

KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors A Holden, J Barclay, R Harrison, D Inman, T Kingston and S Wilson.

150 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Kendall & M Toms.

151 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2016 & 11 FEBRUARY 2016

It was noted that apologies from Councillor Kendall were not recorded in the minutes of the meeting held 11 February 2016. The amendment was noted.

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council held on 14 January & 11 February 2016, as amended, be confirmed as a correct record."

152 MATTERS ARISING

Community Centre Payments – It was noted that, further to previous discussions, payment had not yet been released to the Community Centre for a Legionnaires Assessment and also for utility bills. It was agreed that payments were not to be released until invoices were forwarded to the Parish Council.

As such, the Clerk would chase the invoices and upon receipt, payments would be sanctioned up to a combined value of £1500.00.

A167 – Councillor Wilson reported that he had made enquiries about the possibility of repairs to the road surface on the northern approach to the roundabout at Plawsworth, but that the soonest Durham County Council would consider scheduling such repairs would be 2017-2018.

Notice Boards - Councillor Kingston reported that two noticeboards had now been replaced and a further two would be replaced in the coming week.

Village Green Consultation – Members discussed arrangements for the forthcoming Village Green Public Consultation event.

153 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Barclay declared an interest in a grant application which was to be considered later in the meeting from the Community Café.

154 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

155 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

156 BUDGET REQUIREMENTS 2016/17

Consideration was given to budget allocation requirements for the financial year 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. Members had previously received a report from the Clerk giving a detailed financial projection and estimated requirements.

Council agreed to create a new budget allocation for the Community Cafe with an agreed allocation of £3000.00.

It was further agreed to amend the budget heading “Community Centre Works” to just “Community Centre”.

It was further agreed that Planters should be an item of discussion for the next Parish Council meeting.

157 CO-OPTION TO CURRENT VACANCY

The Clerk advised that she had recently received an expression of interest from a local gentleman regarding the current Parish Councillor Vacancy. As was the case previously, it was agreed that the potential candidate be invited to submit a personal statement, which would be considered by the Council at the next available meeting.

158 BINS – LITTER/DOG/SALT

There was no further progress to discuss.

159 MEETING VENUE

It was agreed that the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

160 QUEENS 90th BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

Correspondence had been received regarding Commemorative Medals which were being produced by Tower Mint to commemorate the Queens 90th Birthday.

There was a general consensus that the Council would wish to purchase a number of the medals for children within the village, should the local school not already be doing so. The Clerk was to make further enquiries.

161 INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Clerk reported that the renewal schedule for the Parish Council Insurance Policy had been received from Zurich, the cost of renewing was £251.85.

Resolved:- "To renew the Council's insurance with Zurich for the year 2016/17 in accordance with the schedule as received and at a cost of £251.85".

162 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

Councillor Barclay left the meeting while the following item was discussed.

Grant Application – Consideration was given to a Grant Application from the Community Task Force, copies of which had previously been circulated. The grant sought financial assistance of £1000.00 to assist with the costs of facilitating the Café, in particular the salary of the Chef.

Councillor Harrison moved that the grant be approved, seconded by Councillor Holden.

Resolved:- "That a donation of £1000.00 be awarded to the Community Task Force to assist with associated costs of running the facility".

Councillors Barclay joined the meeting.

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

- J Lawton – postage costs - £12.04
- Community Association – Room Hire - £26.00
- Councillor T Kingston – reimbursement for noticeboards - £124.99
- Community Task Force – Donation - £1000.00
- Zurich – Insurance Renewal - £251.85

163 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – Further to discussions, Members agreed to freeze the allotment rent charges at the £20.00 charge which had been applied for 2015/16.

164 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

165 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Wilson advised that further to concerns which had been requested by members of the public, he had requested a speedwatch to be undertaken in the area.

166 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Barclay reported that a pre-school group was now up and running in the centre and was proving to be very popular.

167 PARISH NEWSLETTER

There was nothing to report.

168 PLANNING

No planning applications had been brought for the Council's consideration.

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Chairman