

Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7p.m. in Gosforth Library

PRESENT

Paul Turner (PT) – Chairman

Councillors

Mark Fussell (MF)

David Gray (DG)

Dawn Pennington (DP)

David Ancell (DA)

Tyson Norman (TN)

Graham Hutson (GH)

Others present: Cllr. Andy Pratt, Copeland Borough Council and Jacqueline Williams (Clerk)

<p>207/20</p>	<p>Apologies for Absence RESOLVED that apologies from Councillors McKinley and Rowe be received and the reasons noted.</p>	
<p>208/20</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest – None received.</p>	
<p>209/20</p>	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th December 2019 197/19: Cllr. Gray requested that it be minuted that a letter of thanks had been sent to David Moore for his work on the notice boards. 205/19: Cllr. Gray reported that he and the Clerk had received telephone calls regarding the bench outside the Methodist Church. Cllr. Hutson said that his comments had been the result of misinformation but had been minuted correctly. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2019, pages 60 to 63, be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>210/20</p>	<p>Progress Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Playground & Playing Field Cllr. Fussell agreed to carry out the monthly inspection for January. Cllr. Turner agreed to look into contractors to work on the mats under the play equipment. ➤ Flagpole The Clerk reported that Keith Rhodes (Public Hall Vice Chair) will request the removal of the old flagpole when he meets with roofing contractor, John Miller. ➤ War Memorial Cllr. Norman said the contractor was still waiting for better weather. ➤ Telephone Box No progress was reported. ➤ Notice Boards Cllr. Gray reported he had installed cork in the Notice boards. ➤ Toilet Door The door has now been replaced. Cllr. Norman commented that Simon Bleasdale had done an excellent job. The Clerk suggested having a key left at the Village Store for meter-reading access. Cllr. Norman offered to get a key cut. 	<p>MF PT</p> <p>TN</p>

	<p>➤ Saplings at the Car Park The Clerk reported that she had sent an email to Copeland requesting the larger saplings be removed but has had no response. Clerk to contact.</p> <p>➤ Picnic Table at the Car Park Cllr. Gray has agreed the type of picnic table to be installed which will cost £518.70 plus VAT. The Scouts have raised the funds and the Parish Council will be responsible for installing a concrete base. The table will be installed on the grass at the front of the car park and Anthony Millard will mark out the area. Cllr. Hutson suggested contacting Copeland and it was agreed that the Clerk write a letter advising them of the installation.</p> <p>➤ TPO Application The Clerk has applied for a Tree Preservation Order to be placed on an Oak tree at Denton Park and an acknowledgement letter had been received. Cllrs. asked the Clerk to contact again for an update.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>DG/ Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																				
211/20	<p>Public Participation – No members of the public were present.</p>																					
212/20	<p>County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports County Cllr. Turner reported that Seascale Parish Council had submitted a list of issues to Highways and a meeting will be arranged to discuss these. Cllr. Turner asked if Gosforth PC would like to draw up a similar list and be included in the meeting so that they could all be discussed together. Cllrs. agreed they would like to take part. RESOLVED that Councillors send any issues to the Clerk for consolidation into a list for discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>District Cllr. Pratt reported that Copeland BC were carrying out two consultations: one on the Budget and another on the Local Plan. He confirmed the Local Plan only covers areas outside the LDNP which Cllr. Norman felt was wrong. Cllr. Norman also said that there was not enough consideration given to infrastructure in rural areas to support developments. Cllrs. agreed that a response be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council and Cllr. Norman agreed to draft a response to be sent to the Clerk.</p>	<p>All Cllrs.</p> <p>TN/ Clerk</p>																				
213/20	<p>Planning Applications Applications RESOLVED that the Planning Authority be advised of the Council's observations on the applications listed below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="309 1473 1355 1731"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Proposal</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CH/4/19/2434/OF1</td> <td>Sellafield Site</td> <td>Single Storey Modular Building</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CH/4/20/2006/OF1</td> <td>Middle Ling Bank</td> <td>Single Storey Extension</td> <td>No objections, comments Traffic/access Septic tank upgrade</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Decisions RESOLVED that the decision of the Planning Authority for the applications listed below be noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="309 1839 1355 1912"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Proposal</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/2019/4103</td> <td>Former Stable Block, Harecroft</td> <td>Holiday letting units</td> <td>Granted</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Other Planning Matters Two matters were mentioned that had been brought to the attention of the Chairman. One of which is in the hands of the LDNP and the other procedural advice</p>	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Comment	CH/4/19/2434/OF1	Sellafield Site	Single Storey Modular Building	No objections	CH/4/20/2006/OF1	Middle Ling Bank	Single Storey Extension	No objections, comments Traffic/access Septic tank upgrade	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Decision	4/2019/4103	Former Stable Block, Harecroft	Holiday letting units	Granted	<p>Clerk</p>
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	was given.	
214/20	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2019 be received, noted and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be approved and signed by two bank signatories.</p> <p>The Clerk pointed out that £170 of the donation from Cllr. Gray for the Flagpole had been ring-fenced for a planter. Cllr. Gray suggested that the decision on the planter be delegated to Keith Rhodes as it was his idea – Clerk to inform.</p> <p>The Clerk suggested that Chris Walton be removed as a Bank Signatory and that two more be appointed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Chris Walton be removed and Cllrs. Fussell and Pennington be registered as Bank Signatories.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Cllr. Gray, SECONDED: Cllr. Turner and carried by all.</p>	Clerk
215/20	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications (<i>previously circulated</i>)</p> <p>RESOLVED that Cllr. Gray be nominated to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 27th May 2020 and that all items listed on the schedule be noted.</p>	Clerk
216/20	<p>Car Park Maintenance & Asset Transfer</p> <p>RESOLVED that the letter of complaint to Copeland Borough Council be sent.</p>	Clerk
217/20	<p>Car Parking</p> <p>Cllrs. noted that parking problems have increased on Petton Place. One resident has resorted to placing notices on cars. Home Group are dealing with this. Cllr. Pennington suggested double yellow lines especially at the junction of A595 and Petton Place. Cllrs. agreed this should be added to the list of Highways issues.</p>	Clerk
218/20	<p>Street Lighting</p> <p>Cllr. Turner opened the discussion, stating that he had received complaints from residents of Eilerslie Terrace regarding the light which has had the power removed. Cllr. Pratt reported on the letter sent from Mayor Starkie to all Parish Councils regarding adopting all Footway Lighting from April 2020. This has now been rescinded and the status quo will remain for the next financial year. CALC have asked Parish Councils not to respond as they intend to negotiate.</p> <p>A lively discussion took place regarding the various lights and how they are classified. It was decided to ask the Scouts if they would carry out a survey of all the lights in the village. Cllr. Ancell will approach the Scouts and the Clerk will obtain maps. Cllr. Turner will obtain a map of CCC lights to compare so that we have a full picture. Cllrs. agreed that a response should be sent to the resident of Eilerslie Terrace and requested the Clerk to produce a draft and circulate.</p>	DA/ Clerk/ PT Clerk
219/20	<p>Community Land</p> <p>Cllr. Gray declared an interest.</p> <p>The Clerk again requested Witness Statements to support the application which she has prepared. The application guidelines state a 'significant' number of witness statements are required.</p>	TN/GH
220/20	<p>Community Led Plan</p> <p>Cllr. Norman outlined the difference between a Community Led Plan and the previous</p>	

