

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th OCTOBER 2021

Present: Councillors E. MacKinlay (Chair), Graves, Horner,
Laverick, J. MacKinlay and Ramsey.

In attendance: Roger Gray – Clerk
City Councillor Helen Laverick

31. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th September 2021 be approved as a correct and signed by the Chair.

32. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) Disposal/Scattering of Raw Chicken Big Waters

Members reported on the police actions relating to this issue following the identification of a person suspected of carrying out this activity. However, it was reported that raw steak was now being scattered in the same area.

It had been proposed that signs be erected in the area around the Big Waters politely requesting people not to dispose of raw meat in the area and providing contact details if anyone spotted this happening again.

Reference was also made to two recent incidents at the Big Waters and that residents had volunteered to create and put-up signs providing contact details for anyone needing help or was in distress.

RESOLVED – That: -

- 1) the information be noted,
- 2) the police be advised of the on-going problems and be requested to increase patrols/visits to the area, and
- 3) Parish Councillor Graves arrange for the signs that were discussed at the meeting to be erected at suitable locations in the Big Waters Reserve.

b) Beaumont Terrace – Noise Nuisance from Industrial Estate

The Clerk provided an update on the actions taken by the City Council in relation to the noise nuisance being created by the laundry operating in this Unit through the night. Officers of the City Council had understood that works were to be carried out on the flue at the laundry. The Commercial Noise Team were to arrange a formal acoustic assessment of the noise to establish if it could be considered as a statutory nuisance. The Team would also be looking at the dust issue which could be remedied by the installation of a filter.

Reference was made at the meeting to previous complaints about dust and noise

made by residents in Hawthorn Avenue which had resulted in the flues being redirected away from that street. It might be possible to redirect flues, so they pointed back into the industrial estate.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted, and the outcome of the work being carried out by the Commercial Noise Team be awaited.

c) Grey Street – Collapsed Chimney Stack

It was reported that the chimney stack had been repaired. There was still scaffolding to the rear of No 16 Grey Street as permission from the owners of the adjoining property was required to enable the adjacent chimney stack to be repaired as it had a crack in it.

There had been a further underground electrical fault in the street so there was still a hole in the pavement. Until the cable was fixed, and the hole filled in scaffolding could not be erected at the front of 16 Grey Street to complete the repair on the cracked chimney stack.

Emissions from the temporary generator that had been located outside of the property to provide electricity pending the repair of the underground cable had stained the cash point, the shop wall and window with diesel fumes. This should be cleaned up by Northern Powergrid.

The reinstatement works following the first electrical fault had not been carried out very well. Paving stones had been reused and were cracked and the bollards at the edge of the pavement were now at different levels, one being so short it was a potential tripping hazard.

RESOLVED – That: -

- 1) the information be noted, and
- 2) the Clerk contact Northern Powergrid to request them to clean up the damage caused by the diesel fumes from the temporary generator
- 3) the City Council requested to work closely with Northern Powergrid to ensure that the reinstatement works following completion of the cable repair works used new paving stones and that the bollards were set at agreed/safe heights.

d) Jubilee Park Play Area

The Clerk reported that Luke Burton had agreed to come and meet with the Chair and a Parish Councillor at the play area and had asked for convenient dates and times for the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk advise Luke Burton that any afternoon, not a Wednesday, would be suitable for the meeting at the play area.

e) Jubilee Park Site Investigation Works

The Clerk reported that that following discussions with Su Cummins she had confirmed that the City Council was looking to provide support for clubs to play cricket from the Park which was likely to include a small facility to support only sport and would comply with green belt requirements. There was no intention to impact

on the existing building. Discussion were being held with officers in the Planning Department on the possible development. However, Su Cummins confirmed that the work was still in the scoping phase and as soon as this was completed and there was something to discuss she would be in touch with the Parish Council and all local stakeholders regarding what the opportunities were.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted, and the outcome of the scoping works and options/proposals for the re-introduction of cricket to the Park be awaited.

f) Litter Bins

The Clerk reported that the City Council's web site did not make it easy to submit requests for new litter bins or to request the relocation of existing bins. He had requested the help of City Councillor Laverick to contact the team with the requests raised at the last meeting. City Councillor Laverick had taken up the issue and would report back to a future meeting once she had received a response.

The Chair reported that he had spoken to the Community Response Team about the requests.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and any progress on the requests be reported back to a future meeting.

g) Public Right of Way

The Chair submitted two letters received from a resident who was concerned that the public right of way (Footpath 3 Brunswick) had been ploughed up from the access road to Big Waters and the end of the field facing the stile (Westfield Avenue Access). Their concern was that the farmer might then plough up the rest of the footpath from the back of the garages in Westfield Avenue and the Aged Miners Cottages. It was no longer possible to use this section of footpath due to the uneven ground.

Clarification was also required in relation to what actions could be taken to ensure the farmer maintained or reinstated public rights of way that crossed their land.

It was also reported that the stiles to access this route were in a poor state of repair and could not be used safely.

