

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 9 November 2017 at 7.00pm

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

69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bruce and L Anders.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made verbally:

Councillors Inman, Walker, Walker and Kendall declared interests in relation to the Grant Application which was to be considered later in the meeting.

Councillors Gillhespy, Inman, Walker, Walker and Kendall declared interests in relation any matters pertaining to the Community Association.

71 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

72 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED: “That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.”

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

73 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

The Chairman reported an issue which he was raising on behalf of Councillor Anders. There was an issue regarding people trying house doors in the vicinity of Tanmeads. Any residents suspecting or witnessing anything should be encouraged to call 101 for a squad car to attend.

74 CORRESPONDENCE

Land adjacent to 11 Hillmeads – Correspondence had been received from DCC regarding a request they had received to purchase land adjacent to 11 Hillmeads. Though no reason for the purchase was reported, a plan of the specific area had been sent for Members consideration. Following discussions Members agreed they had no objections to make to the application.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety – A letter had been received from a local resident which raised several concerns regarding vehicle parking and pedestrian safety issues in Nettlesworth.

Following due consideration it was agreed that while the Council concurred with all points raised, the responsibility to deal with all issues lay with the County Council and so the letter would be forwarded to them accordingly, with the full support of the Parish Council.

75 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillor Inman had a mandate for signatories to be changed on the bank account. For the time being the Clerk would remain as a signatory and the new signatories would be Councillors Beard, Kendall, Holden and Bruce.

Consideration was given to a grant application from the Community Task Force which sought £965.00 to run 2 x Christmas events as follows:-

- 3 course lunch for c.35 residents with the subsidy to cover all necessities above what the ticket sales will pay for;
- A Christmas disco for local children with food and games.

Seconded by Councillor Holden, Councillor Gillhespy moved that the grant be awarded and upon a vote being taken it was resolved:-

“That a grant of £965 be awarded to the Community Task Force to facilitate the Christmas events as set out in the Grant Application”.

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

Task Force - £965.00 – Donation

Community Association - £444.00 – Carpets

Task Force - £285.00 – Donation as agreed at previous meeting

Councillor Beard - £49.90 – Reimbursed for pest control

J Lawton - £525.91 – Salary

HMRC – 134.71 – PAYE Deduction”.

76 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments

There were still some rents outstanding however some tenants had paid various Councillors. The Clerk was unable to send remaining letters until the collected payments were all received.

77 CDALC

Nothing was reported. The Clerk would provide any updates of relevance to the Parish Council in future.

78 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no County Councillor in attendance.

Councillor Inman advised that some residents had asked for a grit bin outside of the church. This was something which the County Councillor had been looking into however no response had as of yet been received.

79 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Inman provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. The discrepancy regarding the gas bill had now been resolved and the Association would be moving over to its new charitable status in January.

New carpets were to be laid on 20 November and the Peterlee Fire Company would be coming the next week to carry out the annual service. The roof was also getting repaired in early December.

80 NEWSLETTER

Members discussed various articles for inclusion in the next newsletter. Following discussions it was agreed that Councillor Inman would proof read the edition before it was published. The deadline for articles would be 30 November 2017.

81 PLANNING

No planning applications were reported.

82 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 14 December 2017.

Signed _____
Chairman