

KIMBLESWORTH & PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors G Kendall, A Holden, D Inman and M Toms.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The outgoing Chairman, Councillor A Holden, invited nominations for the appointment of Chairman.

RESOLVED: "That Councillor G Kendall be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year."

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: "That Councillor A Holden be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year."

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Anders.

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13 APRIL 2017

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 April 2017, copies of which had previously been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Minute 147 – The Clerk advised that in relation to Minute 147, a thank you letter had been received from Citizens Advice County Durham in respect of the £50 donation made by the Parish Council..

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Inman, Kendall and Toms all declared interests in relation to any matters relating to the Community Association.

7 ISSUES/QUESTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Although no members of the public were in attendance, Councillor Inman advised of an issue which had been brought to his attention by a local resident. The issue related to the lack of grasscutting undertaken in the vicinity of Church View, it was agreed this was a matter to be raised with the local County Councillors.

8 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

9 APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was agreed that approval of existing Financial Regulations be deferred until the next meeting to allow newly elected Councillor Anders an opportunity to acquaint herself with the document.

10 APPROVAL OF CURRENT STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed that approval of existing Standing Orders be deferred until the next meeting to allow newly elected Councillor Anders an opportunity to acquaint herself with the document.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

Vacancies following election – The Clerk briefed Members on advice which had been provided by CDALC in relation to the filling of any vacant seats on the Council following the local elections. As there were 6 vacant seats and no legal requirement to advertise those vacancies, it was agreed that known interested parties be invited along to the next meeting. The process at that meeting would be that each potential candidate would be invited before Council in turn, to give a brief verbal statement on why they would wish to serve on the Council. Following all statements, the Council would decide who they wished to co-opt.

PSPO – Advertising materials had been received from Durham County Council, providing information about the new Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control which would come into force across the county on 1 June 2017.

12 ACCOUNTS

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

Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Community Association - £65.00 – Room Hire
Graphic Print – £235.00 – Newsletter
CDALC - £229.47 – Annual Subscription Fees”.

13 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

There was nothing to report.

14 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

15 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no County Councillor in attendance.

16 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Inman provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. The Association was soon to hold an AGM and various compliance issues were being dealt with.

17 PARISH NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was now ready to be collected from Graphic Print and Councillor Inman kindly agreed to pick it up and drop it off at Changing Lives for delivery.

18 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to report.

Signed _____
Chairman