	<p>Parish Plan published in 2012. The plan would be led by the community and facilitated by the Parish Council. Cllrs. discussed how to begin the process of public consultation and it was agreed that a public meeting with refreshments be organised later in the year. Cllr. Norman agreed to draw up an action plan.</p>	<p>TN</p>
<p>221/20</p>	<p>Community Mobility Project Cllrs. Turner and Pennington are working together to re-vitalise the Village Wheels project. Cllr. Turner will be meeting with the Muncaster Minibus organisers to discuss.</p>	<p>PT/DP</p>
<p>222/20</p>	<p>Public Hall Cllr. Turner reported that a full schedule of performances and activities has been organised throughout 2020. The Clerk is continuing to gather information from user-groups and ideas from members of the public to build a good case for funding.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>223/20</p>	<p>Meetings Cllrs. Fussell and Norman attended a parish forum meeting at Sellafield. There are some minor planning applications in process, none are particularly contentious. Sellafield are starting a consultation process on how the site is going to look in the future and what the community expects. They will engage through WCSSG meetings. There will be some changes to the Incident and Chemical zones and the Emergency Plan is being updated and needs to be finalised.</p>	
<p>224/20</p>	<p>Councillor Administration – no matters raised.</p>	
<p>225/20</p>	<p>Councillor Matters Cllr. Fussell reported that flooding occurs regularly in areas along the Viking Way, within the Gosforth boundary. Cllr. Turner suggested reporting this online, with photos if possible. Cllr. Hutson commented that the hedge between the road and the cycleway is getting very thick and makes the path very dark. Cllrs. Turner confirmed the Flood Team have been invited to the February meeting and requested the Clerk to bring the projector and screen. Cllr. Norman expressed his disappointment with the new format of Police Reports and doubts their veracity. Cllr. Turner agreed. Cllr. Gray has been helping Cllr. Rowe with the constitution for the VE Celebrations. Cllr. Gray noted that several signs have been damaged by wide agricultural vehicles. It was suggested that this could be added to the list of highways issues.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting The date of the next meeting is scheduled as Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.50pm</p> <p>Chairman.....Date.....</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>Clerk</p>