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Minutes of a Meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 5th April 2017 in the Supper Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr C Walton (Vice Chair, in the Chair); Cllr D Ancell; Cllr D Gray; Cllr G Hutson; Cllr A Jacob; Cllr G Parker; Cllr I Rae; Cllr P Turner

Apologies: Cllrs T Norman (Chair); Cllr D Hobson; Cllr M McKinley

Also Present: J Murray (Clerk)

35/17 Declarations of Interest

None received

36/17 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

In respect of the future of the telephone box, confirmation was requested of the criteria for taking it over (action since: criteria circulated: councils or charities/social enterprises).

37/17 Planning Matters

Approval received: 40 Denton Park
Also received: minor amendment to 56 Meadowfield.

The Clerk noted that correspondence sent to Copeland Borough Council in respect of the Sellafeld Ponds storage had not reached its destination. The Parish Council's responses had now been sent to Sellafeld Ltd.

38/17 **Public Participation**

The Gosforth Library Link sought advice on colour in respect of the painting of the library door. They were referred to the Chairman of the Public Hall Management Committee, as it was a listed building under their responsibilities.

39/17 **Meetings**

The Public Hall Management Committee had met. Bookings were ongoing. They had received a presentation from Age Concern in respect of their services and how to volunteer.

The new meeting of the A595 group was to take place the following day.

40/17 **Financial Matters**

Resolved – that the bank reconciliation to 31 March 2017 and payments be approved.

Payments included the balance of the fire doors for the public hall (for which a grant had been received) and the clerk drew attention to an error in vat calculation made during earlier discussions.

41/17 **Correspondence**

The clerk drew attention to the request for a grant towards the repair and renewal of the paths in the churchyard. The fund for churchyard maintenance was getting to the amount of funds that they had been recommended to keep in reserve, as grass cutting had cost £4,000 the previous year. The cost of renewal on the basis of the quotes received was £2,500.

Some concern was expressed at the cost of the grass-cutting and the impact on the maintenance fund. It was requested that any decision be deferred and that the committee be asked to benchmark on the grounds that there may be savings to be made on grass-cutting which could be used for path maintenance.

Agreed – that any decision be deferred.

In respect of the library, there had been an exchange of correspondence in respect of the lego library club, in particular over unaccompanied children. Legal advice had been sought and a report would return to the next meeting.

The Clerk drew attention to the CCC Mineral's Plan, the Health consultation and the Calc newsletter which had been circulated. The Chair of the meeting drew attention to a register of common land. It was thought that there was no common land in Gosforth Parish.

42/17 **Questions**

It was asked what progress had been made in respect of financial negotiations with ENWL in respect of the sub-station. It was confirmed that an annual payment of £135 had been agreed.

It was noted that Cllr David Moore would attend the U3A.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm