

Gosforth Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Gosforth Parish Council
held on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at Gosforth Public Hall at 7pm

PRESENT

Mark Fussell - Chairman
Councillors

Paul Turner (PT)

David Gray (DG)

Others: Jacqueline Williams (Clerk)

Graham Hutson (GH)

Dawn Pennington (DP)

166/21 Apologies for Absence

Written apologies have been received from Cllrs. McKinley and Unsworth due to illness and Cllr. Norman due to a conflict of meeting dates.

RESOLVED that all apologies be approved, and the reasons noted.

167/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Fussell declared an interest in planning application 7/2021/4116.

168/21 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021.

Cllr. Hutson requested that minute 164/21 be amended to remove the words 'over recent years'.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2021, pages 125 to 128, be amended as requested and accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

169/21 Public Participation

A member of the public addressed the meeting regarding planning application 7/2021/4116 for a garden wall to improve the safety of young children playing outside. He has consulted LDNPA who confirmed that certain restrictions still apply, such as enclosing front gardens, and to remove the restrictions the proposal must go through the formal planning process. He also pointed out that Denton Park and Denton Park Court were two different developments with two different developers, and both no longer existed. All the houses in the immediate vicinity have either walls or hedges around their gardens.

170/21 County Councillor and District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Turner, on behalf of Cllr. Pratt reported that CALC are recommending that, due to the local government reorganisation, Parish Council elections be brought forward to 2022 rather than 2023 which means there would be a five-year term starting in 2022.

171/21 Planning Applications

Applications:

RESOLVED that the following applications are received and the Planning Authority be advised of the Council's observations as follows: **no objections** **Action: Clerk**

4/21/2415/OH1 – Sellafield – Hazardous substances consent/installation of ten diesel storage tanks

7/2021/4122 – 32 Meadowfield Grove – detached garage – no objections/comment on access

7/2021/4116 – 5 Denton Park Court – garden wall

7/2021/4130 – Long Acre – garden shed and gym

4/21/2024/0F1 – Land to the south of Newton Manor - demolition of outbuilding

Decisions:

7/2021/4100 Whitecroft Villa – extension to form sunroom and boot room - **granted**

7/2021/4044 Land adjacent to Ellerslie – 20 new dwellings – **granted**

7/2021/4105 Field at High Croft, near Wind Hall – pole barn – **prior approval not required**

7/2021/4097 Wind Hall, Wellington – erection of four cabins for short term holiday use - **refused**

Other Planning Matters:

7/2021/4129 New Mill Smithy – Refurbishment of existing C3 property and change of use from workshop to holiday let. Cllr. Norman had brought this application to the attention of the Parish Council as it was close to the parish boundary and could have an impact on Gosforth residents. Cllrs. discussed the new access which they consider more hazardous than the existing access as it is closer to the blind bend.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the planning authority regarding the concerns raised.

Action: Clerk

172/21 Financial Reports

RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2021 be received and noted.

RESOLVED that the schedule of payments be approved for payment.

173/21 Public Toilets & Car Park

Cllr. Fussell reported that he had completed three days of the survey, visiting the Car Park five times a day. He noted that a large number of cars stay more than two hours, however, there appears to be spare capacity throughout the day. Cllr. Pennington noted that the Car Park is busy at night.

Action: MF

Cllr. Gray raised the issue of the light in the Car Park which Copeland Borough Council had brought to our attention. The light had been reported to Cllr. Unsworth who had passed the information to Cllr. Pratt. Cllr. Turner said it did not appear to be a CCC light.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to Copeland BC and CCC to clarify who is responsible.

Action: Clerk

Cllr. Gray had met with the team leader of the Haverigg working party and is waiting for them to schedule the work.

174/21 Platinum Jubilee

Cllr. Unsworth, in her absence, reported that the 'Plant a Tree' is going ahead on 14th November between 11am and 2pm. Posters are going up around the village, an article will appear in Tethera and she will post the information on Facebook nearer the time.

Action: RU

Cllr. Gray suggested a sports day or sporting event for the jubilee.

175/21 Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan

The Clerk urged Councillors to read the plan and forward any comments for inclusion in a response.

Cllr. Gray said the de-trunking of the A595 should be reversed and suggested a crossing between Millom and Askam. Cllr. Hutson suggested bypasses at Bootle and Duddon Bridge.

176/21 Footpath Modification Order Application

A letter requesting comments had been received and the Clerk confirmed that this was the footpath associated with the River Irt project.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond with information concerning the engagement with members of the public on this issue. **Action: Clerk**

177/21 Geological Disposal Facility

The working group will host a meeting on 2nd November 2021 at Seascale Methodist Church at 6.30pm for parish councillors to consider the composition of the community partnership. Cllrs. Fussell and Pennington agreed to attend. **Action: MF/DP**

178/21 Copeland Local Plan Consultation

Cllr. Fussell urged Councillors to read the document and forward any comments to the Clerk by this Friday 15th October. **Action: All**

179/21 Lamp Post Poppies

Cllrs. Turner, as President of the Seascale and Sellafield branch of the Royal British Legion, said that large poppies would be installed at lamp posts in the area with seventeen being placed in Gosforth for three weeks from 28th October. After a brief discussion, Councillors agreed that a sponsorship scheme would be the most appropriate way of raising funds.

180/21 Standing Orders

RESOLVED that this item be place on the next agenda. **Action: Clerk**

181/21 Complaints Procedure

The Clerk had draft two documents based on model documents from the CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils) website which were almost identical and suggested that the document with the introduction be adopted.

RESOLVED that the Complaints Procedure be adopted. **Action: Clerk**

182/21 Meetings

Cllr. Hutson had attended a meeting of the Enablers sub-group of the WCSSG where the structure of the group was discussed. There will be consultation with working group chairs on the present structure which was considered not appropriate given the changing activities at Sellafield.

183/21 Councillor Administration

The Clerk said that a notification had been received from electoral services advising that the vacancy, due to the resignation of David Ancell, can now be filled by co-option.

184/21 Councillor Matters

Cllr. Gray: (1) reported that the Land Registry have confirmed receipt of the paperwork on the Gravel Pit. (2) reported that the Viking Way is becoming overgrown with ferns etc. (3) agreed to check that the defibrillator has been installed at the Kellbank.

Cllr. Hutson reported that the Rotary have completed the work on the Telephone box.

Cllr. Unsworth had sent an email regarding the work on the War Memorial which Councillors requested be forwarded to Cllr. Norman.

185/21 Items in Camera

Items in camera are dealt with in private in accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Cllr. Gray declared an interest and temporarily left the meeting.

The Clerk read out emails from the complainant and her responses. The Clerk had sought advice from the Parish Council’s governing body, Cumbria Association of Local Councils, who confirmed that they ‘do not see the actions the resident proposes as being within the parish councils remit’.

RESOLVED that the Clerk draft a final response to the complainant. **Action: Clerk**

186/21 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman..... **Date:**

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