

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on 11th October 2017 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of Gosforth Public Hall.

Present: Cllrs C Walton (Vice Chair, in the Chair); D Gray; D Hobson; A Jacob
M McKinley; P Turner

Apologies: Cllr T Norman (Chair); D Ancell; G Hutson; I Rae

87/17 Declarations of Interest

None received.

88/17 Resignation

It was noted that Sam Symons had resigned. There would follow a period of notification to advise that if 10 parishioners wish an election to be held, they should write to the District Council before 31 October 2017. Thereafter, the vacancy could be advertised to be filled by co-option.

89/17 Minutes

Resolved –that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Weeds issue had been raised with Copeland Borough Council, who carried out the service on behalf of Cumbria County Council. Funding had led to less frequent weed control and it was also noted that some of the growth was due to less frequent gully cleaning.

90/17 Planning Matters

A response had been received from Sellafield Ltd in respect of concerns raised over the planning application for the new Steam Generation Plant, which was agreed as being a reasonable response.

A planning application had been submitted for the demolition of Beck Place Garage and the development of three terraced houses, which was considered. One response from a neighbour was noted in respect of numbering of the new properties and it was agreed to reinforce the point in the Council's response.

Given the extent of advertising the garage for sale without any interest, the change of use was supported by the Parish 'Council. However, the Council would wish to raise the following points: history of and potential for flooding; current provision for parking (double) might lead to inappropriate parking at a bad bend in the road; contaminated land to be made good; local occupancy.

The Clerk noted that the Frizington Recycling Centre planning permission would be required to be renewed next year, which would afford an opportunity to support.

91/17 Village Care and Assets

The draft minutes of the committee meeting had been circulated. A comprehensive list of work had been drawn up and quotes were being sought to enable a costed plan over the short, medium and longer-term.

In the interim, the toilet roof and guttering required urgent attention and from the quotes received, the most competitive was £300 + VAT and was approved.

A parishioner had kindly asked to donate money to the Parish Council to enable a replacement bench. A fixing fee of £100 + VAT was agreed to be met by the Parish Council.

92/17 Viking Way Opening

Cllr Gray reported on a meeting which had been held to discuss the opening of the Viking Way. The opening was envisaged for 9th December 2017.

Work had come to a halt as the land had been too wet to allow work to continue, however agreement had been reached over the cost of drainage to allow work to recommence.

The official opening would start in Seascale and finish in Gosforth at the pavilion on the Gosforth Playing Field. The local Viking had been asked to investigate what sort of Viking 'show' might be possible. There was a further meeting on 24th October at 4.30pm to discuss further.

A request had been made to both Parish Councils for £500 towards the opening, the cost of a 'Viking' event being £500 upwards. This had been refused by Seascale Parish Council. Gosforth Parish Council were willing in principle to be supportive, but would want to consider the amount of money involved and its use at their Finance Committee meeting of 18 October 2017 and what other sources of funding there might be.

Discussions were continuing with Sustrans over the registration and signage of the route.

93/17 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

94/17 Meetings

The minutes of the 3-tier meeting and of the Sellafeld Parish Forum had been distributed and noted. Notification was given of the venue for the Calc AGM which was likely to be attended by Cllr McKinley. The Clerk explained her request to move the December meeting, which was agreed if a good number of Councillors could attend on an alternative date. If not, the Clerk would look to achieve temporary cover.

95/17 Financial Matters

It was noted for the record that the July Bank Statement had been received by the Vice Chair as requested.

The Bank Reconciliation to 30th September was received and noted. Payments were approved, including a slight change to £30 for two replacement tubs for the car park.

96/17 Correspondence

The Calc Newsletter and the Police Report had been received and noted.

97/17 Questions from Councillors

It was asked whether the Council was aware of a volunteer initiative to mitigate the impact of the loss of day care from Bradbury House, which was duly noted. The Council had made clear in their response to the planning application for bungalows, that their support was conditional on the day care services being maintained.

98/17 Items in camera

There were no items in camera

The meeting closed at 8.45pm