

# Kimbleworth & Plawsworth P a r i s h & C o u n c i l

## Kimbleworth and Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Kimbleworth and Plawsworth Parish Council held in the Community Centre, Nettlesworth, DH2 3PN, on Thursday 10 June 2021 @ 7:00pm.

**Present:** Councillors – Cole, Hodgson, Inman, Jackson, Rippon and Walker.

**Also in attendance** – John Kelly (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Waldock, County Councillor Wilson and five members of the public.

During the public participation section prior to the formal meeting commencing, a director from Riverdale Homes (Mr Kevin Davison) gave an overview of the organisation's recent planning application at Eureka Terrace, Tanhills- accommodation to be used for adults with autism (24-hour on-site support would be present, with staff working shift patterns). Mr Davison advised there was a high demand in Durham for this type of accommodation and the model they have created is sustainable and supported by DCC. The public in attendance were supportive if this intended use was to be the case but would not want the client base to change in future without local consultation. Mr Davison stated the organisation had agreed with DCC to include a covenant that future consultation would be required with residents if the type of support needs were to change in future. Mr Davison advised the accommodation would change from 12 smaller apartments to five larger apartments (with a kitchen each) and no tenants would have drugs or alcohol issues. No tenants would have a car so parking should not be problem (only staff would be parking outside). There will be no external changes. The public and Parish Council thanked Mr Davison for his time in attending the meeting and for discussing the application with them.

[The Chair suspended standing orders at 7.15pm so that the public participation section could continue beyond the standard allocated 15 minutes].

Councillor Hodgson signed his acceptance of office (as a member) prior to the meeting commencing.

[The formal part of the meeting commenced at 7.35pm].

### 1. **Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. **Apologies for Absence:**

Written apologies were received from Councillor Craig.

***Resolved:*** Apologies were noted for the above Parish Councillor.

### 3. **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

No interests declared.

**4. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting 2021 – 20 May 2021:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20 May 2021 were approved as a true record by the Council, subject to a minor amendment proposed by Cllr Inman (agreed by the Council) regarding the previous words of suggested nomination for Cllr Craig to be chair.

**Minutes of Council meeting – 20 May 2021:**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2021 were approved as a true record by the Council.

**5. Police Report:**

There is no current PCSO for the parish area and PCSO was present at the meeting. No PACT report was sent by PCSOs covering the area from adjacent villages. Therefore, no police update was available.

## **6. Parish Matters and on-going items:**

### **a) County Councillors Report**

Councillor Wilson advised that an advert had been placed again by DCC for a lollipop person for Nettlesworth Primary School. A previous advert had raised no interest. Councillor Wilson advised he will contact DCC again regarding a high fence at Tanmeads, Nettlesworth which obscures drivers views on the bend – residents have complained to Parish Councillors about this issue. Councillor Wilson will again chase the outcome of the request for assessment by DCC of the kerbs around Cedar Avenue and their suitability for wheelchair users. DCC had stated an assessment was to take place, but no detail was given as to how they would inform KPPC of the outcome. Cllr Inman enquired about Karbon's assistance regarding parking issues at The Crescent and The Green in Nettlesworth – the Council and Councillor Wilson had contacted Karbon previously in 2019 and early 2020 and had no positive response on how the registered provider could part-fund or, at least, allow some of their land to be used for parking bays. Councillor Wilson advised he will engage with Karbon again on this matter. The Clerk noted that former County Councillor Liddle had met with a Karbon representative about parking this year – but this meeting was regarding Ugly Lane and the playing field area.

Councillor Waldock will liaise with DCC neighbourhood wardens again about the wooded area near to Broadmires. She had recently attended a site visit with the Clerk to view the fly tipping issues. It was noted that due to the season of year, the area is now very overgrown and Councillor Waldock will look towards action (eg litter clearance and regular litter picks) in the autumn.

**Resolved:** *Councillors Waldock and Wilson to update on all queries at the next meeting.*

### **b) Community Centre Report**

There was no update given on behalf of the Centre.

**Resolved:** *Nothing to resolve.*

### **c) Planning Applications**

- None

**Resolved:** *Nothing to resolve.*

### **d) Allotments**

Pest control attended the allotments on 29<sup>th</sup> May as per the agreed schedule. Letters will be sent to tenants in August for September's annual rent payments. Prior to that, another round of inspections will be due.

**Resolved:** *To note updates.*

### **e) Highways and road signage**

DCC have not provided a quote to fix the wooden carving and bench in place at the corner of Cedar Avenue and the B6312. Item deferred. There were no further updates.

**Resolved:** *Nothing to resolve.*

**f) Spring/ water trough at the roadside, Nettlesworth entrance (west)**

Councillor Wilson will provide design sketches so quotes can be obtained, which can be brought to a future council meeting. Once quotes have been obtained, the Clerk will call a working group meeting to discuss designs and costs.

**Resolved:** *Item deferred.*

**g) KPPC Co-option Policy**

The Council discussed the suggested policy for co-opting new members to the Council. The policy was approved.

**Resolved:** *The KPPC Co-option Policy was approved and will be uploaded to the Council's website.*

[Councillor Inman left the meeting].

**h) KPPC Newsletter**

The Clerk advised that further content was required to present a draft newsletter to the Council.

**Resolved:** *Item deferred. Councillors to send suggested content to the Clerk.*

**i) Local authority remote meetings – a call for evidence**

The Council discussed the pros and cons for remote meetings, considering legislation returning to its former state – that meeting in person was the only legal means to holding a parish council meeting. The Council agreed that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council advising that the option of remote meetings should be allowed if a local authority decides it is in the best interest of all parties.

**Resolved:** *The Council agreed to reply to the call for evidence in a positive manner towards remote meetings.*

**j) Grant applications**

- None

**Resolved:** *Nothing to resolve.*

**k) Training**

- None

**Resolved:** *No training to note.*

**l) Correspondence**

- Request to make improvements to the West Nettlesworth ward (streets within Sacriston, around Daleside) – signage and planting suggested by resident.

**Resolved:** *The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact DCC regarding a new street sign for Westhills Close. The Council also agreed for the Clerk to bring quotes for a planter to the next meeting, to be situated near to the noticeboard at Westhills Close (with DCC permission required). The Clerk reminded the Council that a budget was agreed in January 2021 for new planters in the area.*

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## **7. Financial Matters:**

### **a) Payments**

**Resolved:** *The following payments were agreed (and invoices will be signed by the Chair at the next meeting held in person):*

- (1) The sum of £282.20 be paid to J Kelly (Clerk service, 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May, 30 hours inclusive of two hours from the training budget for CILCA)
- (2) The sum of £3.49 be paid to J Kelly (HP ink, June)
- (3) The sum of £19.99 be paid to J Kelly (Anti-virus software for laptop)

### **b) Receipts**

**Resolved:** *The following receipts were noted and will be signed by the Chair at the next meeting in person:*

- PAYE (to HMRC) May hours, June submission (£70.60)
- Printer subscription with HP - see item 7(a)2. above (£3.49 June)
- Norton anti-virus (replacing McAfee previous subscription) – see item 7(a)3. above.

### **c) Bank statements and direct debits**

**Resolved:**

Statements checked:

- May 2021 – not received, so will be checked in July meeting.

Direct debits (and standing orders) checked by the Chair and to be signed at next meeting held in person:

- HMRC – May statement (April submission, £94.00)
- Anglian Water trading as Wave (quarterly) – next due on June statement.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

08 July 2021 to commence at 7.00pm.

*The meeting terminated at 20.44.*

**Chairman**

**Date**

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