise awareness of the potential threat. They are involved in a national trial of equipment aimed to disable drones in flight should they pose a threat to safety or security. There are no major planning applications at present to note. The Sellafield Travel Plan is undergoing a significant re-draft following feedback from Copeland Council. This may take a number of months before it is resubmitted.</p> <p>Cllr. Turner noted that the 3 Tier meeting is coming up and he will be attending a Health &amp; Wellbeing forum and will report back on both.</p>	PT
139/19	<p><b>Councillor Administration</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk contact CALC regarding upcoming training for new Councillors.</p>	Clerk ✓
140/19	<p><b>Councillor Matters</b></p> <p>Cllr. Fussell noted that the weeds had been cleared and grass-cutting carried out along the Viking Way. Cllr. Turner suggested a letter thanks should be sent to Howard Rooms however, there was a suggestion that others had completed the work.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Turner discover who was responsible for the work.</p> <p>Cllr. Norman reported that West Cumbria Hockey Club use an all-weather pitch in Cleator Moor which needs resurfacing and there are plans to cover the pitch with material that will make it unsuitable for Hockey and it is the only all-weather Hockey pitch in the area. Cllr. Ancell has more information on this.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Ancell forward information to Cllr. Norman for action.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a resident from the Hallbeck Place had approached her regarding signage, saying that there is no street sign at the Meadowfield turning so that ambulances are confused when they are called to attend the elderly residents.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Turner report this to CCC.</p> <p>Cllr. Rowe noted that the sign at the roundabout is missing. Cllr. Turner agreed there was a lack of brown tourist signs in the village.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that photographs of the area be researched to ascertain when the sign was removed.</p> <p>Cllr. Rowe asked if the Parish Council were going to arrange anything to commemorate VE Day.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr. Rowe research whether there is any interest for this.</p> <p>Cllr. Davies expressed her interest in erecting a slate sign with the height of Scafell and depth of Wastwater on it. Cllr. Turner said this had been mentioned at a West Distinctive Area (LDNPA) meeting.</p>	PT  DA/TN  PT  All  RR
141/19	<p><b>Items in Camera - None</b></p> <p><b>Date of the next meeting</b> The date of the next schedule meeting is confirmed as <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.</b></p> <p><b>Meeting closed at 9.20pm</b></p> <p><b>Chairman.....Date.....</b></p>	