

# BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk  
City Councillor Graham  
PC 1650 & CSO 6655 – Northumbria Police

### 55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of City Councillors Hunter and Lower.

### 56. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 57. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

#### (a) Sandy Lane under A1 Flyover - Flooding

This part of the highway was flooding and there was a very large pot hole emerging in this area. Reference was made to damaged that had been caused to a vehicle tyre due to the pot hole.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted and the problems reported to the City Council

#### (b) Blue Recycling Bins

The bins were not being placed back in their original locations after being emptied. Members questioned how assisted lifts were provided to crews as a number did not appear to be getting carried out.

**RESOLVED** – That the concerns of the Parish Councillors regarding the number of assisted lifts that were being missed each month be forwarded to the City Council with a request for information regarding the process for ensuring that collection crews knew which properties should be receiving assisted lifts.

#### (c) Gosforth Park Hotel/Newcastle Racecourse – Traffic Congestion

Following the removal of the bus lane on this stretch of highway there had been an increase in congestion resulting in delays in bus services and longer journey times. Vehicles using the road through Gosforth park as a “rat run” appeared to have right of way and were filtering out of the junction delaying traffic on the main road.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted and the problems be reported to the Highways Team at the City Council

## **58. HOUSING MATTERS**

### **External Painting Programme**

The Clerk read out the response from the manager overseeing the external painting programme. The issues regarding the painting of windows and doors when they were shut would not become apparent until the spring/summer when people would be opening them.

There had been several complaints/concerns raised with members about the poor standard of painting work that was currently being carried out on YHN managed properties in the Village. Examples included not opening windows/doors before they were painted; painting when surfaces were wet due to rain; painting over cob webs and painting from the bottom of a surface then scraping/sanding areas above the section that had just been painted. The painters had been back out several times to repaint windows/doors at properties due to these issues. Residents were concerned that the painting methods would create problems in the spring when they tried to open their windows.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted and the concerns forwarded to YHN.

## **59. POLICE MATTERS**

PC 1650 gave a detailed report on the recent incidents in the Village that had involved the use of fire arms. Following these incidents there had been an increased police presence in the village in order to reassure the public.

The two incidents had not been related, police were aware of who had been involved in them and arrests had been made.

If anyone had any concerns or information relating to the incidents they should contact the police by email or by ringing 101.

Speed watch had been in the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018. They had been present for 45 minutes and had issued 18 warning letters as a result of the monitoring.

Other reported crimes in the Village since the last meeting were as follows: -  
Burglary OTD 2  
Burglary at the Pavilion  
Damage to Fence

CSO6655 outlined revised policing arrangements for the area that were being trialled at the moment. The pilot was scheduled to last 3 months and would then be reviewed.

Members of the Parish Council thanked the police for the response to the recent incidents and the support that had been given to the community on both occasions.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted.

**60. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Cheques for Signature**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	<b>£</b>
001193	72.00
001194	46.99

**Bank Balance at 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 £6,924.40** (subject to pending transactions)

**61. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council be held at 7:00 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Signed: -.....Chairman

Date: -.....

**Documents Available for Inspection/Review at the Meeting**

- CPRE North East Newsletter Winter 2017/18
- The Clerk Magazine – SLCC January 2018