

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 8 February 2018 at 7.00pm

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

115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bruce, Ms Lisa Walker, Anders and Gillhespy.

It was agreed that ongoing apologies be accepted for Councillor Bruce with the situation to be resolved in September 2018.

116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

117 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

118 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED: “That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 January 2018, be confirmed as a correct record.”

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

119 MATTERS ARISING

In relation to minute 102 Councillor Inman provided an update. It had now been accepted that the land was indeed County Council land, as such discussions would now be held with Direct Services and further updates would be provided in due course.

120 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representative from the Police in attendance, the Clerk would attempt to make contact with the relevant sources to ensure that regular PACT reports were received in the absence of any representatives.

121 BUDGET SETTING 2018/19

Consideration was given to budget allocation requirements for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. Members had previously received a report from the Clerk giving a detailed financial projection and estimated requirements.

Council discussed possible projects that might be funded during the coming year in light of the precept being increased 100%.

The projects which were suggested were as follows:-

- a)
- b) Pelican Crossing installed outside of the Community Centre- following discussions it was agreed that Councillor Holden would investigate possible associated costs.
- c) More plants for the Memorial Garden
- d) Provisional suggestion of possibly converting at least one of the green spaces in the area into carparking. Councillor Inman advised that Galliford Try had quoted approximately £8000 for one area to be done which would create approximately 8 spaces. Councillor Inman would continue to look for other estimates.
- e) Carparking at The Crescent – The Chairman would investigate possible associated costs
- f) VISOR Scheme – This would cost approximately £10,600 over an 8 year period, though costs may be reduced as a post was already in situ
- g) Park/Play Area – The Chairman advised that he had already met with a DCC representative and it was estimated that a brand new park on the football ground would cost around £70,000. It had been discussed that Kimblesworth Park was not as well used however that site was owned by the Council, the equipment was in good condition and so an extension may be feasible. The most viable area for a new park would be next to the Community Centre however it was noted that was Lord Lambtons land. DCC had agreed to liaise with Assets Department to see if Nettlesworth park could be extended and it was noted that DCC would be agreeable to making a financial contribution towards new equipment at that site. More information would be shared with the Council in due course.
- h) Commemorative bench which had previously been requested, the Clerk would see what had occurred in this regard.
- i) War Memorial – it was noted that County Councillor H Liddle had some money left to fund this.
- j) Christmas related items – In her absence, the Chairman readout a report from Councillor Anders regarding costings for Christmas items as follows:

Christmas tree - average around £800

Large pot for tree - £60-£100

Battery operated lights - £25

Compost - £20

Railings to safeguard tree - TBD

Councillor Anders had concluded by suggesting £1500 be earmarked for this project.

It was agreed that when the budget was set a new budget heading should be created for each individual project.

It was agreed that the item should be revisited at the next meeting, though it was noted that the budget need not be set until April 2018.

122 CORRESPONDENCE

AAP – An AAP Board Meeting was to be held on 26 February 2018.

Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association – It was reported that the newly formed CIO – Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association – were seeking nominations for Association Trustees and that the Parish Council was eligible to make a nomination.

It was noted that the Clerk had made an expression of interest, however the information would be circulated to all eligible members of the Parish Council for consideration.

123 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was reported that all signatories had now been updated on the Council's General Account. It was noted that the Council still held a deposit account which was never used and currently held a balance of £3179.96. It was agreed that this account should be closed down and the balance transferred into the General Account.

RESOLVED: "That authority be granted for payment of the following accounts:

Mr W Reed – Allotment Land Rent - £150.00
CDALC – Training Fee - £351.00
Community Association – Room Hire - £52.00".

124 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – It was reported that there was still one vacant plot.

It was also agreed that when the annual rent demand letters were issued, tenants would be reminded of the expectations that all tenants observed orderly conduct, respectful behavior and that all plots were kept in good condition.

125 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

126 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no County Councillor in attendance.

127 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

128 NEWSLETTER

There was nothing to report.

129 CLERKS APPRAISAL

The Clerk had provided several dates for when her appraisal could be held. The Chairman would liaise with Councillor Gillhespy to find a suitable time.

130 PLANNING

No planning applications were reported.

131 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 8 March 2018.

Signed _____
Chairman