

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2019

Present: Councillor E. MacKinlay (Chair),
Councillors Chambers and J. MacKinlay.

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk
City Councillor King
1 Prospective Ward Councillor
3 Residents

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ramsey; City Councillors A Lower and P Lower.

55. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th January 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56. PLANNING MATTER

New Kinston Park Village Development

Following consideration of this proposed development at the last meeting there was a further discussion about the scale of this development and the unusual road layout for the site.

Residents expressed their concerns regarding the potential negative impact on the roads in the Village due to increased traffic movements from this and the numerous other developments that were being built at the present time.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and be raised with the Castle Ward Councillors.

57. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) Pot Holes

Residents expressed concern about the poor state of the roads in the Village. The Clerk referred to the number of issues that had been raised at the last meeting regarding pot holes and the poor quality of re-instatement works carried out last year following works to upgrade electricity supplies. These complaints/requests for inspection and repair had all been submitted to the City Council.

It had been suggested by them that the drains from Woodley Hall could have been blocked and this might be contributing to the problems as Woodley Hall had never been built for the purpose it was now being used for.

RESOLVED –That YHN be thanked for fixing the external lights on the properties

b) Footpaths Cragside

A resident advised the parish Council that it appeared that the roads in Cragside had never been adopted by the City Council following completion of the construction of houses on the site. There were significant potholes on the road and it was in a poor state of repair. Bellway had been the developer which built the properties and put in the road.

RESOLVED –That the non-adoption of “Cragside” be brought to the attention of the City Council with the request that officers liaise with Bellway regarding the future adoption of the road/pavements and subsequently for the City Council to carry out the necessary repairs to the road surface.

c) Inconsiderate Parking Cragside

A resident who lived in Cragside reported that she and other residents had a notice placed on their vehicles (from the City Council) regarding parking on this street with a request that residents should park more considerately.

She was very concerned about receiving this letter as she actually lived in the street and it appeared that the “inconsiderate parking” the City Council were referring to was caused by people going to the dentist located in the street. These vehicles were parking across dropped kerbs preventing access/egress from drives. When the dentists’ was closed there was not the same issue with parking.

Ambulances visiting the dementia centre had, on occasions been unable to get close to the centre to pick up and drop off clients due to inconsiderate parking.

There was parking behind the dentist’s property.

RESOLVED –That the Ward Councillors be requested to raise the problem with Officers of the City Council to investigate the why this letter had been sent to residents in Cragside and to look at possible solutions that would enable residents in the street to park safely and access their drives.

d) Amber House – Youths Gaining Access to the Boarded-up Premises

The Chair reported that he had been advised that youths had been seen in the property on the evening of 12th February 2019. Information from residents indicated that this was now becoming a regular occurrence and that there could soon be an accident if the property was not made fully secure.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the City Council be requested again to inspect the property and ensure the owners were instructed to make it secure and safe.

e) Footpaths Pig Alley and to Sub Way under A1

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to arrange for the uneven

footpaths to be repaired to reduce the risk of slips and trips.

f) Jubilee Park/Welfare Ground

The Chair referred to the deteriorating condition of the fence around the Park. He referred to the Trust that had been created by the City Council to manage the parks and recreation grounds across the City Council area. As a result of this he did not think it was likely that the trust would repair/replace the fencing at any time in the near future.

He suggested that the Parish Council should submit an application to the Banks Community fund to see if it would be prepared to provide funding towards the cost of a replacement fence.

RESOLVED – That the Chair contact Banks to explore the possibility of submitting an application for a grant for the cost of replacing the fence.

g) Vehicles Parking on Grass Island Grey Street

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from a resident following her contacting a contractor regarding inconsiderate parking of one of their vehicles on the grass island in Grey Street.

The contractor had taken immediate action to issue an instruction to all its drivers regarding the issue and that they should not park in this way in the future.

There was a discussion in relation to the suggestions set out in the correspondence regarding the removal of the island and what steps/consultation this would involve if it was agreed to progress with any proposals to reduce the congestion in Grey Street.

RESOLVED – That the information and correspondence be noted and the thanks of the Parish Council for the action taken be placed on record.

h) Woodley Hall Nursing Home

The Clerk referred to correspondence received from a resident regarding problems being caused by the lack of adequate bin storage/waste disposal provision at the home.

The Clerk referred to correspondence with the City Council regarding the problem and it was understood that additional waste storage capacity had not been provided.

RESOLVED – That the information and correspondence be noted.

58. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that he had received formal notification that the City Council would no longer be hosting the Parish Council's web pages on its site.

He referred to discussions with the Clerks in the other Parish Councils in Newcastle

regarding and alternative proposal for hosting their websites.

The estimated costs for providing an alternative platform for the websites was discussed. He would report back to a future meeting on how the discussions/creation of the new platform/website were progressing

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the Clerk be authorised to carry out the necessary works to create the web site as quickly as possible.

59. POLICE MATTERS

a) “Scam Marshalls”

It was reported that at a recent meeting a person had referred to themselves as being appointed as a “Scam Marshall”. People present at the meeting were unsure if such a role existed and asked if clarification could be provided.

RESOLVED – That Northumbria Police be requested to provide confirmation/clarification on the role.

b) Recent Incidents in the Area and Village

There was a discussion at the meeting regarding recent press reports about a man approaching lone women/dog walkers in and around the area (Torver Place/Weetslade Country Park/Five Mile Inn).

RESOLVED – That Northumbria Police be requested to provide any further information/action being taken in relation to these reports.

c) . Traffic Monitoring/Speed Gun

RESOLVED – That Northumbria Police be requested to arrange for the speed monitoring team to carry out monitoring on Darrell Street and the City Council requested to put traffic monitoring equipment on the road (not during school holidays) in view of the apparent increase in number of vehicles using the road and the speed of vehicles now being reported by residents.

60. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

Cheque No.	Amount £
001205	330.00

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

Bank Balance at 12th February 2019 £7,531.72. (subject to pending transactions)

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 7:00 pm on 13th March 2019.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Signed: -.....Chairman

Date: -.....