

## **KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 13 April 2017 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors M Toms, E Morton, R Harrison and A Holden.

### **142 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kingston, Barclay and Inman.

### **143 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 9 MARCH 2017**

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

### **144 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **146 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

### **147 CITIZENS ADVICE**

A request for a donation had been received from Citizens Advice County Durham and a letter was included setting out all the work and services which the Bureau provided in the area. Seconded by Councillor Morton, Councillor Harrison moved that a donation of £50.00 be made. Upon a vote being taken it was:-

**RESOLVED:-** That a donation of £50.00 be made to Citizens Advice County Durham.

### **148 ANNUAL AUDIT**

Notification had been received of the scheduled deadlines for submission of the Annual Return to the appointed auditors, BDO. It was agreed that the same internal auditor, Mrs Gladders, should be appointed ahead of submission of the Annual Return.

Councillor Kendall joined the meeting.

### **149 ACCOUNTS**

**RESOLVED:** “That authority be granted for payment of the following accounts:  
Citizens Advice - £50.00 – Donation  
BC Groundworks - £600.00 – Allotments work”.

## **150 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Allotments – The Clerk had been provided with a receipt for tarmacing works. Plans were discussed at the previous meeting for an area to be made into a larger carparking area. Works were understood to be costing in the region of £500 and following discussions it was agreed that the Council would pay for all necessary work up to that value. However the invoice now received was for £600.00. The allotments representative, Mr Stephenson, had said that if the council could only pay £500.00 then he would come to an arrangement regarding the additional cost. Councillor Harrison moved that the invoice be paid in full and upon a vote being taken it was:-

**RESOLVED:-** “That the total £600.00 be paid by the Council to BC Groundworks for work undertaken at Woodland Terrace Allotment Site”.

It was also agreed that £50.00 be granted to Mr P Beard to purchase more pest control as required, payment would be made once receipts were provided to the Council.

Countryside Rangers – Councillor Toms advised of issues with Walldridge Fells since the decline in Countryside Rangers. There was a visible deterioration at the Fells and the Rangers had ceased to function as funding had come to a halt. It was agreed that discussions on this matter should resume at a future meeting where the possibility of linking in with surrounding Parish Councils could be explored.

## **151 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Councillor Kendall provided an update in relation to County Council business which affected the villages, in the absence of Councillor Wilson. Members were advised that the dog bin had been moved to Boyntons.

## **152 CDALC**

There was nothing to report.

## **153 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

Councillors Kendall provided an update in relation to the Community Centre.

## **154 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

It was hoped that the newsletter would go to print ahead of the next meeting and Councillor Harrison advised that he would be willing to collect it from Graphic Print and take it to Changing Lives for delivery.

## **155 PLANNING**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

Councillors Inman and Barclay joined the meeting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman