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# Great Park Neighbourhood Association

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## Agenda for the GPNA AGM

**Date:** 27.10.2024

**Time:** 6:00PM - 8:00PM

**Venue:** Plaza Cafe and Bistro, Bowmont House, Wagonway Drive, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 9BL

Present	Apologies	Absences
Jamie Robinson Michael Foster Ian Tew Steven Mason Sophie Cox Donna Rawling Paul Cross Imran Mohammed	Caitlin Smithson Neil Collington Claire Khan	Michael Hunt (Resigned) Chris Clarke (Resigned) Phil Baker (Resigned)

### 1. Welcome and updates

Chair will welcomed all present and attendees.

A roll call will be taken to confirm attendance.

### 2. Financial Report

Current treasurer will report on finances. (See website)

A resident stated a fund for £200,000 for community projects. This money was potentially the legacy but will send across.

Asked funding streams from NCC. Asked to be nominated for Taylor Wimpey competition - secretary will enquire who won this competition.



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### 3. Chairs Report (See above)

Residents stated concerns over Sage subsidising the service charge now it is taken over by Avant. Chair confirmed, while still vacant whoever owns the land doesn't have to pay service charges.

Committee members stated they were told an outright lie by the consortium who said no matter whoever takes it over they will still pay service charge.

Greenside are missing from the adoptions timeline. Question as to why. Chair will ask consortium.

TAB - councillors have informed us that they can attend the TAB meetings but can only voice concerns and are not involved in the decision making process.

Praise for Mark Jamieson - honest and gets things done.

Not met the adoptions officer. Developers pay £75k per year for adoptions to take place.

Resident question - about the adoption process: some of the primary roads not being done till 2025. Chair stated this is the problem with how the park has been set up. Basically it is tricky as there are so many areas. Chair stated that we ask the right questions when meeting the consortium.

Residents raised parking at Esh Plaza - dangerous with parking on the roads, main road into this part of the estate. Chair stated this was linked with the school parking issues, council stated they couldn't enforce it due to being private land. Newcastle council then received a number of complaints and sent guards. Newcastle council admitted failure to residents in terms of that they didn't get enough space for school. Council needed more space so the consortium now owns school playing fields and is open to the public. Seems to be an issue.

Resident question over paths being adopted too - chair stated this is an issue due to no section 38. Pamela Holmes stated that there is a section 38 to this resident.



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### 3. Nominations for board positions

Explanation of open positions, some members have resigned from post. (x3 Committee positions currently)

Voting process explained - nominations

Call for nominations, any nominations need to be seconded - none received. Some residents will consider this.

Confirmation of Results: All stays as is.

Vote for senior roles: Secretary / Treasurer / Vice Chair / Chair.

Members put themselves forward. Unanimous votes for all roles.

Sophie Cox - Secretary

Steven Mason - Treasurer

Vice Chair - Ian Tew

Chair - Jamie Robinson

### 4. Upcoming Events and Meetings

Confirm dates for next committee meetings proposed: January, March and June.

Committee members agreed. Chair will confirm official dates in due course.

Propose dates for consortium collaboration meetings: November / February / April / July  
this will be confirmed in due course.

Once dates are confirmed - chair will send to members.



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## 5. Updates from members/AOB

One member is an advocate for Melbury Parish council: day to day - works on street lights, signs etc. lots of little jobs to keep on with. This committee member also advocated for fences on either side of the A1.

One member surveyed residents' concerns over the accessibility over play parks; this was collated into a SEND report (see website). This was sent to Sue Wannop who disseminated to necessary parties including Allison Macleod and James Cowen in planning. There have been no responses as of yet, did chase a month after sending.

One member is willing to organise a community event in the summer to raise awareness.

Treasurer looking into other funding streams.

Another member has been reflecting on the engagement compared to previous is off the scale. The momentum is building and is very happy with the progress made with this.

Another committee member has an update on potential mosque on Great Park. In discussions with the consortium and this is progressing to get a survey done on the land.

A committee member questioned about emails about looking into service charges, they need a date set. Struggling with managing agents which are only open 9-1pm, need better timings. Chair going to step in and agree a date in the diary.

Residents stated there is huge confusion over who is responsible for what as no one knows e.g. streetlights to developers, causing confusion for themselves and residents.

Chair is interested as to why Rachel Kadinsky left and Open Spaces had taken over as management agent.

Committee members questioned over time limits for things being done e.g. lights.

Chair agreed we could do a light survey.

Then discussed that we want to invite the adoption officer from NCC to meetings. Chair asked for contact details and they wouldn't share them.



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Positive news from the vice chair orchard is coming soon.

## **6. Closing Remarks**

Summarised key points.  
Everyone was thanked for their time and efforts.

## **7. Next steps and Meeting adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 19:37.

Next meeting will be arranged and confirmed in due course.