

GOSFORTH . PARISH . COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Gosforth Parish Council held on Wednesday, 13th July 2016 in the Supper Room of Gosforth Village Hall.

Present: Cllr G Hutson (In the Chair); Cllr C Walton (Vice Chair, in attendance from Minute No 93/16); Cllr D Ancell; Cllr D Gray; Cllr P Turner; Cllr Hobson

Apologies: Cllr T Norman (Chair); Cllr A Jacob; Cllr G Parker; Cllr M McKinley; Cllr I Rae

Also present: Jane Murray, Clerk

86/16 Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

The Chair had tendered apologies and the Vice Chair had not yet arrived.

Resolved –that Cllr Hutson take the Chair for that meeting.

87/16 Declarations of Interest

None received.

88/16 Minutes

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

89/16 NuGen Consultation

Resolved – that the consultation response be approved subject to the addition of phone/internet connections and a softening of some points to show that an influx was welcome but to be managed with assistance offered by Gosforth Parish Council.

90/16 Gravel Pit

There had been some interest expressed about the potential for the sub-let of the gravel pit and the Clerk and Chairman were authorised to continue discussions but that any final decision should return to the Parish Council for approval.

91/16

Planning Matters

The Parish Council were supportive of two planning applications, for a 2-storey rear extension at Seatallen (Lower Boonwood – neighbours had been consulted) and for a replacement septic tank replacement at Pea Cottage.

Planning permission for a plot adjacent to Craemer raised a few issues which the Parish Council wanted to draw to the attention of the Lake District National Park Authority.

While this was an infill site, the resultant housing density of the proposal was not in keeping with the existing development on Kellbank. There could be issues of access, given the single track and potential for the increased car usage, and it was felt that the owners of the Park Home development should be consulted as access may well be over their land.

The Parish Council had also received some feedback from neighbours voicing similar concerns. It was suggested a site visit might be in order.

Planning approvals had been received for 7 Meadow Close (with several conditions attached around drainage measures) and Gillgrass How.

92/16

Library Update

The Clerk had circulated a costing for the telephone line for the Library. It was suggested that a quote from Gemini be secured where it was felt that the costs were considerably cheaper and the Clerk agreed to follow this up.

It would appear that the library was being well used and that the volunteering arrangements were working well with only one occasion when there had been only one volunteer.

93/16

Car Park and Toilets

Cllr Walton joined the meeting

It was noted that Cllr Hobson had fixed the loose slab at the car park. It was also recorded that there had been an accident at the recycling site when a resident had tripped over a plastic brick. Cllr Gray undertook to make some phone calls with respect to ownership of the brick and the Clerk would be alerted if further action was required.

Approval was given for noticeboards for the interior of the toilet to be purchased and for a legionella risk assessment to be carried out at a cost of approximately £100.

With respect to the possibility of rehangng the door to face outwards, Cllr Norman had reconsidered this possibility and felt that because of the slope of the ramp, that it would be very difficult to close the door if it were to be outward facing.

Resolved –

- 1) that a legionella risk assessment be carried out;
- 2) that internal noticeboards be sourced.

94/16 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

95/16 Meetings

Cllr Walton had attended a mid-Copeland group meeting with respect to the kind of infrastructure benefits that Parishes would like to see as community gain. It was a consultation being carried out by an independent consultancy on behalf of Copeland Borough Council. Themes being put forward by the consultants were around a potential training centre and the possibility of a local digger driving training facility.

Cllr Paul Turner had attended a Copeland Rail User Group meeting, however there was nothing significant to report.

Cllr Hutson reported that the NDA has requested the Sellafield Stakeholder Group to look in detail at different issues as a standing group, following their comments on the NDA's 5-year plan.

Cllr Gray undertook to attend a West Cumbria Transport Corridor meeting and Cllr Turner undertook to attend a further CRUG meeting and a 3-tier meeting planned for 18 July 2016.

96/16 Financial Reports

Resolved – that the Bank reconciliation to 30 June 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record, and that anticipated expenditure be approved.

With respect to quarterly monitoring, it was felt that most of the budget headings were on track, with one instance of potential over-expenditure allied to the volunteer library (nevertheless considered and approved by Council).

97/16 **Correspondence**

Correspondence had been circulated in-month and there was no correspondence requiring action from the Parish Council currently.

98/16 **Questions from Councillors**

None arising.

97/16 **Items in Camera**

None arising.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.