

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2019

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

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

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

70. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71. HOUSING MATTERS

a) Brunswick Grover – Dumped Mattresses

RESOLVED – That YHN be requested to inspect and remove the two mattresses that had been dumped at the rear of these properties as rats had now been spotted in the area (the mattresses had been there for about 9 months).

b) Installation of Combination Boilers and Associated Gas Supply and Meters

RESOLVED – That the information now reported by the Clerk that gas meters would be installed by YHN in every property that was getting an independent combination boiler, be noted

72. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

a) Pot Hole Westfield Avenue

It was reported that the pot hole that had been referenced in previous reports about the poor condition of roads in the Village was now becoming large and deep. It would cause damage to a vehicle if it drove over it (outside the Gates to the Welfare Ground).

RESOLVED –That the problem be reported on Envirocall.

b) Footpaths on both sides of the road under the A1 Flyover

It was reported that the pavements in these areas had been repaired a number of years ago but the surfacing was now degenerating and becoming very uneven, creating tripping hazards.

RESOLVED – That North Tyneside Council and Newcastle City Council be requested to inspect the pavements in the area now identified and carry out repairs to make the surfaces even and safe for pedestrians.

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

It was reported that Amber House had now been securely boarded up and appeared to be secure for the moment. There had been a number of reports that some of the windows to the rear of the property in the back lane were not fully secure.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the situation continue to be monitored.

d) Industrial Estate – Approved Use of Units

The Chair reported that there appeared to be a change in policy in relation to the business activities that could operate from the Units on the industrial estate. The management of the estate had been outside the Control of the City for a number of years but it appeared that planning control were imposing certain restrictions of the use of the units (i.e. retail operations including the use by gyms were being closed down).

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the City Council be requested to provide details/clarify its policy in relation to the use of the Units on the Industrial Estate.

e) Yellow Car Dumping Household Waste in Litter Bins

Following reports at the last meeting, including the provision of Car Registration details, the owner of the car had been challenged when spotted disposing of household waste into a litter bin in Dinnington.

They did not accept that they could not use litter bins for this purpose and had driven off.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and that if the car/owner were seen to be carrying out these actions again the matter be referred to the City Council's enforcement team, subject to witness statements being available to support the request for action).

f) A1 Scotswood to North Brunton – Provision of 3 Lanes on Each Carriageway

The Chair reported that surveys were to be carried out between now and December to assess the volume and type of traffic using this section of the A1. The findings would be built into the design of the proposals now being developed by Highways

England.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

g) Uneven Pavement Bus Shelter, Darrell Street

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to inspect and carry out necessary repairs to this section of pavement to make it safe for pedestrians to use.

h) Hedging/Shrubbery around Stone Feature (close to Dentist Surgery)

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to arrange for the hedge/shrubbery that surrounded this “feature” to be pruned again (or removed).

i) Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee

The Chairman referenced a recent document he had received in relation to the Government's Green Paper covering its Aviation Strategy.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

73. POLICE MATTERS

Attendance at Meetings

The Clerk reported that the police had contacted him just before the meeting to advise that they had planned to attend the meeting but due to reports of a missing person in the area all resources had been diverted to this activity and therefore officers would be unable to attend the meeting this evening.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

74. PLANNING MATTER/PROPOSED BOUNDARY REVIEW

The Chair and the Clerk reported on the receipt of a letter from the Head of Democratic Services (Newcastle City Council) stating that the City Council's Constitutional Committee had been requested by Hazlerigg Parish Council to carry out a formal Community Governance Review, with a view to amending the parish boundaries so that the site now referenced, plus the playing field, the allotment site to the south and the pavilion would form part of Hazlerigg Parish Council. The area was marked in pink on the attached map (copy attached to official minutes).

He referred to a decision made a number of years ago by Hazlerigg Parish Council to reduce the size of the Parish so that a number of properties in the Great Park were removed/excluded from the Parish as the development was not of a compatible make up to the rest of the traditional mix of the community/housing in the Village.

He was very concerned that it appeared that Hazlerigg Parish Council had submitted its request to the City Council to consider transferring the area of land

that was in Brunswick Parish without any reference to Brunswick Parish Councillors.

The Head of Democratic Services had requested the initial views of Brunswick Parish Council on the proposal from Hazlerigg to feed into the discussion.

There was a long discussion regarding the proposal and how the Parish Council should respond. In the past there had been joint meetings of the Parish Councils but there had been no dialogue/joint meetings for many years.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the Head of Democratic Services be advised of the concerns of the members of the Parish Council regarding the proposal and the lack of any prior notification or discussions with Hazlerigg PC before this formal request had been submitted and be requested to: -

- a) confirm the process for submitting objections/comments to any such proposal and
- b) clarify how the Constitutional Committee ensures fairness when it is asked to make a decision on such a request where a Parish Council is initiating a “land grab” without any prior contact/dialogue with the neighbouring Parish Council before submitting the formal request to the City Council

75. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

None

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

Bank Balance at 5th April 2019 £6,674.37. (subject to pending transactions)

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

76. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Annual Meeting of the Parish be held at 6:50 pm on 8th May 2019 and on completion be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Signed: -.....Chairman

Date: -.....

Documents Available for Inspection/Review at the Meeting

- CPRE North East Newsletter Spring 2019
- LCR Spring 2019