

GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL



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MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

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OUTDOOR GYM

Exciting new facility for the community!

Following a successful application to the GDF Community Investment Fund an award of £72,837 was granted to Gosforth Parish Council to install an outdoor gym at the village playing field. The project has been managed by Councillor Rachel Unsworth who, with a small team of dedicated volunteers, has seen the initial idea become a reality. Rachel said ‘We asked the community what they would like to see, and a number of individuals and groups suggested outdoor fitness facilities. After community consultation, a final design was decided upon and thanks to the GDF funding, we have been able to install the equipment and allocate funding for ongoing maintenance.’ The facility will be formally opened at an event on the 18th March at 10am until 12noon. Refreshments will be served in the Pavilion and free table tennis bats and balls will be distributed to local residents (while stocks last). Instructors from the equipment suppliers, Caloo, will be on hand to demonstrate the equipment and an associated ‘app’.

Rachel went on to say that ‘this is far from the end for the project as we are already working on a second phase of improvements at the playing field. This time looking at enhancement of the existing play area and general facilities. This is in direct response to community feedback.’ The final design will be approved via a process of community engagement which will be communicated as the work progresses.



New Outdoor Gym at the playing field

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Gosforth Library, newly repainted



Gosforth Public Hall

Like to get involved?

Gosforth Parish Council is looking for local residents who feel they can contribute to the community to consider joining the Parish Council which currently has five vacancies. If you are interested please contact the Clerk (gosforth.parish2@outlook.com) or come along to our next meeting. If being involved with the Public Hall is more your thing, then again, contact the Clerk who is Secretary to the committee.

VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Hall and Library are key assets for the village. Repairs have been made to the library in recent months and thanks to a grant from the GDF Community Investment Fund, additional improvements have been made.

The next phase is to look at significant improvements to the Public Hall which will ensure it remains fit for purpose.

PUBLIC HALL

The Public Hall is managed by a committed group of volunteers who represent some of the main users of the hall. Three Parish Councillors are on the committee to represent the Trustees. Before the pandemic, hall users were asked for their views on the hall and how it could be improved. Most of the comments we received identified the poor kitchen facility. Over the past two years, ideas for improvements have grown and developed into a significant refurbishment project. An application for funding for an Options Appraisal and Feasibility Study has been submitted and we hope to hear the outcome in the coming weeks. Watch this space for engagement events as the project progresses.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Have you visited the Parish Council website? It hosts information including details of Parish Council meetings, agendas, minutes, events and general information about the parish. Why not take a look and let us know what you think? Is there anything that you think is missing or could be improved?

www.gosforthpc.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16th – Public Hall Management Meeting 7pm Library

March 18th – Official opening of outdoor gym 10am-12 Playing Field

April 12th – Parish Council Meeting 7pm Library