There had been a decision several years ago to redirect part of this footpath, but it was not clear what the new route was.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk contact the City Council's Public Rights of Way Officer to advise him of the current situation, to request clarification of the exact route of Footpath No 3 Brunswick and raise concerns about the disrepair of the stiles at the access points to the footpath.

h) Brunswick Grove/Grey Street - Overhanging Roses & Untidy Garden

RESOLVED – That, as it appeared that the gardens had not been tidied up

since it was reported at the last meeting the Clerk contact YHN again to request that they be tidied up to remove the hazards impacting on pedestrians using the pavements adjacent these properties.

i) Pathway Stalks Road (Southern side between Brunswick Green and the A1 Flyover

RESOLVED – That the Clerk report the uneven state of this section of footway to North Tyneside Council.

j) Unadopted Street Light to the rear of 85 Westfield Avenue

It was reported that this light had now started to work again so no action was required at the present time. SSE had confirmed that the maintenance of this light was not included in the Street Lighting Contract and therefore it was unable to maintain it. Sue Wannop had confirmed that the installation of the light had been funded by the Castle Ward Committee. If repairs were needed in the future estimates would need to be obtained from the City Council.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted, and Sue Wannop be thanked for providing the update and options for the repair of the light if required in the future.

k) Darrel Street – Vehicles Speeding Through Village

The Clerk reported that he had received a detailed response from the Highways Team at the City Council in relation to reports of vehicles speeding through the village. It referred to data relating to the number and speed of vehicles using Darrell Street, the low number of reported accidents on this stretch of highway over the last 10 years, the current traffic calming measures that were in place and the criteria used for approving the erection of warning signs for specific types of animals that might cause accidents on the highway. Based on the information available and the low level of accidents it was considered that the current traffic calming measures were doing their job and therefore it was not proposed to make any changes to the road lay out and signage in the area at the present time. The situation would continue to be monitored and reviewed if the situation changed.

It was reported that vehicles had been seen speeding on a regular basis on Grey Street and that a badger had been knocked down and killed on Sandy Lane by the industrial estate.

RESOLVED – That: -

- 1) the information be noted, and the situation be kept under review and
- 2) any future incidents of speeding, dangerous driving and road traffic incidents caused by animals in the area be reported to the City Council and the Police.

l) Brown Bin Permit – Rest Centre Greenside Avenue

The Clerk reported that he had applied for a Brown Bin Collection Permit. However, the City Council would not provide one for the current year as the service did not operate during the winter months and it would not arrange for a

“one off” collection in the current year. The Parish Council would have to apply for a permit at the start of the 2022 collection timetable.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk arrange for the purchase a collection permit for the brown garden refuse bin allocated to the Rest Centre in 2022 so that Brunswick in Bloom could use it to dispose of the waste generated from its activities.

m) Brunswick In Bloom

Parish Councillor Graves reported that she would submit the draft of Brunswick in Bloom’s 2-to-3 Year strategy to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Parish Councillor Laverick updated the meeting on the process for agreeing the involvement of a local cub/scout group in supporting Brunswick in Bloom in some of its activities in 2022.

Reference was made to the opportunity to apply for tree saplings as part of the activities to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee. However, due to the size of the order to be placed it would be difficult for one Parish Council/Group to find suitable locations to plant them.

Parish Councillor Graves indicated that Brunswick in Bloom would like to erect a Christmas tree in the grounds of St Cuthbert’s Church. In future years they would like to plant a Christmas tree in that location as a more sustainable option. Provisional agreement had been received from the Church for the Christmas tree, lighting, and power to be located on its land.

RESOLVED – That

- 1) the information be noted, and the Clerk investigate the options for obtaining the tree saplings
- 2) in view of the size of the order to be place, the potential to join up with other organisations / Parish Councils to apply for them and
- 3) the Clerk investigate what permissions were required to erect a Christmas Tree on private land close to a highway.

33. PLANNING MATTERS

Footpath 4 Brunswick and Footpath 6 Dinnington – Diversion Order 2018 – The Planning Inspectorate Decision Order Ref: ROW/3247279

The Clerk referred to the detailed correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate regarding her site visit and review of evidence and representations associated with this Order. Having regard to this and that the proposed diversion would not resolve any of the concerns regarding the safety of the path as it passed through the farmyard at the Morley Hill Farm, she had concluded that the Order should not be confirmed. Therefore, the rights of way would continue to follow their existing routes.

RESOLVED – That the Planning Inspectorate’s decision and associated information be noted.

34. POLICE MATTERS & CRIME STATISTICS

The Clerk reported that he had not received the crime statistics for the Period since the last meeting from Northumbria Police.

It was reported that there had been an incident outside of “A Cut Above” in Grey Street involving a man urinating in the street and defecating in the in the back lane behind the property. It was understood that this was happening on a regular basis and the same person was doing it.

It was reported that the person who had been stealing items out of a van had been caught in Brunswick Green on 11th October 2021.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted, and the incidents of anti-social behaviour be reported to the Police.

35. AIRPORT USERS COMMITTEE

The Chair reported that the Committee’s AGM had been held on 3rd October 2021. The Committee had been updated on the “Future of Night Flights” strategy at the airport. It was being proposed to keep flights between 6:00am and 1:00am each day.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

36. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

Cheque No.	Amount £
001234	165.86

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

Bank Balance 12th October 2021 £10,322.90. (Subject to pending transactions)

37. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held in the Rest Centre, Greenside Avenue at 7:00pm on Wednesday 10th November 2021.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Signed: -.....Chair

Date: -.....