

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 11 January 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors G Kendall (Chair), D Inman, L Gillhespy, L Walker, L Walker, P Beard, D Bruce, A Holden and L Anders.

County Councillor Wilson.

98 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

100 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

101 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2017

In relation to minute 85, it was raised by Councillor Inman that there had been dissent from another member and as such the minutes should be amended accordingly.

RESOLVED: “That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 December 2017, as amended, be confirmed as a correct record.”

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

102 MATTERS ARISING

In relation to minute 92 it was reported that there was still dispute in relation to the ownership of the area of land and the relevant contact at the County Council was currently off work. County Councillor Wilson agreed to chase the matter in addition to the work being done by Councillor Inman.

103 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance however Councillor Bruce advised that a report was on its way. County Councillor Wilson stressed the importance of using the 101 service and reporting incidents immediately. Members were advised that thefts from vehicles had become quite prolific in surrounding areas as such the message was to be vigilant.

There were concerns regarding a vehicle which was regularly driving over Parish land, details were to be passed on to the Police.

104 PRECEPT/BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2018/19

Consideration was given to precept requirements for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 and a report from the Clerk giving a detailed financial projection and estimated requirements was submitted, copies of which had previously been circulated.

It was agreed that the Council would agree detailed budget allocations at the February 2018 meeting. Ahead of that meeting, Members would give thought to any projects they might wish to see funds directed towards during the coming financial year.

Following lengthy consideration the majority of Members were of the opinion that it would be prudent to increase the precept charge for the coming year. They were mindful that a cap on increases was likely to be introduced ahead of the next financial year which would mean that any increase over c.2% would need to be put to a referendum which itself would need to be paid for. Furthermore there were aspirations for the Parish Council to carry out substantial and significant works and projects during the coming year which would be wholly unachievable on the current budget.

A motion to double the precept charge was put forward by Councillor Bruce and seconded by Councillor Inman and upon a vote being taken it was **RESOLVED:**

That the precept for 2018/19 be agreed at £19,480.32 which, coupled with the LCTRS grant would provide a total Council income of £19,784.32.

There were 2 abstentions.

105 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

106 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

No report was able to be provided as the changes to the bank account remained ongoing. It was agreed that immediate contact be made with the bank and a complaint be lodged as no financial movement was feasible for as long as the matter was ongoing.

107 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – It was reported that there was one vacant plot and that someone was coming to view it.

108 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

109 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor Wilson provided an update into County Council business which affected the immediate area. Matters discussed include Welfare Reform which Councillor

Wilson was doing a lot of awareness work on in relation to the introduction of the Universal Credit.

It was reported that Fyndoune School had made vast improvements and so the threat of it becoming an academy had now been withdrawn.

110 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Gillhespy provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. There were issues with both boilers which were having an impact on the groups using the rooms. Arrangements had been made for a heating engineer to come out the following day to look into the problems.

Since 1 January 2018 the Centre was now a C.I.O.

111 NEWSLETTER

There was nothing to report.

112 CLERKS APPRAISAL

Members discussed commencing arrangements to facilitate comprehensive appraisals for the Clerk. The Clerk had circulated documents to the Council prior to the meeting which included draft Terms of Reference for a Human resources Panel, the Clerks Job Description and also a best practice Appraisal Document. Members agreed that all documents were satisfactory and should be used.

It was agreed that a HR Panel should be established and following deliberations, the following Members were appointed:-

Councillors Kendall, L Walker, L Walker, L Gillhespy, A Holden and D Inman.

It was further agreed that for the first appraisal of the Clerk, the following Members would be present:-

The Chairman and Councillor Gillhespy.

Members of the newly established HR Panel would arrange to meet ahead of the next meeting of the Council.

113 PLANNING

No planning applications were reported.

114 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 8 February 2018.

Signed _____
Chairman