

# **Kimblesworth & Plawsworth Parish Council**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday, 12 October 2017 at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** G. Kendall (chair), L. Anders, P. Beard, D. Bruce, L. Gillhespy, A. Holden, D. Inman, Lillian. Walker, Lisa Walker

Also in attendance was County Councillor, Mr. S. Wilson.

## **52 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from the clerk

## **53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Bruce, Gillhespy, Inman, Kendall, Lillian Walker and Lisa Walker declared interests in relation to any matters relating to Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association

Councillors Bruce, Inman, Kendall, Lillian Walker and Lisa Walker declared interests in relation to Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force

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

No members of the public were present

## **55 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD 14 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**RESOLVED:** “That the minutes of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.”

The chairman proceeded to sign the minutes, which he retained to be forwarded to the clerk at an appropriate juncture.

**55a** It was noted, however, that the minutes were circulated electronically at 12.21pm on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and that this combination of timing and medium may have been insufficient for all members to be expected to give them proper scrutiny.

## **56 MATTERS ARISING**

Refer to Minute 55a (above) - It was understood that the matter of keys for the notice boards had been raised at the end of the last meeting, likely after its closure, but this had not been minuted. It was noted that there were no notices of the meeting in the parish notice boards. Councillor Beard reported that, having offered to place the notices in the notice boards, he had not yet received any keys from the clerk.

Minute 42 (discussed under Minute 60, below) - Councillor Bruce reported she had obtained and submitted a third quote for the carpet and forwarded this to the clerk, but it had not been circulated.

The preferred quote was £444 for Franks in Chester-le-Street.

**RESOLVED:** “That a grant of £444 be issued to Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association for the fitting of a carpet. Before issuing the grant, the third quote, from Mayfair Carpets, would be circulated to all councillors.”

## **57 POLICE MATTERS**

Councillor Bruce circulated two copies of the most recent local PACT report she had received from the PCSO Adam Wignall.

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

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

No members of the public were in attendance

## **59 CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was brought to the meeting.

## **60 ACCOUNTS / GRANT APPLICATIONS**

In the absence of the clerk, no accounts were available for inspection.

**RESOLVED:** “That signatories on the Council’s existing bank account be updated as soon as possible.”

- Councillor Bruce to visit the Cooperative Bank and arrange the necessary papers.

With the proviso that there is not a requirement for the clerk to remain a signatory, it was

**RESOLVED:** “That councilors Beard, Bruce, and Kendall be made signatories on the account, that Councillor Holden remains a signatory and that Councillor Toms and ex-Councillor Barclay cease to be signatories.”

**RESOLVED:** “That a grant of £285 be issued to Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force for the purposes specified in the application.”

## **61 APPOINTMENT OF CDALC REPRESENTATIVE**

The matter was deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

## 62 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

### Allotments

It was reported that the letters to allotment tenants asking for rent had still not been sent. It was decided that, if the chairman received either confirmation that the clerk did not intend to continue in her position, or a proper letter of resignation, he would write a letter to the allotment holders himself.

Councillor Beard requested that he be provided with an up-to-date list of allotment holders.

### Newsletter

Councillor Gillhespy requested that all news items be submitted to her by 30<sup>th</sup> November so that it could be assessed whether there would be sufficient publication for a December newsletter.

Councillor Inman would write an article about problems with traffic control and parking for the newsletter.

- See also Minute 68, below

## 63 CDALC

Nothing was reported

## 64 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

As Mr. Wilson had to leave the meeting early, he delivered his verbal report and took questions at the beginning of the meeting. Issues raised included the following:

- **The local neighbourhood warden** had been on sick leave, but was expected to return to work soon.
- **Section 106 money:** Mr Wilson reported his understanding that the £12,485 available under the Community Infrastructure Levy was ear-marked for public art, not off-site play equipment. These actual amounts and allocation were queried by the Council.
  - Mr. Wilson to consult his colleague, Heather Liddle, on the issue and Councillor Bruce to consult past minutes from KNCTF (from around 2014).
- **Fly tipping at Woodland Terrance** had been reported. Mr. Wilson suggested using the fly-tipping line, online, or Crime Stoppers (101) if they think someone is a waste carrier.
- **Speeding:** There had been no response to queries made with regard to moving the visors around that indicate the speed or passing vehicles and/or warnings of speeding. Mr. Wilson reported that unmarked police cars were present in response to more reported incidents of speeding.
- Councillor Holden raised complaints from residents about the number of dogs using recreation ground outside the Community Centre.
- **Trees behind Briar Close:** Mr. Wilson reported that the fallen trees had been “logged” (in

the records!), but that he had heard nothing further and would pursue the matter.

## **65 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT.**

Concillor Inman delivered the report, which covered matters relating to the Centre's newly formed charity and its transferral to this. Also, there had been problems resolving a gas bill for £8376.91, which was not believed to be correct and for which the Centre did not have the funds to pay.

## **66 PLANNING**

No planning applications were reported.

## **67 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm

## **68 ANY OTHER BUSINESS** (at the discretion of the chair)

Councillor Anders raised the possibility of organizing an "in bloom" group to improve the village environment. Councillor Holden made suggestions as to how this could be done. It was suggested that someone would write a piece about this for the parish newsletter. Councillor Anders would forward this to Councillor Gillhespy for publication.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_Chairman