

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY 2018

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk
A Boyce and R Boyce - Residents
City Councillor Graham
CSO 4486 & CSO 6655 – Northumbria Police

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Chambers & Laverick and City Councillors Hunter & Lower.

63. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th January 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

(a) Planting of Grassed Verges Westfield Avenue and Verges in front of Industrial Estate

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 City Council be asked to confirm that it would be acceptable to plant out the verges as described above.

(b) Blue Recycling Bins

Recycling 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.

65. HOUSING MATTERS

External Light – Cheviot View

Councillor Ramsey referred to the prolonged process of trying to get an external light

on wall of the bungalows fixed. It had involved a high number of phone calls and visits by numerous staff to progress, including third part electrical contractors.

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

66. POLICE MATTERS

CSO 6655 reported that there had been 5 arrests relating to the Grey Street incident and 15 arrests relating to Drysdale Crescent incident that were reported at the last meeting of the Parish Council. There were still on-going police investigations relating to the incidents throughout the area.

Those people who had been affected by the incidents were being supported/safeguarded. Increased patrols were still being carried out in the area following on from the incidents.

There had been thefts at the recycling site and problems with youths accessing the former old peoples home close to Martin Way. This property had now been secured.

The following incidents were reported to the police at the meeting: -

- Youths were hanging around behind the community centre at nights – The police were aware of this and had spoken to them.
- Motor bikes had been dropped off from a white van, ridden into the Jubilee Park from Big Waters. They had then been ridden around on the football pitches damaging the playing surfaces. This had occurred on 10th February between 16:00 and 17:00. CCTV in the Community Centre was to be checked in case it had any footage/evidence of the incident

The police agreed to schedule some visits to the group that was looking to hold regular meetings in the Community Centre and would liaise with local fire services to see if they could coordinate some activities to support the group

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.

67. BRUNSWICK PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

A and R Boyce were looking to set up regular support/group sessions in the Rest Centre and referred to the deteriorating condition of the building, safety issues including wiring of the fire alarms being dangerous and complained about the excessive charges they were being asked to pay for use of a facility that no one seemed to use. (£160 per week)

They made reference to the Council Charter where they said the council had a duty to provide affordable community space in all areas. The £160 per week being asked for was not considered reasonable/affordable for small groups/community associations in the area. They also mentioned that Job Seekers sessions run from the building had been withdrawn by sure start.

Any requests for lettings were being referred to an organisation called Bright Minds rather than the City Council/Sure Start.

Although they wanted to start to use the building they were not prepared to and put kit/IT into it until a lease agreement had been signed with the building's owners.

They made reference to an event being organised by North Tyneside Council on Autism Awareness that was due to be held on 12th March 2018

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the concerns forwarded to the City Council so that the ownership of the building and who was responsible for lettings and its maintenance could be clarified.

67. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

Cheque No	Amount £
001195	25.00

Bank Balance at 12th February 2018 £6,559.01 (subject to pending transactions)

68. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council be held at 7:00 pm on 14th March 2018.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Signed:Chairman

Date:

Documents Available for Inspection/Review at the Meeting

- Open Spaces GDPR – Confirmation of Communications with Members
- Open Spaces Spring 2018 - Vol 32 No 1