

KIMBLESWORTH & PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 14 January 2016 at 6.30pm.

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

115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillors J Barclay, M Toms and L Walker.

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

117 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

118 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD 10 DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 December 2015, copies of which had previously been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

119 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

120 PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS 2016/17

Consideration was given to precept requirements for the financial year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 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 2016 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.

Members were keen not to incur any additional charge for local taxpayers and as such resolved not to increase the precept levy for 2016/17.

As such it was **RESOLVED:**

That the precept for 2016/17 be agreed at £9823.50

121 BINS – LITTER/DOG/SALT

Members were satisfied with the information previously provided by Durham County Council in relation to the cost of purchasing a new litter bin and dog bin for the area and also the costs and frequency involved in having those new bins emptied. As such, Councillor S Wilson would place a formal order the following day.

Councillor Wilson would also chase earlier enquiries regarding the provision of a salt bin at the church.

122 NOTICE BOARDS

As per agreement at the previous meeting, Councillor Kingston had purchased a sample noticeboard, which could be easily erected at the site of the current one at Plawsworth.

In relation to replacing the 2 other noticeboards, it was agreed that Councillor Kingston would see whether Changing Lives were still planning on making 2 new ones, failing that, Councillor Kingston would purchase 2 more solid structure noticeboards at a cost of approximately £90.00 each. Councillor Wilson would investigate possible additional locations for noticeboards.

123 CORRESPONDENCE

Post Office – Correspondence had been received from the Post Office advising of changes to the service to be delivered at Tan Hills Post Office.

124 ACCOUNTS

Grant Applications

1 Grant application had been submitted for consideration by the Council as follows (copies of which had previously been circulated and for copies see file of Minutes):-

- a. Application from the Community Centre seeking £1500.00 towards the cost of energy bills and ongoing running costs of the building.

It was noted that the Parish Council had repeatedly provided financial assistance to help with the running costs of the Centre and Members expressed concern that this could not continue indefinitely.

A member of the Community Centre joined the meeting to explain the need for funding. Members then agreed in principle to pay part of the amount sought (legionnaires assessment), however would first require a copy of the minute from the Community Centre where the submission of the grant application had been formally approved.

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

Mr W Reed - £120.00 – Allotment Land Rent
Graphic Print – £230.00 –Newsletter Printing
Councillor T Kingston - £67.40 – Notice Board reimbursement

125 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – The Clerk advised that she continued to work in conjunction with allotment tenants in the hope of establishing an Allotment Association in the near future.

126 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

127 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Wilson advised that the developer at Hawthorn Close had now withdrawn its bid to buy the land, as such it was likely that the planning application would not be pursued.

128 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

129 PARISH NEWSLETTER

There was nothing to report.

130 PLANNING

Councillor Inman provided an update in relation to the Hawthorn Close proposed development. It was reported that local residents had been successful in getting an easement and Mr Reed had signed his approval as landowner.

Signed _____
Chairman