

# **Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors G Kendall (Chair), A Holden, D Inman, L Gillhespy, D Bruce, L Walker, L Walker, P Beard

Also present was County Councillor, Mr Simon Wilson

## **38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made verbally:

Councillors Inman, Bruce, Gillhespy, Walker, Walker and Kendall declared interests in relation to any matters relating to Plawsworth and Kimbleworth Community Association and Kimbleworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force.

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

3 local residents were in attendance to discuss issues regarding parking in the vicinity of the village shop near to Tanmeads. The residents raised their concerns with the Members and made suggestions as to how the situation could be improved.

County Councillor Wilson agreed to raise the issues with the Police, local PCSO and Neighbourhood Warden and liaise directly with the residents.

The Chairman raised similar issues regarding parents parking near the school and the hazards this subsequently caused. This too would be dealt with by the County Councillor.

The residents also raised concerns regarding the poor condition of the village, with areas being overgrown with weeds and unkempt. The Parish Council acknowledged that in the future, this might be an issue that they would need to tackle directly in the absence of such support from the County Council.

## **41 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20 JULY 2017**

**RESOLVED:** “That the minutes of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 July 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.”

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

## **42 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 30. – 2 quotes had already been provided however a 3<sup>rd</sup> needed to be obtained and forwarded to the Clerk in accordance with what had previously been agreed. Only then could the £350 grant be released.

Minute 37. – Slightly more than the agreed £100 had been spent, Members approved this overspend.

## **43 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

## **44 CORRESPONDENCE**

Commemorative Bench – The Clerk reported a request that had been made by a local resident to have a bench erected in memory of her mother. It was agreed that the County Councillor would make enquiries as to what was involved with this venture.

Standards Training Session – A free Standards Training Session was to be facilitated by Durham County Council on 3 October 2017.

## **45 ACCOUNTS, APPROVAL OF YEAR-END ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:-** “ That the following accounts be paid in full:-

Changing Lives - £80.00 – Newsletter Delivery  
Community Association - £39.00 – Room Hire  
Councillor Gillhespy - £119.00 – Newsletter costs  
Councillor Gillhespy - £146.00 – Reimbursed for purchase of plants  
J Lawton - £525.91 – Salary  
HMRC – 134.71 – PAYE Deductions  
J Lawton - £35.37 – Mileage  
Task Force - £930.00 – Donation”.

## **46 APPOINTMENT TO WORKING GROUPS**

Following discussions and votes, the following appointments were agreed:-

Allotments – Councillors Beard and Lisa Walker  
Newsletter – Councillors Gillhespy and Inman  
Parish Paths – Councillors Inman, Kendall and Bruce.

## **47 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

### **Allotments**

It was agreed that pest control could be purchased by Councillor Beard up to the value of £50.00. It was further agreed that a tenant who had been subletting his plot could be served with an eviction notice.

### **Newsletter**

Members extended their thanks to Councillor Gillhespy for getting the latest edition out so promptly.

### **Parish Paths**

It was agreed that a walk of the paths should be arranged.

## **48 CDALC**

Nothing was reported

## **49 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Councillor Wilson provided an update in relation to County Council business which was relevant to the Parish area.

**Planning application at West Farm** – Councillor Wilson would chase the Section 106 money for the outdoor play area.

**Speed Limits** – Councillor Wilson was to approach a local volunteer to see whether they would undertake speed checks.

**Dog Fouling** – These issues would be reported to the Neighbourhood Warden.

**Cricket Club** – Councillor Wilson to let the Club know that the Council could be approached for financial support.

**Bins** – This issue had now been sorted out.

**Trees** – The problem trees were on Karbon land and not County Council land as previously thought, Councillor Wilson would therefore pursue the matter accordingly.

## **50 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

It was reported that the Centre had been granted Charitable Incorporation Status.

## **51 PLANNING**

No planning applications were reported.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_Chairman