

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on Wednesday, 12 October 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Supper Room of the village hall.

Present: Cllr T Norman (Chair); Cllr C Walton (Vice Chair); Cllr D Ancell; Cllr D Gray; Cllr D Hobson; Cllr G Hutson

Apologies: Cllr A Jacob; Cllr G Parker; Cllr M McKinley; Cllr I Rae; Cllr P Turner

111/16 **Minutes**

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record, subject to an amendment as 110/16 first para to read “negotiations will always take time.”

112/16 **Matters Arising**

The Clerk confirmed that she had set in motion the process to extend the lease on the Gravel Pit.

Records had been drawn in response to the Legionella Risk Assessment and advice would be sought on the procedures to follow for a contaminated water supply.

A tour of the car park had taken place and an order had been submitted for the repair of the play equipment as agreed at the previous meeting.

A letter was being drafted with Seascale Parish Council in respect of the Calder Gate.

The Clerk had been in contact with CCC re drop down kerbs and was pursuing and it was agreed other places in the village be considered at the same time.

The light on Gosforth Road would appear to have been fixed and Cllr Walton had submitted an article for Tethera.

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Planning Matters

Tall Oaks – erection of a garage.

The Parish Council did not have any objection to the application, although they would like to stress that the garage should not impede the access to Tall Oaks, as it was a very tight turn into the property. It was also noted that a neighbour was very frail and that Cllr Hutson would approach his family to ensure that they had received and given consideration to the application.

Pre-planning consultation on a Telecoms mast to the rear of Townend Farm for O2 and Vodaphone 3 and 4G networks. There were no objections and it was felt that the optioneering that had been shared was sound.

Abbeyfield pre-planning application briefing: The proposal was to extend the rear of the existing house lounge to create a community room for the existing building and the bungalows. 14 2-bed and 4-1 bed bungalows were proposed and there was a need now to work up the scheme to apply for funding.

The Clerk noted that the following applications had been granted:

Hall Bolton – Annex

Craemer – single storey dwelling and detached garage

Lion and Lamb – retrospective external alterations

2 Croft Foot- Demolition of existing single storey extension to rear and replacement

56 Meadowfield – non-material amendment to planning permission previously notified.

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Funding Bids

The Clerk asked for the Council's guidance on focus for capital funding bids. It was agreed that the two priorities currently would be to try and assist the public hall in securing funding to reduce running costs and to try to secure some funding for public realm improvement in the centre of the village.

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Meetings attended

Cllr Walton had attended the LDNPA meeting at Muncaster the previous evening. The case was made for World Heritage Site status, both the physical and cultural landscape, with representatives from Unesco. A decision would be announced next July. In addition, the LDNPA were keen to support access to the Park by alternative transport means.

Cllr Norman had not been able to attend the most recent joint parishes meeting with respect to the National Grid, but the National Grid had cancelled their most recent consultation event and the date for official consultation had still be to be set.

Cllr Hutson had attended a meeting of the Public Hall Management Committee and it was noted that the secretary had resigned.

Cllr Ancell had attended a meeting with Sellafield Sites Ltd in respect of the changes to the Calder Gate, as previously discussed.

The three-tier meeting was to be held on 20th October 2016 in Seascale Methodist Church and Cllr Norman would attend. It was noted that the Calc AGM would take place on 12th November 2016.

116/16 **Financial Reports**

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation up to 30th September 2016 which was scrutinised and agreed. It was noted that there had been a bank error and clarified that the £109.86 had been paid in from the honesty box.

Payments were approved with the exception of £125 for car park maintenance. Cllr Ancell undertook to organise cleaning of the telephone box and it was suggested that Mr Millard be approached with respect to pruning of some shrubs.

The Clerk reported that the Accounts for 2015-16 had now been audited and three minor recommendations found:

The risk register had not been updated in year, but 10 days later; The accounts were re-stated by £1.00 (which had been previously advised as the total in previous years had been rounded down).

The final recommendation was in respect of charity disclosure. It was recommended that the Council should be saying that it was managing trust funds and assets. The auditors had been advised that there were two independent charities set up to do this and their annual returns had been submitted. This would be questioned with the auditors.

117/16 **Correspondence**

It was agreed that the Health Success Regime consultation was very disappointing with no options being palatable in many of the questions. It was agreed to send a letter to this effect.

Correspondence had been sent with respect to Parishes drawing an emergency plan and it was agreed to give this issue some space on the next meeting.

The Clerk had received an update from the Greengarth Rugby Club, that they continued to be financially secure in the short-medium term, but that a meeting was being proposed for November.

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Questions from Councillors

It was asked whether the Playing Field Association received any funding for the advertising banners displayed or for contractor car parking. The Clerk was asked to contact G Parker to ask the question.

The Clerk was asked whether she kept an attendance record. She confirmed that she did not keep a formal record, but that she did maintain a watching brief on the 6-month rule.

It was noted that Tethera had been published and that Cllr Gray had withdrawn from active maintenance of the car park and volunteers were now sought.

Questions were asked about parking and the nuisance being caused to Bradbury House. It was felt that as car parking was an emotive issues that if there was a need to discuss, that this should be a separate agenda item.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.