

BRUNSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2008

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk
Sergeant P. Rae – Northumbria Police

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

48. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th December 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49. 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.

A lock had been installed on the large access gate to the Welfare Ground. This had been causing problems for people using the area especially those with buggies. If possible the Rapid Response Team could unlock and lock the gate on a regular basis each day but this would need clarifying with Steve Dargon.

Some of the people using the Pavilion on the weekend of 3rd February had stuffed paper towels down one of the toilets and blocked it. They should be made aware of the problems caused. They also needed to be reminded that they had to use the changing rooms when using the Pavilion. When they were getting changed in the hall people walking past the pavilion could see them getting changed.

He also reported that the youth Club had requested permission to sell tea and coffee at football games. Subject to them obtaining the necessary approvals re health and safety etc there were no objections from the Parish Council

RESOLVED – That

- i. The Clerk chase up the outstanding repairs at the Pavilion;

- ii. The Rapid Response Team be requested to consider unlocking and locking the padlock on the large access gate in the Welfare Ground; on a daily basis
- 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.
- v. The Clerk write to the secretary of the football team regarding the use of the changing rooms and the problems caused by people stuffing paper towels down the toilet.
- vi. Subject to the youth club obtaining the necessary approvals relating to health and safety in relation to organised activities involving youths permission be granted for them to sell tea and coffee on Sundays when football matches were being played at the Welfare ground.

50. COMMUNITY SURVEY – UPDATE/GENERAL

The Clerk reported that Sue Stokel-Walker was now the lead officer at the City Council for this project. She had advised him that as soon as there was any progress regarding the proposed development she would report this to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

51. ENVIRONMENT AND HIGHWAYS

(a) Corner of Dene Avenue and Cheviot View

RESOLVED – That the City Council be requested again to tidy up these areas on a more regular basis as the resident who had been keeping them tidy on a voluntary basis had now moved.

(b) Parish Notice Board

RESOLVED – That the cost for the supply and erection of a Parish Notice Board similar to the Ward Notice Boards that had been erected in parts of the City be noted and consideration be given to making an application to the Ward Committee for a contribution towards the cost at a future meeting.

(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: -

1 Chapel View – some height to be taken off tree

(d) Street Lights Grey Street & Brunswick Grove

RESOLVED – That Councillor Laverick be requested to confirm the numbers on the lights in this area that had not been replaced despite cards being put through residents doors that they were to be upgraded.

52. 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. There was a discussion regarding the fact that the gates appeared never to be locked.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted and the Chairman and Councillor Laverick clarify which of the residents had a key so that it could be locked..

53. PLANNING MATTERS

9 Drysdale Court, Brunswick, NE13 7EX – Erection of Conservatory to Rear – Ref No 2008/0177/01/DET

RESOLVED_– That no comments be submitted in relation to this application.

Erection of Single Storey Kitchen and Dining Room extension to west elevation, enclosed bin-store and associated hard landscaping – Dementia Care Partnership, The Bradbury Centre, Darrell Street, NE13 7DS Ref No 2007/2667/01/DET

RESOLVED_– That no comments be submitted in relation to this application.

54. POLICE MATTERS

Crime Statistics

Sergeant P. Rae submitted the crime statistics for the period since the last meeting which were as follows: -

Shoplifting	1
Theft from Industrial Estate	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1

RESOLVED – That the information be noted.

55. PARISH COUNCIL CHARTER

RESOLVED – That the update provided by the Clerk following his attendance at a meeting at the Civic Centre with the Head of Democratic Services; David Francis and the Clerks of Hazlerigg and Woolsington Parish Councils be noted.

56. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Cheque No.	Amount
000961	171.74
000962	100.00
000963	75.00
000964	145.00
000965	12.34
000966	115.70
000967	80.00
000968	680.00

(All amounts exclude VAT)

MONTH END BALANCE £1,989.36

RESOLVED –That the information be noted.

57. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting (Joint meeting with Hazlerigg Parish Council) commence at 7.00 p.m. on 12th March 2008 at the Rest Centre Greenside Avenue.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.46 p.m.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

Items Circulated at Meeting

- North East Regional Spatial Strategy Further Proposed Changes – 2nd Revision – Comments Invited by 2nd April 2008 – Government Offices North East
- Orders and Regulations Relating to the Code of Conduct of Local Authority Members in England – Consultation
- Regeneration Festival 6th March 2008 Exhibition Park
- Clerks and Councils Direct January 2008-03-11
- Local Councils Update Issue 99/100 Jan/Feb 2008
- Local Council Review Vol 59 No 5
- Community Action Northumberland Vol 27 No 6