

# **Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 14 December 2017 at 7.00pm

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

## **83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bruce and A Holden.

## **84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance, however Councillor Anders took the opportunity to raise an issue. Councillor Anders advised that many people in the Parish were very disappointed at the lack of Christmas decorations. It seemed that the Council had sufficient funds to spend on other causes throughout the year yet put nothing into Christmas festivities of any nature. Councillor Gillhespy concurred with Councillor Anders.

The Clerk gave an overview of how annual budgets were determined and how the annual precept demand was made and suggested that Christmas decorations could be something to be considered at the next meeting when the 2018/19 precept demand would be agreed. It may also be an option to establish a Working Group to focus on future Christmas arrangements.

## **86 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED:** "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

In relation to minute no.75 Councillor Gillhespy wished it to be placed on record her compliments and sincere gratitude to all those involved in providing the Christmas lunch meal. Members were advised how appreciative those who had attended had been and for Councillor Gillhespy it had been an honour to have been involved in the event.

## **87 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

Members were disappointed at the lack of Police presence at Parish meetings, Councillor Lisa Walker would feed this back to the local PCSO.

## **88 CORRESPONDENCE**

Community Centre – Correspondence had been received regarding an increase in room hire charges at the Community Centre however the rise would have no impact on the rate currently paid by the Parish Council.

## **89 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

No report was able to be provided as the changes to the bank account remained ongoing.

## **90 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

There was nothing to report.

## **91 CDALC**

There was nothing to report.

## **92 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There was no County Councillor in attendance.

Councillor Inman advised that previously some residents had asked for a grit bin outside of the church. Having made enquiries, Durham County Council had now advised the area of land was private and as such nothing to do with it. However Councillor Inman had disputed this and so was awaiting a further update.

## **93 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

The new carpets had been laid and the Christmas disco was to be held the following evening.

## **94 NEWSLETTER**

The latest edition had not been issued as due to the changes with the bank account, it was unclear when necessary payments could be made. As such, the next cut off date for articles would be 11 January 2018.

## **95 CLERKS APPRAISAL**

Members discussed commencing arrangements to facilitate comprehensive appraisals for the Clerk. The Clerk did have documents which she would circulate to the next meeting as a guide and it was agreed that it would probably be best to establish a working group in due course.

## **96 PLANNING**

No planning applications were reported.

**97     DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 11 January 2018.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_Chairman