

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2020

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

In attendance: City Councillor King
Roger Gray - Clerk
1 Resident

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

54. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th February 2020 be approved as a correct record subject to the following words being removed from the recommendation of minute 47 (g) “to replace the existing lamp post that had come down following a vehicle hitting it a number of weeks ago”, and signed by the Chairman.

55. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) Pot Holes

There was a detailed discussion regarding the number and size of pot holes that were developing in the village and on the surrounding roads in the area. City Councillor King reported that he had been out around the ward taking photographs of the problem to submit them to the City Council requesting that they be inspected and repaired.

Some were quite large and deep and had the potential to cause damage to motor vehicles if they drove into/across them.

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to carry out an urgent inspection of the roads/highways in the village to identify the works that were required to make the roads “safe” for vehicles to use without the worry of vehicles being damaged if they hit one of the larger pot holes.

b) Grey Street – Back Lane

It was reported that the problem had now moved to the industrial estate. It was no longer occurring in the back lane of Grey Street.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

c) Greenside Avenue – Path Leading to Bus Stop

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested: -

- I. Again, to carry our repairs to the damaged kerbs 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) Rest Centre Kitchen

K Horner (local resident) updated the meeting on the current position in relation to getting quotations for the works to upgrade the kitchen. As soon as a quotation(s) had been received an application be submitted to the Banks' Community Fund.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

e) Rest Centre – Ladies Toilets

It was reported that a worker who had come out to inspect the problem had reported there was asbestos in the toilets and it would need removing before repair works could be carried out.

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to ensure the safe removal of the asbestos be carried out as soon as possible and the toilets be repaired and brought back into use.

f) Lamp Post outside of Mills' Store Grey Street

RESOLVED – That the information that a replacement lamp post had been installed be noted.

g) Commercial Laundry Industrial Estate

RESOLVED – That the City Council's Planning Enforcement Team be requested to inspect the site of the laundry as a large sign had been erected facing the properties in Beaumont Terrace and that due to its size it was considered to be "visually intrusive" and should be taken down.

h) Coal Tub Sandy Lane

RESOLVED – That the information that the coal tub was needing repair be noted and that if there were any residents willing to volunteer to plant and maintain planted areas/displays the Parish Council was likely to favorably consider making contributions towards the cost of plants etc.

56. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Change of Use Industrial Unit Brunswick Industrial Estate to Soft Play Facility - App Ref 2019/1678/01/DET

The Clerk referred to recent email exchanges with the applicant and the City Council's Planning Officers. He reported that the officers had now agreed to submit the application to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

b) Prestwick Care – Brunswick House, Brookside Avenue NE13 7DP - TPO Application 2020/0238/01/TRE

The Clerk referred to recent email exchanges with the City Council's Tree Officer regarding the latest application for the felling of trees on this site. He had suggested a site visit with members of the Parish Council to look at the development of a longer-term plan to manage the trees on the site.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and a site visit be arranged between the tree officer and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

57. POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that he had not received any crime figures for this evening's meeting. Due to leave and other operational commitments an officer was not available to attend the meeting. If any concerns were raised the Clerk had agreed he would forward them to the Police after the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

58. HOUSING MATTERS

a) Boiler Replacement Programme

A Councillor expressed her continued concern about the impact on the elderly resident in the terrace of bungalows in Cheviot View, of having the communal boiler for the terrace in her property. Due to the number of times YHN contractors needed access to the communal boiler she had been disturbed many times and on occasions at unsociable hours through the night.

The Clerk referred to a number of email exchanges with YHN regarding the problem/concerns in relation to this case.

RESOLVED – That YHN City Councillor King be thanked for agreeing to pick up this case and he would now make contact with YHN to try to see what options were available to assist this elderly resident/overcome the problems being caused by operatives requiring access to the communal boiler

b) Large Tree to the Rear of Properties Drysdale Crescent (Chapel View)

A resident from Drysdale Crescent reported on a longstanding problem she had in relation to a very large tree in a garden of a property in Chapel View. Due to its size it over hung into her garden and was thought to cause problems in relation to the signal she received on her satellite dish. Despite numerous requests to the City Council to ask for it to be pruned/cut down no action had been taken over the years and the tree continued to get bigger and bigger.

RESOLVED – That YHN be requested to visit the properties to assess what could be done.

c) Broken Bulk Head/External Lights Cheviot View

A resident reported that these had not yet been repaired and they were referred to as security light (not bulk head lights). Repairs were still outstanding 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.

d) Underfloor Draft Proofing Work

Following on from comments made at the last meeting about the effectiveness of these works it was reported that some benefits were now being experienced.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

59. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

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Cheque No.	Amount
	£
001214	342.00
001215	174.76
001216	1,747.60
001217	216.00

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

Bank Balance 12th March 2020 £8,084.59.
(Sheet no 27) (subject to pending transactions)

60. OTHER MATTERS

Airport Consultative Committee

The Chairman reported on the issues discussed at the meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 3rd March 2020. There was particular focus on

the police presence that was now visible at the airport, with armed back up that could be called on as short notice. The arrangements that were now in place for the impact of Covid 19 had been reported.

It was confirmed that the Government's ICAN Noise Survey would be made public when it was completed. A map of the recently created and now enforced Droid Exclusion Zone was circulated at the meeting.

There would be a web site created to enable the public to report/monitor plane movements. A meeting of the Noise Sub Committee would be held in May 2020. The next meeting of the Consultative Committee would be held on 2nd June 2020.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

61. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council be held at 7:00pm on 8th April 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 March 2020 Issue 128
- The Clerk March 2020 Vol 51 No. 2
- NEPACS Circular dated 20 February 2020