

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth P a r i s h & C o u n c i l

Kimbleworth and Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kimbleworth and Plawsworth Parish Council held in the Community Centre, Nettlesworth, DH2 3PN, on Thursday 13 October 2022 @ 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors – Burnip, Craig (Chairman), Inman, Jackson, Rippon, and Walker.

Also in attendance – John Kelly (Parish Clerk), County Councillors Waldock and Wilson, and one member of the public.

1. Welcome:

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Elley offered written apologies.

Resolved: *The Council noted apologies.*

3. New members – To consider applications received for co-option

The Council discussed the request for co-option from Donna Bruce. The Council agreed to co-opt her onto the Parish Council.

Resolved: *Donna Bruce was co-opted onto the Council and signed the declaration of acceptance.*

4. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

The Clerk reminded councillors they should check the agenda in advance of a meeting and declare an interest in any item at this point. Nobody can make a councillor declare an interest, but it maintains the Council's transparency and integrity to do so.

Councillor Walker declared an interest in item 6(m).

5. Minutes of Council meeting – Extraordinary Meeting 28 September 2022:

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 28 September 2022 were approved by the Council.

6. Parish Matters and on-going items:

a) County Councillors' Report

The carved seat was finished in April and the Council paid DCC for its installation. It has still not been installed by DCC. Planters were paid for in April to be sited at Edmondsley Lane. They have still not been installed. The County Councillors will meet with Clean and Green to progress the stalled projects. Cllr Rippon advised that the bushes on Pit Bank at Kimblesworth require attention. Clean and Green will now consider a gravel parking area parallel to Ugly Lane, cutting into the grass verge owned by KPPC (football field). This could accommodate 20 parking spaces and a similar project at Walldridge cost £41,000. Councillor Wilson will provide the Clerk with a new contact for Speed Watch as the previous contact has sadly passed away. Councillor Walldock advised she will conduct a litter pick at Nettlesworth on Sunday 6th November at 2pm and will advertise this on social media. Councillor Wilson is awaiting further updates on the Sniperley development from DCC.

Resolved: *Councillors Walldock and Wilson to update on all queries at the next meeting.*

b) Highways, paths, and road signage

Carried forward from previous meetings

The dropped kerb on the B6312, on the walk down the bank from Nettlesworth still does not appear to have been reported– there is no way to travel to the A167 without going onto the road – this was first reported by the Parish Council in Autumn 2021. The village sign for Kimblesworth at Cedar Avenue still shows visible graffiti - Councillor Wilson had previously advised he would chase up a replacement earlier in 2022. The Council would like to renew and/or resite the 30mph signs for Nettlesworth.

New minutes for October

The Clerk noted there has been no Speed Watch since the start of 2022. DCC have reported the paths around Nettlesworth and Plawsworth on the A167 require no attention – Cllr Craig refuted this suggestion and asked Councillors Walldock and Wilson to ask DCC again for another inspection. Councillor Walldock advised that the road markings at the school have now been repainted.

Resolved: *Councillors Walldock and Wilson to update on all queries at next meeting.*

c) Spring/ water trough at the roadside, Nettlesworth entrance (west)

Councillor Wilson advised he will meet DCC Clean and Green and Highways for their confirmation that the work can proceed.

Resolved: *Councillor Wilson to chase confirmation from relevant DCC teams.*

d) Community Centre Report

The lease is still expired, but renewal discussions are ongoing. Local PCSOs will request a donation of £100.00 towards selection boxes as they will be visiting Nettlesworth as part of their Santa in a Van event this Christmas.

Resolved: *To note update.*

e) Planning and Licence Applications

The following applications were discussed:

- none.

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

f) Allotments

The Council discussed action that can be taken regarding plot 13, where excess materials mean the plot cannot be allocated. The Council received a new quote of £400-£500 based on photos of the site. The Council agreed the quote up to a maximum of £500 subject to a site visit between the Clerk and the preferred contractor. The Clerk asked the Council for more detail on the placing of a noticeboard at the allotments. The Council wish to consider a full-size noticeboard for installation – similar in style to the other noticeboards owned by KPPC.

