

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 09 June 2022 @ 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors – Burnip, Elley, Inman, Jackson, Rippon, and Walker.

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

1. Welcome:

Councillor Jackson (vice-chair), acting as Chair of the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Craig offered written apologies.

Resolved: *Apologies were noted by the Council.*

3. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

No interests were declared.

4. Minutes of Council meetings – Annual Meeting of the Council 12 May 2022 and Ordinary Meeting 12 May 2022:

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2022 were approved as a true record by the Council. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2022 were also approved as a true record by the Council.

5. Parish Matters and on-going items:

a) County Councillors' Report

The MP for North Durham, Kevan Jones met with Karbon Homes on 1st June and asked that they engage better with parish councils – this includes KPPC's query regarding resident parking. County Councillors will provide the clerk with best contact at Karbon to engage with regarding parking installation. A parish council contribution towards new park features will be required, as part of a larger Towns and Villages bid. This bid will incorporate work to Edmondsley, Nettlesworth and Kimblesworth parks. Councillor Wilson is still pushing for a village walkaround with Karbon – they have not been forthcoming. Contracting work will begin July at Eureka Mews for supported accommodation. Councillor Waldock has reported the overgrown hedge at The Green, but it has not yet been cut – she will chase again. Clean and Green are to provide a quote before the next meeting, for the planting of cherry trees at Nettlesworth bank. There is no update on the Sniperley development, which may bring increased traffic on the A167 and provide a greater argument for signalisation.

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

b) Highways, paths, and road signage

The Clerk advised that Highways have responded to the bollard queries to advise they will be fitted in June, at the Red Lion crossing. Councillor Wilson was asked if the dropped kerb on the B6312, on the walk down the bank, had been reported yet – there is no way to travel to the A167 without going onto the road – this was first reported last Autumn. The village sign for Kimblesworth at Cedar Avenue still shows visible graffiti and the Clerk was asked to contact - Councillor Wilson, had suggested previously it could be replaced so he will chase this up.

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

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

The Clerk has now received a second quote and the Council approved the first quote. The Clerk will arrange a trough working group Zoom meeting in June – Councillor Waldock will attend as Councillor Wilson is unable to. Councillor Wilson will chase DCC Clean and Green and Highways for their confirmation the work can proceed. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with the preferred supplier.

Resolved: *Working Group to meet, Councillor Wilson to chase confirmation from relevant DCC teams, and Clerk to notify preferred supplier.*

d) Community Centre Report

The lease is still expired, but extension discussions are ongoing. PKCA thanked the Council for the grant award towards the Jubilee event. PKCA are planning for a summer event in 2023 and will request assistance from KPPC with this.

Resolved: *To note update.*

e) Planning Applications

There were no applications to discuss.

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

f) Allotments

The Council discussed the pros and cons of placing a skip on site. The Council agreed this was not a viable option due to monitoring but may revisit in 6-12 months' time. The Council agreed for the Clerk to return to the next meeting with consultation questions for a new allotment policy. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase a new council mobile phone up to £50 in value, with a pay as you go sim card – to be topped up when required. The Clerk confirmed plot 13 will soon be vacated, as notified by the tenant. The water tap was recently broken again but fixed by Councillor Jackson.

Resolved: *The Council will not place a skip on site; consultation agreed for a new allotment policy; new mobile phone to be purchased for council use; and the council noted all other updates.*

g) Newsletter

The Council agreed the Clerk can print the newsletter when final edits made.

Resolved: *The council agreed to give delegated power for the Clerk to go to print when the newsletter is complete – Councillor Inman will check the copy.*

h) Action Plan 2022-23

The Council briefly discussed actions for the year ahead but agreed to defer the item until the July meeting.

Resolved: *Item deferred.*

i) PACT meeting

The Council were advised that the local PCSOs have arranged a PACT event 6-7pm on Thu 16 June, for residents to receive advice on crime prevention and raise local issues. The Clerk will advertise the event via social media.

Resolved: *To note update.*

j) Grant applications

There were no applications to discuss.

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

[Councillor Inman left the meeting].

k) Training

There was no training to discuss.

Resolved: *Nothing to resolve.*

l) Correspondence

- Further X20 bus route, from a Kimblesworth resident.
- A167 crossing and road signage, from a Plawsworth resident.
- Kimblesworth allotments enquiry.

Resolved: All correspondence noted. It was noted the Kimblesworth allotments are not managed by the Council.

6. Financial Matters:

a) Payments

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

- (1) The sum of £258.90 be paid to J Kelly (Clerk service, 1st – 31st May, 26 hours)
- (2) The sum of £4.49 be paid to J Kelly (HP ink, May)
- (3) The sum of £5,700 be paid to Kimblesworth Cricket Club (grant – changing rooms refurbishment)
- (4) The sum of £1,500 be paid to Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association (grant - Jubilee event)

b) Receipts

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

- PAYE (to HMRC) May hours, June submission (£64.80)
- Printer subscription with HP - see item 6(a)2 above (£4.49 May)

c) Bank statements and direct debits

Resolved:

Statements checked:

- April 2022

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

- HMRC – April statement (March submission, £61.00)
- HMRC – April statement (year-end national insurance owed (December), £12.05)
- Anglian Water trading as Wave (quarterly) – not due until June statement

7. Date of Next Meeting

14 July 2022 to commence at 7.00pm.

The meeting terminated at 20.48.

Chairman

Date