

# Brunswick Parish Council

Minutes Of The Meeting Of Parish Council Held On  
Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007

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

In attendance: R.J. Gray – Clerk  
Paul Whiston – Newcastle City Council

## 16. Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of City Councillors Graham and Lower, Steve Dargon, Sue Wannop and PC Jones.

## 17. Minutes Of The Last Meeting

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 18. Annual Return For The Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007

(a) Statement of Accounts 2006-07

**Resolved** – That the statement of accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 be approved.

(b) Annual Governance Statement 2006-07

**Resolved** – That the annual governance statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007 be approved.

## 19. Pavilion And Welfare Ground

The Chairman referred to the on going issues associated with the Junior Youth Club. Councillor Laverick reported that he was attending a meeting with officers of the City Council in the near future. Reference was made to the possibility of using the Rest Centre on a short-term basis pending the resolution of the issues at the Pavilion. It was suggested that the meeting would benefit from Councillor Smith being present.

It was essential that the summer play provision for the Villages was publicised.

The Clerk referred to on going discussions with the Secretary of Newcastle International FC regarding the use of the facilities for the 2007-08 football season. There had been extensive discussions regarding the behaviour of players when using the facilities and the need to comply with the conditions of hire. There appeared to be agreement regarding the seriousness of the incidents at the end of the 2006-07 football season and the need to avoid any recurrence of the events.

The charge for the use of the facilities was considered.

Reference was made to the problems the Key Holder (M.Huitson) was currently having with the Benefits Agency in relation to her pay for carrying out her duties at the Pavilion. She was still prepared to carry out the work until the situation was resolved.

**Resolved** –That

- i. The charge for the hire of a football pitch (not just for use by one team) be £310 per pitch;
- ii. The City Council be requested to provide a further set of keys for the Pavilion;
- iii. 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;
- iv. A report be submitted to a future meeting on the outcome of the meeting regarding the future arrangements for the holding of the junior youth club.

**20. Community Survey – Update/General**

Paul Whiston reported that test drilling had been carried out on a site in the Village. He commented on the potential timetable for possible development of a site in the Village. There would be consultation and a business plan would need to be drawn up in relation to the future development of a replacement community facility. It would have to be operated and managed on a local basis. This was normally carried out through a management committee.

He would report back to a future meeting as soon as there was any progress on the proposals.

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

**21. Environment And Highways**

(a) Pot Holes – Sandy Lane and Coach Lane

**Resolved** – That Councillor Laverick raise the issue at the next scheduled meeting with the Highways Officers at the City Council.

(b) Road Survey – Darrell Street

**Resolved** – That the information that the survey will be carried out in September rather than during the summer holidays be noted.

(c) Grass Cutting and Planting of Flowerbeds

It was reported that there had been more reports about the poor standard of grass cutting in the Village this week. Areas had once again been

missed and certain areas had been cut so short that you could see the soil. The seed drill appeared to have only been half planted out.

**Resolved** – That the City Council (Alan Hawthorn) be advised of the concerns and problems caused by grass on pavements etc and be requested to complete the planting of the seed drill.

**(d) Erection of Fence – Dinnington Lane, End of Runway**

**Resolved** – That the information regarding the erection of the fence to prevent vehicles parking on the verges at the end of the runway be noted and the City Council be requested to repair the fence at Green Croft Cottage as vehicles were now parking on that land to watch aircraft.

**(e) Re-surfacing Works Edwin and Mason Streets**

**Resolved** – That The City Council Be Advised That The New Road Surface was sinking where there were originally dips in the carriageway and that the kerbs on the corners had been crushed by the bin lorry.

**(f) Robert Allan Court – Overgrown Tree on Wall**

**Resolved** – That the City Council be advised that the tree had not yet been cut back/pruned.

**(g) Request for Bus Shelter Darrell Street**

**Resolved** – That the information regarding the decision not to provide a bus shelter at this location on the grounds that the footpath was too narrow be noted.

**(h) End Garage Westfield Avenue**

**Resolved** – That the City Council be requested to remove the carpets that had been left following the removal of rubbish from the area.

**22. Housing Matter**

Repairs, Maintenance and Upgrading of Council Owned Properties (YHN)

It was reported that the doors and windows of properties in Drysdale Crescent would be replaced in October 2007. Clarification was requested regarding whether or not garage doors would be replaced as part of the works.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted and YHN be requested to clarify if garage doors were to be replaced as part of the upgrading of properties.

## 23. Police Matters

### Crime Statistics

The Clerk reported that the crime statistics for the period since the last meeting were as follows: -

2 x burglary ( non dwelling) in the industrial estate.  
1 x damage in the industrial estate  
1 x theft of pedal cycle (an arrest has been made).

It was reported that the police were carrying out spot checks in the alleys in Brunswick Grove. This was to ensure that youths were not congregating and would be moved on. Councillor Laverick referred to the on going discussions with Tim Hutton, YHN regarding locking the gates to the alley ways. He would report back to a future meeting.

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

## 24 Financial Matters

### Cheques for Signature

Cheque No.	Payee	Details	Amount £
000930	S.Smith	Refreshments	6.74
000931	R.J.Gray	Clerk Sal/Phone/Software	181.14
000932	M.J.Gray	Typing (July)	20.00
000933	Cancelled		
000934	Community Found	Underpaid Subs	10.00
000934	M.Huitson	Cleaner/Key Holder	80.00
000934	Zurich Ins Co	Annual Ins Premium	352.30

**Month End Balance 3,583.86**

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

## 25 Date And Time Of Next Meeting

**Resolved** – That the next meeting (Joint meeting with Hazlerigg Parish Council) commence at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

(Next Ordinary Meeting to be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2007)

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....

## Items Circulated at Meeting

Local Development Framework – Draft Interim Planning Guidance on Purpose Built Student Housing – Opportunity to Comment 20th July 2007-10-04  
Community Foundation Extraordinary General Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> July 2007 10.30 am Central Square Newcastle upon Tyne  
Highways Agency – Helping you Plan Your Journeys for the North East of England – June to August 2007  
Open Spaces Society – Annual Subscription Renewal Notice  
Community Foundation – Annual Subscription Renewal (increase to £12.50 pa)  
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