

## **KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**PRESENT:** Councillors A Holden, D Inman, , T Kingston, D Bruce, E Morton, S Wilson, M Toms, R Harrison and J Barclay.

### **74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kendall and Walker.

### **75 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2016**

**RESOLVED:** "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 October 2016, be confirmed as a correct record".

### **76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Inman, Bruce and Barclay declared an interest in the grant application which was to be considered later in the meeting.

### **77 MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Consideration was given to the following motion which had been proposed by Councillor Toms and seconded by Councillor Inman:-

***"That the normal monthly Parish Council meeting cannot be postponed under any circumstances unless the Clerk has received apologies of absence that results in a quorum not being possible".***

Council accepted the motion by majority vote.

The Clerk advised that in accordance with legislation, the Council was only required to meet no less than 4 times a year and that one of those meetings must be the annual meeting. However Council could make an agreement at each annual meeting as to the frequency of meetings to be held during the coming year. As such, "frequency of meetings" would be addressed at all subsequent Annual Meetings.

It was further agreed that should a quorum not be possible for any future meeting, that all Councillors be notified immediately.

Finally it was also agreed that all future agendas should itemise Date and Time of Next Meeting as an item of business.

The Clerk also advised that should she ever be unable to attend a meeting, the meeting could still be held, in such instances should appoint a Member to take minutes in the Clerks absence.

## **78 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## **79 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

## **80 CHANGING LIVES**

Correspondence was reported regarding a Conservation Open Day to be held at Changing Lives to which all Councillors were invited.

## **81 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

Members were advised of a consultation which was being run by Durham County Council regarding the possible introduction of a Public Space Protection Order which would provide greater enforcement powers in relation to dog ownership issues.

## **82 ACCOUNTS**

The Clerk presented a financial report which detailed all current spending to date against every budget heading set by the Council at the beginning of the year. This would be reported regularly to Council from now on as a matter of course.

Consideration was given to a grant application which had been submitted by Kimblesworth & Nettlesworth Community Task Force which sought £500 to run 2 Christmas celebration events, one focusing on residents aged over 60 and the other being a Christmas party for local children. After presenting the grant application, Councillors Barclay, Bruce and Inman left the room while the application was considered by remaining Members.

Those Members noted that despite only £500 being requested, the total cost of both events was just £650. After due consideration, Councillor Wilson moved that the Parish contribute the total £650.00 to facilitate both events, this was seconded by Councillor Harrison. Upon a vote being taken it was **RESOLVED** to donate £650.00 in order that the Community Task Force could facilitate both events in their entirety.

Councillors Barclay, Bruce and Inman rejoined the meeting.

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

Community Task Force - £650.00 - Donation

Changing Lives - £80.00 – Newsletter Delivery

Councillor Kingston – Pest Control - £43.96”.

### **83 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Councillor Wilson provided an update in relation to County Council business which affected the Parish area. Members recalled a recent meeting which was attended by local resident Mr Westgarth, who had raised concerns regarding litter collections in the Tanmeads area. It was reported that this issue had now been resolved.

Councillor Barclay raised concerns regarding a large shipping container which had been left in the area from when roadworks had been carried out. Councillor Wilson agreed to look into the matter.

Councillor Bruce queried whether the bus stop which was located next to the traffic island could be relocated as it was in a dangerous position. Councillor Wilson would make relevant enquiries.

### **84 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Allotments – Councillor Kingston advised that in accordance with a previous agreement by the Council, he had purchased more pest control costing £43.96.

Planters – Council gave thought to the appearance of the planters. Following consideration it was agreed that during the winter season, the upper tiers should be left in place. It was agreed that Changing Lives should be approached to see whether they would be willing to undertake the upkeep of the planters, suggesting a £300 annual budget for plants and a £100 honorarium for undertaking the works.

### **85 CDALC**

Councillor Harrison advised that thanks to the support of the Parish Council he had once again been elected as one of the Vice Presidents of CDALC. An update was provided on two motions which CDALC was hoping all local Councils would adopt.

### **86 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

Councillors Barclay provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. The works required on the roof had now been done and the café remained closed. An open day had recently been held and though it went ok it could have been better attended.

### **87 PARISH NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk was hoping to get an edition out sometime soon and Councillor Barclay was going to pass on contacts who would normally contribute articles.

### **88 PLANNING**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman