

# BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008

**Present:** Councillor MacKinlay (in the Chair).  
Councillors J. MacKinlay, Laverick, Ramsey and Smith

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk  
PC James – Northumbria Police

## 57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Chambers, City Councillor Lower and Steve Dargon and Sue Wannop, Newcastle City Council.

## 58. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 59. PAVILION AND WELFARE GROUND

The Chairman reported that the leak on the toilet bowl in the gent's had still not been repaired.

He confirmed that discussions had been held with a team that wanted to use the facilities for the 2008-09 football season on a Sunday afternoon. The Clerk had consulted with the City Council regarding the number of users a pitch could sustain. Subject to this the team had been given provisional approval to use the facilities. It was confirmed that the team were part of the Community Champions Super League and experience had shown that they were one of the "better" teams in the League.

The Chairman referred to further problems that had been caused by team in the Community Champions Super League. Spectators and team officials had been entering the Pavilion with muddy shoes and this has left the pavilion floor in a terrible state. He had also had to go out and take the nets down in the bad weather as the teams had left them up after their games had finished. It had also been noted that the Whitley bay Deaf Team had played in a cup game at the Welfare Ground. They had been banned from using the facilities again following abuse of the parish Council's employees last season. The League had also given assurances that the team would never play at the ground again. There had been no apology received from the Club Secretary.

There were a number of half full paint tins that needed to be disposed of from the pavilion. Due to the size of the floor area in the Pavilion it was necessary to obtain a cleaning appliance ("bumper") to ensure that the floor could be cleaned without potential injury to the people who cleaned the building.

**RESOLVED** – That

- i. The Clerk chase up the outstanding repairs at the Pavilion;
- ii. The Rapid Response Team be requested to remove the empty paint tins from the pavilion
- iii. The City Council be requested to provide a further set of keys for the Pavilion; a further trestle picnic table in the play area and to confirm when the installation of the new play equipment will be completed.
- iv. The Clerk write to the secretary of the football team regarding the use of the changing rooms, the problems caused by people stuffing paper towels down the toilet, the mess caused by spectators entering the Pavilion with muddy shoes and the breach of the agreement that the Whitley Bay deaf team would not play at the pavilion again.
- v. The Chairman arrange for a demonstration and provision of a suitable cleaning appliance for the Pavilion floor and for quotations for a new cabinet for use by the youth club.

## **60. COMMUNITY SURVEY – UPDATE/GENERAL**

No updates/progress reports had been received.

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

## **61. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS**

### **(a) Sandy Lane/Western Entrance to Industrial Estate**

**RESOLVED** – That the City Council be requested repair the road surface in this area as there were a number of pot holes that were increasing in size.

### **(b) Parish Notice Board**

**RESOLVED** – That the Clerk obtain a grant application form from the Ward Committee for a contribution towards the cost of the Noticeboard.

### **(c) Grassed Areas Junction of Sandy Lane and Dinnington Lane**

**RESOLVED** – That the City Council be requested to reinstate the grassed areas at this junction following the installation of double kerbs.

### **(d) Street Lights Grey Street & Brunswick Grove**

**RESOLVED** – That list of lamp post numbers supplied by Councillor Laverick be submitted to the City Lighting team.

### **(e) Graffiti – Rear Wall of St Cuthbert’s Church**

**RESOLVED** – That the City Council be requested to remove the graffiti and the Police carry out additional patrols in the area as youths were gaining access to the church land through the un-secure site at the corner of Brookside Avenue and Darrell Street.

**(f) 20 MPH Zone Westfield Avenue/Brookside Avenue**

**RESOLVED** – That the City Council be requested to carry out a survey to assess the viability of creating a 20 mph zone in these areas (previous proposals submitted over 5 years ago included extensive traffic calming measures that residents who replied to the survey did not want).

**(g) Rights of Way – Donkey Field**

**RESOLVED** – That the Councillor Laverick's offer to meet Ken Dawson (NCC Public Rights of Way Officer) regarding the public rights of way in this area be noted.

**(h) Airport Consultative Committee – Noise Level testing**

**RESOLVED** – That the clarification be obtained regarding who would be able to carry out independent testing.

**62. HOUSING MATTERS**

**Erection of Gates on Alleyway to the rear of Brunswick Grove and back of Greenside Avenue and Old External Light Fittings**

The Clerk read out a letter received from outlining the current position in relation to the gates and who had keys for them. Details of the proposals to fit a metal gate with mortice type lock to replace the wooden gate were also outlined.

A member reported that the old external light fittings had not been removed from the rear of properties in Brunswick Grove. It was suggested that these had been left due to the fact that removal might disturb asbestos on the properties.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted and the Clerk ask YHN to clarify the position in relation to the old external light fittings on the properties.

**Derelict Garage – Westfield Avenue backing onto Cheviot View**

It was reported that children were playing football in this area and using the garage as a drinking den. The garage was not secure and was being used by youths. This was creating problems for residents backing onto the garages.

**RESOLVED** – That the situation be drawn to the attention of YHN so that the garage could be made secure and the Police so that

they could make visits to the area and disperse the youths if necessary.

### **VAT on Rental Charge for YHN Owned Garages rented by non YHN Tenants**

The Clerk read out a letter giving the technical explanation why YHN had to charge VAT on the rental charge for garages for people who were not tenants of YHN houses. They were applying the rules imposed by HM Revenue and Customs.

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

## **63. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **Site at Corner of Darrell Street Sandy Lane**

Following investigations it was confirmed that there had been no formal application for planning permission submitted for the re-development of this site following the demolition of the house. It was reported that planning enforcement had been asked to come out to ensure that the site was made secure. As soon as any information was received relating to any future redevelopment of the site this would be circulated to members.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted and a formal planning application for development be awaited..

### **Alterations to east and west elevations and re-alignment of car parking layout to provide a turning circle – The Famous Shoe Warehouse, Brunswick Industrial Estate, Brunswick – Grant of Planning Permission – Ref 2008/0352/01/DET**

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

## **64. POLICE MATTERS**

### **Crime Statistics**

PC James submitted the crime statistics for the period since the last meeting which were as follows: -

Shoplifting	1
Theft from Industrial Estate	2
Damage to Motor Vehicle	1
Graffiti	1
Damage to Dwellings	2
TWOC	1
Theft form Unattended Vehicle	4

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

## **65. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following cheques were jointly signed by the Clerk and the Chairman

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>
000969	169.53
000970	25.00
000971	84.00
<b>YEAR END BALANCE 1,664.48</b>	

000972	170.00
000973	25.00
000974	84.00
<i>(All amounts exclude VAT)</i>	

**MONTH END BALANCE £1,385.48**

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

#### **66. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the next meeting of the Parish Council commence at 7.00 p.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at the Rest Centre Greenside Avenue (pre-ceded by Annual Meeting of the Parish commencing at 6.50 pm).

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....

#### **Items Circulated at Meeting**

- Brunswick parish Council – Appointment of External Auditor (BDO Stoy Hayward LLP) letter from Audit Commission 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008
- Town and Parish Standard March 2008 – The Standards Board for England
- BDO Stoy Hayward – Local Council Briefing – Spring 2008
- Protocol for Joint meetings with Hazlerigg Parish Council/Emergency Procedure for a Parish Council with No or Too Few Members