

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: Roger Gray - Clerk
City Councillors Avaei, King and Lower

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Northumbria Police.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th August 2020 be approved as a correct and signed by the Chairman.

3. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) Pot Holes

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.

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 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

There was a discussion about the cordon around a private house in Grey Street due to the chimney collapsing after recent high winds. There were some cable attached to the damaged stack. The cordon was preventing people using the cash point in the wall of the building.

RESOLVED – That the City Council's Enforcement Team be requested to come out to inspect the property and take any necessary measures to make the building safe so that the cordon around the area could be removed and the cash point made useable.

c) External Lights – Bungalows Cheviot View

A member reported that the problems with these lights (7 out of 12) had been reported at meetings of the Parish Council in January and February of 2020 and that YHN had been requested to fix them on both occasions. The lights were still not working.

RESOLVED – That the YHN be requested to repair these lights as soon as possible and reminded of the request to repair them in January 2020.

d) External Lights – Brunswick Grove

A member reported that a number of the external lights (front and back) on properties in Brunswick Grove were not working. The areas around the properties were dark and the risk of tripping at night was increased.

RESOLVED – That the YHN be requested to repair these lights as soon as possible.

e) Airport Consultative Committee

The Chairman provided an update on reports he had received in relation to the work of the Committee. A large number of staff who worked at the airport had been laid off due to the lack of air traffic using the airport due to the Coronavirus restrictions. The financial and operational problems that were being encountered were the same as those being felt by airports across the country.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

f) Cycle Lanes Gosforth High Street

A member referred to her concerns about the current layout of the cycle lanes on Gosforth High Street. It was dangerous when you were stepping of a bus and had to cross the cycle lane to get onto the pavement.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and as this Street was not in the parish Council area if anyone wanted to contact the City Council to raise objections/concerns about the cycle lanes which were meant to be temporary then they should contact the City Council direct.

g) New Houses on Sandy Lane Hazlerigg

There was a discussion in relation the parish council precepts raised for Brunswick and Hazlerigg Parish Council's and whether the impact on the number of new houses on this site had been reflected in the precept calculations for individual property Council Tax payable in both Villages.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk seek clarification from the City Council regarding how the level of precept payable per property was going to be calculated in 2021/22.

5. VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were currently 3 vacancies on the Parish Council. The next elections were scheduled to be held in May 2023 so any vacancies would need to be filled via co-option.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk contact NALC for templates for use in recruiting Parish Councillors and to confirm the process to be followed and when information was available the opportunity to become a Parish Councillor be promoted on the Village Facebook Page.

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.

7. DECISIONS MADE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AGREED AT MEETING HELD ON 19th AUGUST 2020

RESOLVED – That the decision of the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to agree that the level of precept for 2021/22 should remain at £5,500, unchanged from the 2020/21 Financial Year, be confirmed (decision taken in January 2021 to meet the City Council's deadline for receipt of Precept requests and the Parish Council being unable to meet "virtually" at that time).

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Cheques for Signature	
Cheque No.	Amount
	£
001225	197.84*
001226	75.00*

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

Bank Balance 12th January 2021 £8,819.31.
(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 10th March 2021 via a Zoom meeting.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Signed: -Chairman

Date: -.....