

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

Kimbleworth and Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Kimbleworth and Plawsworth Parish Council held in the Community Centre, Nettlesworth, DH2 3PN, on Thursday 9 February 2023 @ 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors – Burnip, Craig (Chair), Elley, Inman, Jackson, and Walker.

Also

in attendance – John Kelly (Parish Clerk), and County Councillors Waldock and Wilson.

1. Welcome:

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence:

There were written apologies offered from Cllr Rippon.

Resolved: Council noted apologies.

3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

No interests were declared.

4. Minutes of Council meeting – Ordinary Meeting 13 January 2023:

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 13 January 2023 were approved by the Council, subject to one minor typing error requiring amendment.

5. Parish Matters and on-going items:

a) County Councillors' Report

Councillor Wilson has not had the chance to contact Walldridge Football Club yet to discuss how they can assist the community (they currently rent and utilise the football field). Councillor Walldock advised the Council that Speed Watch will carry out a check soon and will contact the Clerk. Councillor Wilson said a planning committee will decide on a new solar farm on 1st March – if the project proceeds, there may be significant money available for the surrounding communities. The playground upgrades at Nettlesworth and Kimblesworth will be carried out in May 2023. The safety mats will be upgraded where damaged. Cllr Walker reported the gate is broken at the park and Councillor Wilson will request this be fixed. Quad bikes were discussed, and any reports of anti-social driving should be made to PCSOs. Karbon Homes have not engaged regarding parking at The Crescent.

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

b) Highways, paths, and road signage

The dropped kerb on the B6312, on the walk down the bank from Nettlesworth has been reported again by County Councillors - there is no way to travel to the A167 without going onto the road – this was first reported by the Parish Council in Autumn 2021. The village sign for Kimblesworth at Cedar Avenue still shows visible graffiti - Councillor Wilson had previously advised he would chase up a replacement earlier in 2022. The Council would like to renew and/or resite the 30mph signs for Nettlesworth. A quote has been received from DCC to install the car park (23 spaces) at Ugly Lane (£9,745), and the work may be carried out by July 2023. It will be funded from Towns and Villages money. Councillor Wilson said temporary no parking signs (for the school to place when school starts and ends) cannot be placed, as they may add to the issues at this location. The Clerk was asked to contact DCC again regarding the advertisement of the lollipop person position.

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

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

The contractor has booked the work in for late-March 2023 and drainage plans from DCC have now been sent.

Resolved: *To note update.*

d) Community Centre Report

The lease has still not been renewed. Free meals are now served 3.30-5.30pm for children, every Monday.

Resolved: *To note update.*

e) Planning and Licence Applications

The following applications were discussed:

- none

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

f) Allotments

Slabs of green slate have been found at the allotments – it has been discovered these were formerly placed at Yarm's war memorial. The Clerk will contact Yarm Town Council to ask what the intention was when they updated their memorial in recent years. The Environment Agency has inspected the allotments due to a complaint of a plot being used for business and excessive fires. The Agency found no evidence of this. The Parish council noted the complaint may be historic from 2021, when one tenant breached their agreement on multiple occasions.

Resolved: *To note update.*

g) Newsletter

Some items were offered by Councillors for the following edition of the newsletter in 2023.

Resolved: *Possible future items passed to Clerk.*

h) Section 106 money

No further applications for section 106 money were suggested this month.

Resolved: *Item deferred.*

i) HR Panel Terms of Reference and Staff Appraisal Policy

The Council reviewed the terms of reference and policy and agreed them both for another year.

Resolved: *Terms of Reference and Staff Appraisal Policy agreed.*

j) Assets Register

The Council reviewed and agreed the Assets Register.

Resolved: *Assets Register agreed.*

k) Risk Register

The Council reviewed and agreed the KPPC Risk Register.

Resolved: *Risk Register agreed.*

l) Charitable organisations

Discussion regarding charitable organisations was deferred for another meeting.

Resolved: *Item deferred.*

m) Grants

There were no grant applications to consider.

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

n) Training

- None

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

o) Correspondence

- Litter at private land to the rear of Tanhills was reported.
- Director of Riversdale Homes with invite to visit supported living (people with autism) at Eureka Mews.

Resolved: *Correspondence noted. The Clerk advised he would re-circulate the procedure for councillors to report issues to county councillors. The Clerk will contact Riversdale Homes to arrange a date for councillors to visit the new supported accommodation.*

6. Financial Matters:

a) Payments

Resolved: *The following payments were agreed (and invoices signed by the Chair):*

- (1) The sum of £279.70 be paid to J Kelly (Clerk service, 1st – 31st January), 26 hours.
- (2) The sum of £4.49 be paid to J Kelly (HP ink, January)

b) Receipts

Resolved: *The following receipts were noted and will be signed by the Chair:*

- PAYE (to HMRC) January hours, February submission (£70.00)
- Printer subscription with HP - see item 6(a)2 above (£4.49 January)

c) Bank statements and direct debits

Resolved:

Statements checked:

- December 2022 (no.159)

Direct debits (and standing orders) checked by the Chair and signed:

- HMRC – no payments on December statement.

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7. Date of Next Meeting

09 March 2023 to commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting terminated at 20.12.

Chairman

Date