

# **Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 12 July 2018 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors G Kendall (Chair), L Walker, L Walker, L Gillhespy, P Beard and A Holden.

## **37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bruce, Inman, Anders and County Councillor Wilson.

## **38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Gillhespy, Inman and Walker declared interests in the Grant Application which was to be considered later in the meeting as they were all involved with the Community Association.

## **39 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC**

A member of the public was in attendance and raised concerns regarding parking and speeding issues in the local area. Particular concerns were raised regarding parking in the area of the shops near Tanmeads and it was suggested that a 20mph speed limit should be introduced in that area.

The Chairman advised that both were issues that the Parish Council was already actively dealing with, despite having little power to influence much change as both parking and speeding were the responsibilities of the County Council and the Police. The Chairman was able to advise that that DCC had been spoken with and were looking into introducing a dropped kerb at Tanmeads. All concerns would again be raised with the County Councillor.

## **40 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 JUNE 2018**

**RESOLVED:** "That the minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 June 2018, be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

## **41 DISPENSATION**

A Group dispensation request was submitted by Councillors Kendall, Walker, Inman and Gillhespy as all had a declared interest in Plawsworth and Kimbleworth Community Association. The purpose of the request was that so a quorum could be achieved whenever votes were necessary on items relating to the Association.

**RESOLVED:-** "That a dispensation be granted to Councillors Kendall, Walker, Gillhespy and Inman allowing them to participate in votes relating to the Community Association and that the dispensation remain until the Annual Meeting 2019".

## **42 MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Gillhesy advised that the defibrillator was expected any day.

## **43 POLICE MATTERS**

There was no representative from the Police in attendance nor was there any PACT report. The Chairman did report on a number of local burglaries, including one at the Community Centre where extensive damage was done.

## **44 BUDGET SETTING 2018/19**

Consideration was given to budget allocation requirements for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. Members had previously received a report from the Clerk giving a detailed financial projection and estimated requirements.

Council had been discussing for some months discussed the potential for a number of projects that might be funded during the coming year in light of the precept being increased 100%.

Updates were provided on all projects as follows:-

- a) SPEEDING – It was reported that on the 2 July a Community Speedwatch had been undertaken and 4 fines and 12 warnings had been given out.
- b) PARKING – already discussed and update given under previous item of business.
- c) Park/Play Area – lease issues were still to be resolved with Lambtons.
- d) Christmas related items – further enquiries were to be made with Lambtons.

A future project suggested by the Chairman was a Traffic Counter and the Chairman provided an overview of what this would entail, this could be revisited as a potential project after summer recess.

## **45 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to a grant application from the Community Association. The application sought financial support to repair damage caused at the centre following a recent break-in where considerable damage was done. It was stated that many thanks be placed on record to Councillor Beard and other local residents who fixed a lot of damage themselves.

Following due consideration the Chairman moved that £1400.00 be donated, this was seconded by Councillor Holden. Upon a unanimous vote being taken the grant was approved.

Consideration was given to a request for financial support from Citizens Advice. It was a generic request that was received annually and following due consideration Councillor Beard moved that £50 be donated, this was seconded by Councillor Lillian Walker. Upon a vote being taken the donation of £50 was approved.

**Resolved:-** “ That the following accounts be paid in full:-

Citizens Advice - £50.00 – Donation

Community Association - £1400.00 – Donation”.

#### **46 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Fyndoune Community College – The Chairman had attended a recent meeting and reported that Sacriston Parish Council were doing a massive amount of work in relation to the recent relocation issues. Currently plans had not changed as such it was agreed that the Working Group should meet and it may be that they would instruct a letter of objection to be submitted.

Traffic, Transport and Highways – Updates had already been given earlier in the meeting. It was agreed that the Working Group needed to meet and that County Councillor Wilson and members of the public should all be invited to attend.

#### **47 CDALC**

There was nothing to report.

#### **48 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There was nothing to report.

#### **49 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

The recent burglary had already been reported. The AGM had been held earlier that week however only the Trustees had attended, no members of the public had been in attendance. As there had not been a quorum the meeting had been reconvened to September.

#### **50 NEWSLETTER**

The Chairman provided an overview of all current articles and advised that the next edition would be going to print the following week.

#### **51 PLANNING**

There was one Licensing Application to consider regarding an extension to the premises license at Applegreen Plawsworth Filling Station. Members wished to object to the application on the grounds that the extension would compromise community safety and exacerbate issues such as anti social behaviour. An objection was sent electronically at the meeting.

#### **52 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 13 September 2018.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_Chairman