

# BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk  
3 Residents

### 32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

### 33. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 34. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

#### a) Widening of the A1

**RESOLVED** –That the information regarding the various consultation events relating to the proposals to increase the number of lanes on each carriageway to three for the stretch from the Scotswood viaduct to Gosforth Park be noted.

#### b) Beaumont Terrace/Mason Street – Car Repairs

**RESOLVED** –That the City Council/police be advised again that a tenant in on of the properties in Mason Street was buying and repairing cars apparently using the residential premises to run a business which was causing disruption and a nuisance to residents living nearby.

#### c) Cooperative Terrace – Vehicle(s) Parking on Grassed Area by Cragside

**RESOLVED** –That the City Council/police be advised of this problem and carry out any necessary investigations/action.

#### d) Amber House

Residents reported that kids were still congregating around the building and trying to gain access to it. There were still concerns regarding the health safety issues associated with an unsecure derelict building.

**RESOLVED** – That, due to the reports that the building was not secure and of the potential health risks associated with this the City Council be requested to carry out an inspection of the premises and take any

necessary actions to make it secure.

**e) Brunswick Park Community Centre**

The Clerk reported that Sue Wannop had made enquiries regarding the location of tables that had been funded/provided by the BCA for use in the Community Centre. They had been located in the storage areas in the building along with a number of chairs.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted and further clarification be requested regarding the number of chairs that had been located as the BCA had provided 40 when the Centre had been opened.

**f) Flat above ‘One Stop’ Shop Grey Street**

It was reported that the property was now on the market.

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

**g) A Cut Above – Small grassed Area of Land Adjacent to Property**

The Clerk reported that City Councillor A. Lower was going to investigate the request and contact the owner of the property about the ideas she had to resolve this problem by a simple re-alignment of the path.

**RESOLVED** – That information be noted.

**h) Deteriorating Appearance of Village**

It was reported that Kevin (Newcastle City Council) had returned to carry out work in the Village but the area he covered had been increased therefore he did not have as much time allocated to work in the Village as had previously been the case. Members and residents stated that they were pleased Kevin had returned as his activities had a positive impact on the appearance of the Village

Reference was made to an incident towards the rear of the industrial estate close to the One Stop Shop in Hazlerigg one night this week. There had not been any reports received in relation to it.

It was reported that the hedge on martin Way needed to be cut back. Usually only one side of it got pruned but both sides needed attention. The stretch of hedge in the area of the Cheviot View Cottages was particularly overgrown.

**RESOLVED** – That the disappointment at the response of the City Council to the concerns raised by the residents and the Parish Council be forwarded to the Cabinet Member responsible for Environmental Maintenance.

**i) Hedging/Shrubbery around Stone Feature (close to Cheviot View Cottages**

**RESOLVED** – That the City Council be requested to arrange for the hedge/shrubbery that surrounded this “feature” to be pruned.

**35. HOUSING MATTER**

**Drysdale Crescent – First Block (35/37) – Leylandi Tree Cuttings**

**RESOLVED** – That the City Council be advised that, following the pruning of Leylandi trees in the garden of a property in this locality a large number of tree cuttings that had just been dumped under the trees in the area needed to be removed.

**36. COUNCILLOR IAN LAVERICK**

It was with regret that the Parish Council accepted the resignation of Councillor Ian Laverick. He indicated that due to his job being relocated and a longer working day he was now finding it difficult to identify time for him to carry out the duties associated with being a Parish Councillor.

The Members wished to place on record their appreciation and thanks for the work he had carried out on behalf of residents of the Village both as a Parish Councillor for over 15 years and as a City Councillor for a number of years.

**RESOLVED** – That the resignation be accepted with regret and Ian Laverick be wished every success for the future.

**37. FINANCIAL MATTERS  
Annual Audit of Accounts 2017/18**

The Clerk reported that the external audit of the accounts had been completed successfully with no comments or required actions on them.

The completion of the audit would be advertised in line with the statutory requirements.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted

**Bank Balance at 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 £8,690.93.** (subject to pending transactions)

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted

**38. 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> November 2018.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Signed: .....Chairman

Date: .....

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

- CPRE North East Newsletter Autumn 2018
- Clerks & Councils Direct September 2018 Issue119