

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on Wednesday, 9th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Supper Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs T Norman (Chair); C Walton (Vice Chair); D Gray;
G Hutson; A Jacob; G Parker; M McKinley; P Turner

Apologies: Cllrs D Ancell; D Hobson; I Rae

Also present: J Murray (Clerk); two members of the public

27/16 Declarations of Interest

None received.

28/16 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 100216 be approved and signed as a correct record.

29/16 Matters Arising

Cllr Turner had arranged a meeting with the Chair of Copeland Disability Forum, with a view to further enquiry with Copeland Community Fund with respect to a funding application for the disabled toilet.

Cllr Norman had asked for a quote from a plumber for a 'disability pack' to give an impression of potential costs of repair and upgrade.

30/16 Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered and the Clerk actioned to respond as follows:

<i>Application</i>	<i>View</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Sun Room, Row Mill	No objections	
Radio Mast & tower near Longlands.	No objections	Expectation that any other appendages to the mast would require further planning permission.
Conversion of Garage, Eilerslie Terrace	Objection	As per previous Correspondence to LDNPA of 20/12/15.

<i>Application</i>	<i>View</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Conservatory, Ellerslie Park	No Objections	Subject to the views of local residents being consulted.
Denton Park	No objections	Subject to a condition that the culvert should not be damaged.

The Clerk was further asked to draw three properties in the Parish to the attention of the relevant Planning Authority, under section 125 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

31/16 Meetings

It was agreed that Cllr P Turner should attend the 3-tier meeting to be held at the Church in Ennerdale Bridge at 6.30 pm on 21st March 2016.

As a representative of the Mid-Copeland group, Cllr Walton had attended a meeting with NuGen to discuss initial consultation on access to the new build site. While this did not impact directly on the Parish, the extent of probable disruption would be likely to affect residents as users of the A595.

Most of the traffic flow of people and goods would be coming from the north and therefore it was unlikely that there would be any economic benefit to the areas to the south of the site.

It was noted that the Public Hall had received a grant for new doors and the Committee was seeking planning advice.

32/16 Public Participation

Two members of the public attended. One noted another instance of public services to the south being treated less favourably as per the discussion at minute no 31/16 and the other raised the issue of the recycling bins.

The Clerk was able to report that the service had been taken back in-house by Copeland Borough Council, who had withdrawn the large bins for health and safety reasons. They would monitor the small bins and would be emptying paper and cardboard twice a week on a Monday and a Friday and all other bins on a weekly basis on a Thursday. The plastic recycling had been withdrawn while a smaller version could be found and, if as a result of their monitoring of the bins, there was a need for more (smaller) bins they would supply these.

The member of the public noted that the smaller bins were on wheels and on a slope and felt that as they did not have breaks, could be a hazard.

Councillors were also very unhappy about the change and noted that there were already bags being left, that cardboard was full and that the lack of a plastics bin meant that these had been put in other bins. They felt that if the site was properly managed, it could hold the larger bins.

They asked that everyone should monitor the situation and should encourage everybody to ring Copeland Borough Council when the bins were full. They were extremely concerned that recycling would continue to be left at the side of the bins.

Cllr Jacob would be raising this matter as a Copeland Councillor and the Clerk was in correspondence with the Waste Officer.

33/16 Library Update

On a positive note, there were a number of volunteers who would allow the library to open twice a week and perhaps a few hours on a weekend.

On a less positive note, there were a number of additional costs associated with the library that had come to light, which were looking in the region of £4-5,000 per year, which was a considerable difference to the amount envisaged at the outset, for a provision which would allow 600 books at any one time.

There was agreement that the project was looking less positive as a result of the information, however there remained a willingness to push on deadlines to allow further time to clarify costs and consider viability further. The Chairman agreed to update Cllr Clarkson (Cumbria County Council).

34/16 Website Update

It was noted that Mel Gould had asked to give up responsibility for the Village website and Councillors noted with thanks the work he had put in over the years. He would continue with What's On.

The Chairman had found a solution, which would not require cost other than a company endorsement in the bottom right hand corner, which was agreed.

35/16 Lake District National Park Authority Consultation

There were no issues of process that the Council wanted to raise other than the notification of the potential demise of the library as a place to leave public documents, which the Clerk has already carried out.

36/16 Monthly Finance Matters

The monthly schedule of income and expenditure was received and noted, with no questions arising.

It was noted that internet banking had started and that tabling of the monthly bank statement would commence the following meeting, when payments would begin to show up.

37/16 Police Report

Reports of badger baiting remained a concern and it was thought that vehicles were parking in the vicinity of woodland off Whitecroft on Toft Lane. If anyone should see anything suspicious, they should ring 101.

38/16 Correspondence

The success regime emerging findings was to be discussed at a meeting in Egremont the following evening, which Cllr Jacob was attending. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

39/16 Questions from Councillors

None received.

40/16 Confidential Items

None recorded.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Attendance 73%