

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER 2007

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Laverick and Steve Dargon and Sue Wannop, Newcastle City Council PC Jones, Northumbria Police.

38. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th October 2007 be approved as a correct record subject to the heading of minute 31(a) being amended to read "Development on site of Northumbria Coachworks/Unit Offset" and signed by the Chairman.

39. PAVILION AND WELFARE GROUND

The Chairman reported that the sink heater had still not been replaced and the leak in the gent's toilet had not been repaired.

New chairs had been delivered for the youth club. There were currently in excess of 60 young people attending the club on a regular basis.

The Rapid Response Team had been requested to remove the old cooker from the kitchen.

There had not been any problems with the football teams over the last 2 months and fixtures had been supplied.

A lock had been installed on the large access gate to the Welfare Ground.

The Chairman updated members on the background to the publicity of the arrangements for the summer play schemes in the village during summer 2007. The Clerk read out a letter from Ed Marley of the Play and Youth Section regarding the work that had been undertaken including the preparation of suitable publicity/awareness raising. Unfortunately due to circumstances outside of the play and youth service the leaflets had not been distributed as widely as had been planned.

The Parish Council would like to place on record its apologies for the comments made in recent correspondence regarding this matter and its appreciation for the work that had been carried out that had resulted in the increasing numbers of attendees at the youth club.

RESOLVED – That

- i. The Clerk chase up the outstanding repairs at the Pavilion;
- ii. The Rapid Response Team be requested to supply the Chairman with a key for the lock on the large access gate in the Welfare Ground;
- iii. The City Council be requested to provide a further set of keys for the Pavilion;
- iv. The City Council be requested to provide a further trestle picnic table in the play area and to confirm when the installation of the new play equipment will be completed.

40. COMMUNITY SURVEY – UPDATE/GENERAL

The Clerk reported that he had not received a recent update regarding the completion/results of the site survey.

RESOLVED – That the Clerk clarify the current status of the tests and what the next stages in the process were.

41. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

(a) Corner of Dene Avenue and Cheviot View

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested again to tidy up these areas.

(b) Parish Notice Board

RESOLVED – That the estimated prices for the erection of a free standing notice board be noted and the City Council be requested to clarify if other wards in the City had made a contribution towards the cost of erection of ward notice boards where they had been provided

(c) Trees/Bushes requiring Pruning

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to carry out pruning/selective lopping of trees and bushes in the following locations: -

- 6 The Grove – Cherry Tree (complete)
- 2 Brookside Avenue – Tree overhanging pavement
- Entrance to Industrial Estate – bushes blocking pavement
- 1 Chapel View – some height to be taken off tree
- 16/14 Drysdale Crescent – some height to be taken off
- 3 Hawthorn Avenue – prune shrubbery as blocking path.

(d) Man Hole Covers – Edwin Street

RESOLVED – That the actions the City Council had taken following the theft of the man hole covers be noted.

(e) Street Lights Grey Street & Brunswick Grove

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested to clarify if the remaining lights in this area will be replaced as they had not been upgraded despite cards being put through residents doors that they were to be upgraded.

42. HOUSING MATTER

Erection of Gates on Alleyway to the rear of Brunswick Grove and back of Greenside Avenue

It was reported that the Your Homes Newcastle had now erected gates on the alleyway to stop youths congregating in it.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

43. PLANNING MATTERS

Development on site of Northumbria Motor Company

There was a discussion regarding the exact location of the site that was being redeveloped and what its former use had been. There had been a number of previous uses of the site and there were a number of on going developments in the area. As plans had not been received it was difficult to confirm which site was being referred to.

RESOLVED – That the information from the City Planning Office be noted.

44. POLICE MATTERS

Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported that the police were unable to be represented at tonight's meeting. However PC Jones had e-mailed the Crime Statistics to the Clerk.

The crime statistics for the period from 10th October were as follows: -

Criminal Damage	3	2 persons arrested
Shoplifting	2	
Theft from Industrial Estate	4	
Disorder Offences	1	1 person arrested
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	
Miscellaneous Theft	1	

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

45. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheques for Signature

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Amount £
*000949	R.J.Gray	Clerk Sal/Phone/Stamps Wreath/Print Cart/Stat	220.00
*000950	M.J.Gray	Typing (Nov)	20.00
*000951	M.Huitson	Cleaner/Key Holder	100.00
000952	M.Huitson	Cleaner/Key Holder	80.00
000953	M.J.Gray	Typing (Dec)	20.00
000954	R.J.Gray	Clrk Sal/Phne/Stmps/Stat Diaries	213.62
000955	SMS Ltd	Supplies for Pavilion	26.32
000956	J.MacKinlay	Deposit White Swan	24.00
000957	R.J.Gray	White Swan	98.75
MONTH END BALANCE			3,061.30

**(Signed by Clerk and Chairman under delegated powers)*

RESOLVED –That the information be noted.

46. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting (Joint meeting with Hazlerigg Parish Council) commence at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 31st January 2008 and the next ordinary meeting be held on 13th February 2008 at the Rest Centre Greenside Avenue.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.20 p.m. and wished everyone a merry Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

Items Circulated at Meeting

Community Foundation – Letter dated 19th November re Membership Fees
Scrutiny Report : Blakelaw and North Fenham Parish Council Precept – Executive 21st November 2007
Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Hazlerigg and Brunswick Parish Councils held on 14th November 2007