

## **KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors A Holden, J Barclay, R Harrison, D Inman, T Kingston, M Toms and S Wilson.

In the absence of the Clerk, it was agreed that Councillor Inman record the meeting taking notes and a dictophone.\*

### **131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Bruce and Lisa Walker.

### **132 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2016**

**RESOLVED:** "That in the absence of the Clerk, consideration of the accuracy of the minutes circulated previously be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Council".

### **133 MATTERS ARISING**

**Bins** – Councillor Wilson reported that he had placed formal orders for both a dog waste bin and litter bin. He also reported that he had enquired regarding the supply of a salt bin near Kimblesworth Parish Church, but had not received a reply to date.

**A167** – Councillor Wilson reported that he had made enquiries about the possibility of repairs to the road surface on the northern approach to the roundabout at Plawsworth, but that the soonest Durham County Council would consider scheduling such repairs would be 2017-2018.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the matter of the A167 road surface be considered further at the March meeting of the Parish Council.

**Planters** – Councillor Wilson reported that the bill for maintaining planters for a period after the Parish Council had cancelled the service had been revoked.

**Notice Boards** - Councillor Kingston reported that he had installed the new notice board at Plawsworth, but had not received payment for it. He also reported that he had enquired at Changing Lives regarding the cheque supplied originally as a deposit (for which no example had been forthcoming) and had been told that Changing Lives had lost the cheque but were trying to locate it.

#### **134 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **136 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

#### **137 BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2016/17**

In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairman opted to defer the matter to the next meeting.  
Agreed *nem-con*.

#### **138 CO-OPTION TO CURRENT VACANCY**

In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairman opted to defer the matter to the next meeting.  
Agreed *nem-con*.

#### **139 BINS – LITTER/DOG/SALT**

See minute 133, above.

#### **140 MEETING VENUE**

In the absence of the Clerk, the Chairman opted to defer the matter to the next meeting.  
Agreed *nem-con*.

#### **141 CORRESPONDENCE**

A copy of the minutes of the November 2015 meeting of Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association was supplied to the Council by Mr Edward Morton before the meeting.

The Chairman reported that, in the absence of the Clerk, no other correspondence had been received.

#### **142 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

In the absence of the Clerk, no financial report was available.

#### **RESOLVED:**

“That the Council’s annual donation of £80 be made to Changing Lives be paid as soon as is reasonably possible.”

**RESOLVED:**

“That given minutes (See Minute 141), part-payment of the grant application by Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Community Association to cover the cost of Legionnaires testing be granted once the relevant invoices have been provided.”

**143 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

There was nothing to report.

**144 CDALC**

Councillor Harrison reported that a meeting of the Small and Medium Councils was to be held at Murton on 12<sup>th</sup> February and on 16<sup>th</sup> February there would be a meeting of the Working Group.

**145 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

[See also minute 133]

Councillor Wilson reported that he had received a complaint from residents in The Green, Nettlesworth about provision of parking following the new builds by Cestria and was in discussion with respect to greater provision of hard standing.

It was also reported that Chester-le-Street Area Action Partnership and Durham County Cricket Club would be meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February to discuss to engage people, with a particular focus on the young.

**146 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

Councillor Barclay reported on the series of training sessions for the Community Association’s management committee, run by Christine Pearce and Vicky Prendergast from Durham County Council’s community buildings team. This had involved adapting and distributing a survey of local residents and centre users about their views with respect to the Centre.

**147 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

There was nothing to report.

## **148 PLANNING**

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

## **149 VILLAGE GREEN**

The Council considered how to proceed with regard to the possibility of protecting the area of land between Hawthorn Close and Sycamore Road. Councillor Wilson pointed out that Durham County Council still had the land for sale, which meant that no public legal protection measures could be registered should another application be made to develop it.

### **RESOLVED:**

"That Councillor Inman arrange for alterations to the leaflet as agreed [clearer map and with a meeting date as arranged], print and distribute." [A 'ceiling price' of £50 for printing leaflets was agreed].

### **RESOLVED:**

"That a public meeting be called on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March to consider the matter of protection for the land between Hawthorn Close and Sycamore Road. Venue TBA."

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman