

KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 14 July 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors A Holden, D Inman, J Barclay, R Harrison, T Kingston, G Kendall, E Morton and S Wilson.

36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Toms and L Walker.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Councillor Inman, took the meeting.

37 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 JUNE 2016

It was noted that, contrary to the printed minutes, minute 28 should have stated that Councillor Toms "moved an amendment". This alteration to the minutes was agreed.

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 June 2016, as amended, be confirmed as a correct record".

In relation to planters, Councillor Inman was not happy with the current positioning of them and suggested that they be relocated at the end of the season. Furthermore it was resolved that Councillor Inman be provided with a further £50.00 with which to purchase plants. In relation to the future maintenance of the planters, both Councillor Barclay and the Clerk were yet to receive a response from Changing Lives.

38 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

39 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

40 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

41 ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: "That authority be granted for payment of the following accounts:

Councillor Inman - £50.00 – Planters

Mrs L Gladders - £100.00 – Internal Audit

Councillor Inman - £14.54 – Planters

Councillor Inman - £26.85 - Planters

Councillor Inman - £7.19 – Website domain”.

42 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Wilson provided an update in relation to County Council matters which affected the area. In relation to concerns regarding the playpark, Durham County Council had confirmed that a risk assessment had been undertaken, this was done annually and as things stood, the park was deemed safe.

In relation to the A167, Durham County Council had confirmed that it would take another look at the issues which had been highlighted.

In relation to the possibility of having a local Christmas tree, Durham County Council had reported they were uncertain as to what pipes or cables lay under the ground adjacent to the Community Centre. Councillor Barclay moved that the matter should be put on hold for the time being and that the Community Association should be approached in relation to the possible project, with the suggestion to be made that the Parish Council would pay for the electric and the lights. The motion was seconded by Councillor Kendall and a unanimous vote followed thereafter.

Councillor Inman raised issues regarding streetlighting in Kimblesworth which Councillor Wilson agreed he would look into.

Councillor Holden joined the meeting and took the Chair.

43 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – As per discussions at the previous meeting, the Clerk had prepared a guide for Mr Stephenson who was now assisting with the letting of plots. It was agreed that the matter should be discussed in more detail at the September meeting. In relation to a request from a local resident regarding the keeping of chickens, it was agreed that the tenant be permitted to keep a maximum of 4 chickens, but no cockerill was permitted. Furthermore should she wish to keep more chickens in the future then she would again be required to seek permission from the Parish Council. Finally, no chickens were to be kept until Councillors Kingston and Walker had undertaken an inspection to confirm suitability.

Councillor Wilson left the meeting at this point.

44 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

45 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Barclay provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. He had now been appointed as Chairman of the Centre and he provided information regarding issues with the

roof and the possibility of the Parish Council becoming the management trustee of the Centre.

46 PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Parish Newsletter was to be printed the following day and then distributed thereafter. Due to the increasing commitments which Councillor Barclay now had, it was agreed that while he was happy to remain on the Parish Council, the Clerk would take over the coordination of the Newsletter.

47 PLANNING

No planning applications had been brought for the Council's consideration.

Signed_____

Chairman