

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2020

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

In attendance: City Councillor Avaei
Roger Gray - Clerk
3 Residents

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of City Councillors King and Lower and Northumbria Police.

Members noted that City Councillor Lower had recently become unwell and sent their best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

46. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th January 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) New LED Street Lamps

There had been a number of negative comments received regarding the poor light conditions in the Village that had been caused by the installation of new energy efficient light bulbs in the existing lamp standard. The light was more focused and as a result of the reduction of the number of lamp standards as part of the street lighting PFI it appeared that there were not enough lights to ensure all parts/section of the highways and pavements in the Village were adequately/safely lit.

RESOLVED – That the City Councillors be requested to raise the concerns that had been reported with the relevant Director/Head of Service at the City Council and request a review of the lighting configuration in the Village to ensure that all areas still met the agreed lighting standards for safety.

b) Grey Street – Back Lane

It was reported that two men had been seen transferring vodka into generic bottles in the back lane. When completed they then left the bottles on the top of wheelie bins that belonged to empty properties in the street. Seven bottles had been found last week. During bad weather this resulted in the bottles falling off the wheelie bins and breaking on the road surface. There were occasions when the bottles had not been emptied and this led to the risk of another person or child drinking the

contents of the bottles.

The problem had been reported to the enforcement team at the City Council but there had not been any feedback since the problem had been reported.

RESOLVED – That the City Councillors be requested to raise the concerns that had been reported to the Enforcement Team and the police be advised of the problem and potential issues created by half full vodka bottles being left in the back lane.

c) Greenside Avenue – Path Leading to Bus Stop

The paving stone at the bus stop were now loose. People waiting at the bus stop on a regular basis had asked if the litter bin could be moved away from the immediate vicinity of the bus stop as the smell from it was unpleasant. Bot paths from Greenside Avenue to the bus stop were now damaged and created a potential tripping hazard.

RESOLVED –That the City Council be requested: -

- I. Again, to carry our repairs to the damaged kerbing leading up to this foot path as it had been chipped/gouged and now created an uneven surface/potential tripping hazard and to fix the paving stones which were now moving when you stood on them (reported after November 19 meeting), and
- II. Investigate if the large litter bin could be moved away from the bus shelter

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

d) Repairs/Replacement of Gas Mains

Councillor Ramsey updated the meeting in relation to the most recent findings in relation to the water that was getting into the gas main in Cheviot View.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

e) Slow Down Sign (School Children Designed) Sandy Lane

The sign had been repaired and now needed putting back up. It was suggested that a member of the neighborhood response team might be able to attach the sign back to its pole.

RESOLVED – That the Parish Council place on record its thanks and appreciation to Ian Laverick who had found time to recover and repair the sign and agree to make a £25 donation to his charity/organization of choice.

f) Rest Centre Kitchen

K Horner (local resident) reported that she had rang Dixon & Thompson to get them to come out, measure up and provide an estimate to the supply and installation of a new kitchen in the Rest Centre. They had been unable to ring for some time and when they had tried to make contact with the key holder, due to unavoidable

circumstances she had been unable to take the call. An appointment had now been agreed to enable them to get access to the rest Centre tomorrow afternoon.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and as soon as a quotation was received an application be submitted to the Banks' Community Fund (to be completed with support form the officers of Newcastle City Council).

g) Rest Centre – Ladies Toilets

RESOLVED –That the City Council be requested again to repair the ladies toilets at the Rest Centre as they had not be repaired despite reports being made on various occasion since they became un-useable in November 2019.to replace the existing lamp post that had come down following a vehicle hitting it a number of weeks ago.

h) Lamp Post outside of Mills' Store Grey Street

RESOLVED –That the City Council be requested to replace the existing lamp post that had come down following a vehicle hitting it a number of weeks ago.

48. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had passed on the incidents reported to the last meeting of the Parish Council and that the local police officers had said they would investigate them.

Parish Councillors were becoming increasingly concerned at the number of incidents involving youths and anti-social behavior in the Village. This was evidenced by the following list of incidents that had occurred in the Village since the last meeting.

Damage to grey car Martin Way – Vehicle pelted with eggs
Damage to vehicle Dene Avenue
Tyres slashed on blue car – Chapel View
Tyres slashed on car - Dryesdale Crescent

RESOLVED – That the information be noted with concern and the police be requested to provide an update as soon as possible on the actions they were taking to “nip this disorder in the bud” before it had the chance to escalate further.

49. HOUSING MATTERS

a) Boiler Replacement Programme

The Clerk reported back on the response form YHN regarding the proposed boiler replacement programme. The properties in Cheviot View were going to have the meters in their lofts replaced with ones that would allow the readings to be read remotely ensuring that YHN received direct reading on a regular basis reducing the amount of estimated readings. The work was expected to

start between April and May this year. All residents would be informed prior to the works.

A Councillor expressed concern that the communal boiler for the properties was not to be replaced. She referred to the number of times the elderly resident who had the access to the communal boiler in her property had been disturbed over recent months so that workers could fix the boiler. Some of the visits had been at unsociable hours and there was a concern that due to the age of the resident it was affecting her health.

RESOLVED – That YHN: -

- I. be thanked for the detailed response to the questions asked about the boiler replacement programme, and
- II. be requested to investigate the comments made regarding the number of visits there had been in relation to accessing the communal boiler at the property now mentioned and identify any action that could be taken to minimise disruption in the future.

b) Broken Bulk Head/External Lights Cheviot View

It was reported that since the last meeting no repairs had been carried out on the lights at the following bungalows: - Nos 1/3/5/9/13/15/21

RESOLVED – That YHN be requested to arrange for the lights to be repaired as soon as possible.

c) Underfloor Draft Proofing Work

It was reported, based on the feedback from one resident, that the works had taken longer than expected, were not as effective as anticipated and that the associated upheaval had been greater than outlined in the communications received about the works.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

50. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

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Cheque No.	Amount
	£
001212	36.10
001213	25.00

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

Bank Balance 4th February 2020 £8,332.69.
(Sheet no 26) (subject to pending transactions)

51. OTHER MATTERS

Airport Consultative Committee

The next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee would be held on 3rd March 2020 at 10:00 am

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

52. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council be held at 7:00pm on 11th March 2020.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Signed: -.....Chairman

Date: -.....

Documents Available for Inspection/Review at the Meeting

- Clerks & Councils Direct January 2020 Issue 127
- LCR Winter 2020