

Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 7p.m. in Gosforth Library

PRESENT

Paul Turner (PT) – Chairman

Councillors

Mark Fussell (MF)

David Gray (DG)

Tyson Norman (TN)

Graham Hutson (GH)

Rachel Rowe (RR)

Others present: James Daplyn and Mike Robinson – CCC Flood & Development Officers, two members of the public, Cllr. Andy Pratt, Copeland Borough Council and Jacqueline Williams (Clerk)

226/20	<p>Apologies for Absence RESOLVED that apologies from Councillors McKinley and Pennington be received and the reasons noted. No apologies were received from Cllrs. Ancell and Burrows.</p>	
227/20	<p>Declarations of Interest – None received.</p>	
228/20	<p>Flood Team Update The Chairman welcomed James Daplyn and Mike Robinson from CCC who had been invited to give an update on the Surface Water Flood Alleviation Scheme for Gosforth. The Team have been working in the background to develop the scheme following the flood on 30th August 2012 which had affected 50 to 60 properties in Gosforth. The Team are focussed on properties which received internal flooding, i.e. flooding above doorstep level. They are currently working on a 6-year programme 2015 – 2021, thereafter a new programme for 2021 -2027 will be developed. A computer model has been built to study the way water moves across the landscape under differing scenarios. Outline designs for two schemes were presented: one above Denton Park/Whitecroft and another for the Wellington/Ellerslie area. Both were low-tech involving ‘swales’ and temporary underground storage. The schemes could be partially funded by the Environment Agency but there is a significant funding gap and the exploration of funding streams is ongoing.</p> <p>Cllrs. Pratt and Fussell raised issues regarding the cleaning out of drains and watercourses and Cllr. Hutson commented that riparian property owners were often unaware of their responsibilities and suggested that a letter from CCC may be helpful.</p>	
229/20	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2019 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2019, pages 64 to 67, be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
230/20	<p>Progress Reports/Action List: ➤ Playground & Playing Field Cllr. Fussell agreed to carry out the monthly inspection for February.</p>	MF

<p>231/20</p>	<p>➤ Highway Issues</p> <p>The Clerk noted that no issues had been received for the Highways meeting. Cllrs. agreed a cut-off date by the next meeting. Cllr. Turner suggested we write to Highways rather than arrange a meeting.</p>	<p>All</p>																												
<p>232/20</p>	<p>Public Participation – Two members of the public were present for the Flood Team presentation.</p>																													
<p>233/20</p>	<p>County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports – none.</p> <p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Applications</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Planning Authority be advised of the Council's observations on the applications listed below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="309 689 1355 1122"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Proposal</th> <th>Comment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7/2020/4007</td> <td>Lowcray, Gosforth</td> <td>Replacement of Septic Tank with a Package Treatment Plant</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CH/4/20/2033/OF1</td> <td>Westlakes Hotel</td> <td>Change of Use of Hotel to dwelling with six letting rooms</td> <td>No objections, suggest increase car parking spaces from 8 to 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CH/4/20/2035/OF1</td> <td>Plot 3, The Loudons</td> <td>Reserved Matters Plan details</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CH/4/20/2044/OF1</td> <td>Sellafield</td> <td>Revised design – New Steam Generation Plant</td> <td>No objections</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Decisions</p> <p>RESOLVED that the decision of the Planning Authority for the applications listed below be noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="309 1234 1355 1346"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Proposal</th> <th>Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>7/2019/4116</td> <td>High Thistleton Farm, Wasdale, Gosforth</td> <td>Erection of a porch, siting of LPG tank</td> <td>Granted</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Other Planning Matters – none.</p>	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Comment	7/2020/4007	Lowcray, Gosforth	Replacement of Septic Tank with a Package Treatment Plant	No objections	CH/4/20/2033/OF1	Westlakes Hotel	Change of Use of Hotel to dwelling with six letting rooms	No objections, suggest increase car parking spaces from 8 to 12	CH/4/20/2035/OF1	Plot 3, The Loudons	Reserved Matters Plan details	No objections	CH/4/20/2044/OF1	Sellafield	Revised design – New Steam Generation Plant	No objections	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Decision	7/2019/4116	High Thistleton Farm, Wasdale, Gosforth	Erection of a porch, siting of LPG tank	Granted	<p>Clerk</p>
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<p>234/20</p>	<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation to 31st January 2020 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 a bank charge of £15 had been incurred due to an unpaid cheque. HSBC policy changes meant that cheques could not be cleared if insufficient funds were in the Community Account which currently reconciles to £500 each day.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a new mandate be made to increase the sum from £500 to £2,000.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Norman, Seconded: Cllr. Turner and agreed by all.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>																												
<p>235/20</p>	<p>Schedule of Correspondence, notices and publications (previously circulated)</p> <p>The letter in response to the PC's complaint regarding the Car Park was discussed.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk forward the letter to CALC for advice and copy in AP.</p> <p>Cllr. Fussell agreed to complete the Environment Agency Survey.</p> <p>Cllr. Norman agreed to complete the NDA Survey.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to complete the Sports Facility Survey.</p>	<p>Clerk MF TN Clerk</p>																												

236/20	<p>Street Lighting The Clerk had supplied Cllr. Ancell with maps and the issue will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Cllr. Gray commented that he believed all the lights within the old 30mph area were CCC and all those within 20mph limit were CBC.</p>	Clerk
237/20	<p>Grounds Maintenance Contract Maps of the grass-cutting areas supplied by CBC had been circulated. Points were raised about Denton Park and the areas surrounding the Car Park which should be removed from the list. The Clerk said that a quotation had just been received which she will circulate.</p>	Clerk
238/20	<p>Meetings Cllr. Hutson reported on a recent WCSSG meeting. NDA/LLWR are looking at ways they can support small local projects from April.</p>	
239/20	<p>Library Link Representative The Library had contacted the Clerk requesting that a representative from the Parish Council be appointed, following Chris Walton's resignation. Cllr. Rowe agreed to become the Library Representative. Clerk to inform Library management.</p>	Clerk
240/20	<p>Councillor Administration It was noted that Cllr. Burrows had been absent from six meetings and therefore will automatically cease to be a member of the Parish Council under Standing Order 112a. The Clerk will inform Electoral Services and confirmed that there are now two vacancies.</p>	Clerk
	<p>RESOLVED that the Clerk write to advise Cllr. Burrows and thank him for his interest on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk noted that a signature is required on an outstanding Declaration of Interest Form. Cllr. Turner agreed to obtain the signature and forward to CBC in Whitehaven.</p>	Clerk PT
241/20	<p>Councillor Matters Cllr. Fussell reported hedge clippings on the Cycle Way. A short discussion took place on the transfer of responsibility for maintenance. Cllr. Norman reported that the Satnav signs had been installed on Boonwood, but one was pointing the wrong way and the other needs repositioning to a safer turning point along the road. Cllr. Turner said there is another sign for Wellington. Cllr. Norman reported a blocked drain on Boonwood Lane. Cllr. Hutson requested an update on the bin for the playing field. Cllr. Pratt will chase. Cllr. Gray pegged out the area for the picnic table at the Car Park and will obtain an estimate for the concrete plinth. The Clerk confirmed she had informed CBC.</p> <p>Date of the next meeting The date of the next meeting is scheduled as Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9pm</p> <p>Chairman.....Date.....</p>	AP