Resolved: *Council agreed quote with direct Waste Services (up to £500). Clerk to arrange site visit with contractor. Noticeboard quote to be agreed at November's meeting, after the Clerk has collected three quotes.*

g) Newsletter

There were no further items required for the next edition of the newsletter.

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

h) Budget monitoring 2022-23

The Clerk highlighted the main variances on spend to date. There are no major risks with day to day spend at present. The Clerk advised it would be preferable for the trough project to be complete soon, with payment made in 2022-23. Cllr Rippon advised she would contact Changing Lives to discuss the potential for them to make benches and/or picnic tables, with KPPC donating.

Resolved: *To note update.*

i) Funding for annual summer event at the community centre

A request has been made by PKCA for the Council to include a sum of £4800 in their annual precept for 2023-24 to pay for the fairground rides at the summer event proposed for 2023. The Council rejected the proposal in favour of a grant application to be made by Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association.

Resolved: *Request declined.*

j) Tree planting at entrance to Nettleworth

Trees could be funded from an application to The Queen's Jubilee Fund, as suggested by county Councillor Waldock. The Council agreed to proceed with the planting of four trees on the B6312, on the Red Lion bank, heading towards Nettleworth.

Resolved: *Council agreed to proceed with planting at proposed site.*

k) Christmas trees 2022

The Council discussed Christmas trees and lights in the villages. Cllr Rippon asked if a Christmas tree could be placed closed to the B6312 at Nettlesworth, unlike previous years. The Clerk advised DCC have rejected this request due to road safety. The Clerk set out three options for 2022 – (i) purchasing three potted trees at a cost of approximately £40 each, to be placed at the same sites as 2021, (ii) plant a 4-6 foot tree at the football field (owned by KPPC) or with permission of a landowner at another site – DCC did not give permission for any DCC land in 2021 and PKCA cannot give permission to plant at the community centre until the lease is renewed (iii) the Clerk advised that he has contacted Karbon Homes to ask for permission to place lights on trees at The Green. The Council agreed to decide on this item at November's meeting.

Resolved: *Item deferred.*

l) Chester-le-Street Sub-committee meeting (CDALC)

The Council discussed attendance at the next meeting. Councillor Rippon said she will consider if she is able to attend.

Resolved: *Cllr Rippon to consider attendance on behalf of the Council.*

m) Grants

The Council discussed the potential £4800 grant from PKCA, relating to item 5(i). The item was deferred as there was no physical application form complete. The Clerk was asked to collect an application for the November meeting.

Resolved: *Item deferred. Clerk to contact PKCA.*

n) Training

- none

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

o) Correspondence

- Church service enquiry, Kimblesworth.
- New councillor enquiry.
- Request for donation to Durham Hospitals Radio.

Resolved: *All correspondence noted. The Council agreed to donate £75.00 to Durham Hospitals Radio - Cllr Inman abstained.*

7. Financial Matters:

a) Payments

Resolved: *The following payments were agreed (and invoices signed by the Chair):*

- (1) The sum of £258.93 be paid to J Kelly (Clerk service, 1st – 30th September, 26 hours.
- (2) The sum of £4.49 be paid to J Kelly (HP ink, September)

b) Receipts

Resolved: *The following receipts were noted and will be signed by the Chair:*

- PAYE (to HMRC) September hours, September submission (£54.80)
- Printer subscription with HP - see item 7(a)2 above (£4.49 September)

c) Bank statements and direct debits

Resolved:

Statements checked:

- September 2022 (no.156) – not checked, as not received.

Direct debits (and standing orders) checked by the Chair and signed:

- HMRC – September payment - no.156 (£54.80) – statement not received
- Anglian Water trading as Wave (quarterly) – statement not received.

8. Date of Next Meeting

10 November 2022 to commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting terminated at 20.49.

Chairman

Date