

KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 9 June 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors D Inman, J Barclay, R Harrison, M Toms, G Kendall, E Morton and S Wilson.

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Holden, T Kingston and L Walker.

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

22 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19th MAY 2016

It was noted that, contrary to the printed minutes, Councillor Harrison had not been in attendance and Councillor Wilson had submitted his apologies. The amendments were noted.

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 May 2016, as amended, be confirmed as a correct record."

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Inman and Barclay declared an interest in a grant application which was to be considered during the meeting.

24 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

Though no members of the public were in attendance, Councillor Inman took the opportunity to raise local safety concerns regarding the climbing slide frame in the childrens playground. Councillor Wilson agreed to raise the matter with Durham County Council to ascertain when the last playground risk assessment had been undertaken.

25 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

26 PLANTERS

It was reported that Councillors Inman and Kingston had planted up the planters, contrary to what had been discussed at the last meeting the local school had not been enlisted to help as the planters needed doing as a matter of priority. It was however agreed that Changing Lives might be a good option for the future maintenance of the planters. As such the Clerk would commence dialogue with them and invite a representative to a future meeting.

27 CHRISTMAS TREE

Members discussed the feasibility of planting a Christmas tree in the village. It was generally agreed that running an electric supply to a tree would probably be the biggest issue to overcome and there was also general consensus that it was too late now to have a Christmas tree for the 2016 season.

Councillor Wilson agreed to make initial enquiries of Durham County Council to ascertain what pipes and cables were under the ground adjacent to the Community Centre as there may already be an electricity supply present. It would also be necessary to ascertain any restrictions or rules in relation to providing a power supply to a tree and indeed installing a tree. Once all information had been obtained, Members could discuss again whether a tree was feasible and if so, whether there was any merit in establishing a working party.

28 CORRESPONDENCE

Allotment – A letter had been received from a new allotment tenant seeking consent from the Parish Council to house 4 chickens on her plot. Detailed plans were given as to how and where the chickens would be housed as well as reasoning as to why she wished to keep chickens.

Following due consideration, Councillor Wilson moved 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 Toms moved that the matter be deferred until Councillor Kingston was in attendance. Following a vote, this motion fell.

Upon a vote being taken on the original motion it was RESOLVED to commence as per Councillor Wilsons' motion.

29 ACCOUNTS

Grant Application – Members considered a grant application from Nettlesworth Community Café for a grant of £1000.00 to go towards the chef's salary (for copy see file of Minutes).

Councillors Barclay and Inman left the room while the application was being considered and Councillor Wilson took the Chair.

Members felt that the café was still a very much appreciated service in the local community and Councillor Kendall moved that the grant be awarded, seconded by Councillor Harrison. Upon a vote being taken it was RESOLVED that a grant of £1000.00 be given to the Community Café.

Councillors Barclay and Inman rejoined the meeting and Councillor Inman took the Chair.

Councillor Morton wished to see bank statements in support of any future grant applications.

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

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Community Association - £39.00 – Room Hire

Nettlesworth Community Cafe - £1000.00 – Donation

J Lawton - £525.91 – Salary

J Lawton - £35.37 – Travelling Expenses

HMRC – £134.71 – PAYE Deductions

30 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 item be deferred until Councillors Kingston and/or Walker were in attendance.

31 CDALC

Councillor Harrison gave an update advising that he was no longer Chair of the Small and Medium Local Councils Forum, however was Vice Chair. Correspondence had been received from CDALC regarding nominations for the coming years Executive Committee, a matter which would be determined at the CDALC AGM in October. Members were happy to pledge their support for Councillor R Harrison for a position as an Executive Member and for the position of Vice President.

Councillor Kendall left the meeting at this point.

32 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Wilson provided an update in relation to County Council matters which affected the area. In relation to the A167 he agreed to make enquiries with the County Council to see whether there had been more degradation so that necessary works could be done.

33 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Morton provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. Members were advised that the electrics had been repaired and were now compliant for up to 5 years. Councillor Inman had been appointed as Secretary.

34 PARISH NEWSLETTER

There was nothing to report.

35 PLANNING

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

Signed _____
Chairman