

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2021

Present: Councillor E. MacKinlay Chairman
Councillors J. MacKinlay and Ramsey.

In attendance: Roger Gray - Clerk
City Councillor Avaei

(There were technical issues during the meeting resulting in the meeting becoming inquorate. If a key decision had been made at a point in the meeting when a quorum was not present the recommendations would be reported to the next meeting and confirmed where required).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillors King and Lower and Northumbria Police.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th February 2021 be approved as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

3. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) Potholes

The potholes on the stretch of Westfield Avenue from the entrance to the Brunswick Park Community north for about 100 yards had been patched but the repair was not of a good standard and was unlikely to last.

The patching of the road surface in Martin Way was also disintegrating and needed attention.

In view of the number of complaints about potholes/the road surface disintegrating in the Village it was suggested that a joint inspection with Ward Councillors and Officers of the City Council should be arranged.

RESOLVED – That City Council be requested to repair the patching of the potholes on Westfield Avenue/Martin Way and City Councillor Lower liaise with the officers of the City Council to arrange a joint walk around the Village to identify the roads that needed to be repaired.

b) Grey Street – Collapsed Chimney Stack

It was reported that following the last meeting the site had been inspected by the

City Council. However, works to make the chimney stack safe could not be carried out until Northern Powergrid had made safe the electricity cable attached to the damaged stack. A scheme had been prepared for the erection of scaffolding, but it could not progress until the cables had been made safe. People were still crossing the secured area around the front of the property to access the cash machine directly below the chimney stack.

RESOLVED – That the City Council’s Enforcement Team be requested to provide an update on the situation and to ask Northern Powergrid to make the electricity supply cables safe so that works could be carried out to make the stack safe.

c) External Lights – Brunswick Grove

The Clerk confirmed that he had been advised this evening that the lights were all now working.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

d) New Houses on Sandy Lane Hazlerigg

The Clerk was still waiting for clarification about the properties that were subject to the Brunswick Parish Council Precept.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk contact the City Council regarding how the level of precept payable per property had been calculated in 2021/22.

5. VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk was waiting for guidance from NALC regarding how to advertise the opportunity to be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

RESOLVED – That as soon as the information was received from NALC the Clerk share the information with the Chair.

6. CRIME STATISTICS

The Clerk submitted the crime statistics that he had received from the Police as they were unable to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Cheques for Signature (* signed since last meeting)

Cheques for Signature	
Cheque No.	Amount
	£
0	0.00

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

Bank Balance 10th March 2021 £7,977.97.

(subject to pending transactions)

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 14th April 2021 via a Zoom meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Signed: -.....Chairman

Date: -.....