

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2019

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk
1 Resident

46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of City Councillors King, A Lower and P Lower.

47. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th November 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48. PLANNING MATTER

New Kinston Park Village Development

Clarification was requested regarding the status of the planning consent in relation to this proposed development. There were significant concerns in the area regarding the impact the development would have on the local road system and the infrastructure upgrades that were normally required with such large-scale developments.

Traffic would be trying to identify routes from Dinnigton Lane and this could result in additional traffic movements through the Village which would exacerbate problems that were being created by all of the other housing developments in the locality.

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

49. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) External Lights on Cottages Cheviot View

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

b) Beaumont Terrace/Mason Street – Car Repairs

A number of residents had raised this issue since it had been discussed at the November meeting. Vehicles that were being repaired were being parked in front of the Fire Place building. There were oil and grease deposits here and at the property where the repairs were being carried out. Vehicles were being driven over the grassed area between Greenside Avenue and Darrell Street.

RESOLVED –That the information now provided be forwarded to the City Councils Enforcement team to investigate (as in previous cases the Team could only take successful action if there was written information/evidence in relation to the complaints/activities)

c) Amber House/Woodley Hall – Odours from Drains in that Locality

It was reported that there had been complaints regarding the smell from the drains in and around the building. The smells were at times permeating into the rear of houses in Grey Street. Utility companies had been out to inspect to try to work out what was causing the on-going problems.

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 the City Council be requested to investigate the problem and assist the affected residents in trying to resolve the problem/identify the cause(s).

d) Cheviot View – Pot Holes

Some of the pot holes in the street had been repaired but this had not been carried out to a satisfactory standard/highway brought back to the condition they were in before the utility works were carried out towards the end on 2018.

The road surface was now a “patchwork quilt” on repairs and patches and the joints between these were not fully sealed.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the City Council be requested to contact the utility company involved to ensure that they repaired the highway/road surface to a safe useable standard (as it was prior to the works being carried out).

e) Westfield Avenue – Pot Holes

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to arrange for the pot holes to be repaired and the highway brought up to a safe condition for road users.

f) Martin Way – Pot Holes

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to arrange for the pot holes to be repaired and the highway brought up to a safe condition for road users and for investigations be made into the introduction of ensure/parking restrictions on the corner access to the street to ensure that vehicles were able to access it at all times.

g) Sandy Lane – Condition of Highway under A1 Flyover

The road surface on the North Tyneside section of the highway was in a poor condition with some significant pot holes on the main part of the road.

RESOLVED – That North Tyneside Council be requested to arrange for the pot holes to be repaired and the highway brought up to a safe condition for road users.

h) Big Waters – Fly Tipping

On 6th January 2019 a white van had driven down the road to Big Waters and dumped a carpet/fridge/settee and driven off. The witness had not been able to get the registration of the Van.

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to remove the “fly tipping/ illegally dumped household goods as quickly as possible.

i) Bus Stop Opposite Bill Mill Farm

The bus stop had been knocked over/flattened

RESOLVED – That the t5his be reported to the City Council.

50. HOUSING MATTER

Communal Heating Systems

It was reported that all residents who were currently part of communal heating/shared boiler systems were going to have this reconfigured and have independent boilers installed (YHN letter dated 19/12/18).

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

51. POLICE MATTERS

There was a long discussion regarding police activities on a recent night when the police helicopter and numerous police cars had attended the Village. Refence was also made to an incident that had occurred over the Christmas in Dene Avenue.

RESOLVED – That Northumbria Police be requested to provide what information could be shared about both of the events referred to above.

52. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Cheques for Signature

Cheque No.	Amount
	£
001202	46.02 (Dec)
001203	30.40 (Jan)
001204	76.00 (Jan)

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

Bank Balance at 2nd January 2019 £7,819.73. (subject to pending transactions)

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

b) Precept 2019/20

The Clerk reported on the current financial position of the accounts and the projected expenditure up to 31st March 2018 including planned commitments.

It had been confirmed by the Assistant City treasurer of Newcastle City Council that the transitional grant arrangements that had been in place for the last three years following changes in the way housing benefit was paid to YHN tenants would be in place again in 2019/20 with an adjustment to the Council Tax base.

Based on this information it was proposed that the precept for 2019/20 should remain unchanged at £5,500. There had been no increase in the level of Precept since 2010/11.

RESOLVED – That the Precept for 2019-20 remain at the same level as last year £5,500 (no increase since 2010/11).

53. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council be held at 7:00 pm on 13th February 2019 (there would be no meeting held in December 2018).

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Signed:Chairman

Date:

Documents Available for Inspection/Review at the Meeting

- CPRE North East Newsletter Winter 2018/19
- Clerks & Councils Direct January 2019 Issue121
- The Clerk Magazine - SLCC January 2019