

KIMBLESWORTH AND PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 8 October 2015 at 6:30pm.

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

68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Bruce, G Kendall and R Harrison.

69 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 September 2015, be confirmed as a correct record".

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

70 MATTERS ARISING

Church Sign – Councillor Barclay advised that the PCC had offered to pay £200.00 towards the cost of the Church Sign.

Councillor Barclay left the meeting while the remaining Members considered whether the Parish Council would be willing to pay the remaining balance of £308.48.

RESOLVED :- "That the Parish Council would pay the balance of the church sign less the £200.00 contribution from the PCC".

Himalayan Balsam – Members discussed the previous issue which had been raised by a member of the public regarding Himalayan Balsam. DCC had seemed quite clear that they weren't in a position to assist the gentleman with the issue as much of the problem was on private land. It was therefore the opinion of the Meeting that the resident should be encouraged to pursue the matter privately with the landowner.

71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Wilson declared an interest in any planning applications which were to be considered.

72 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

73 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

74 CO-OPTION TO CURRENT VACANCY

It was agreed that as no-one had followed up on an interest to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, all advertising should be suspended. Should any of the potential candidates who had previously expressed an interest, notify the Clerk that they still wished to be considered, then they would be invited to the November meeting of the Council.

75 AUDIT REPORT

The Clerk presented the report of the External Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2015. The Council had received a pleasing report with just a few minor points raised to be addressed over the coming year.

RESOLVED:- “That the Audit Report for 2014/15, be received”.

76 ACCOUNTS

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

Mrs L Gladders – Internal Audit - £100.00
BDO – External Audit - £120.00

77 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – Councillor Kingston reported that more pest issue at the allotments was getting worse, the main problem was that there was no-one at the allotments to distribute pest control.

It was agreed that ahead of a future meeting of the Parish an informal meeting be held to which all allotment tenants would be invited, providing an opportunity for any issues to be raised. Several Councillors would attend the meeting with the Clerk.

78 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

79 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor S Wilson provided an update in relation to County Council business relevant to the Parish Council. Updates were provided in relation to the Fire & Rescue Service Bonfire Strategy, the AAP Wheels to Work initiative, the forthcoming Police Safety Roadshow which would visit Sacriston and the 20mph initiative which was being piloted around certain primary schools, one of which was St Cuthberts, Sacriston.

80 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

There was nothing to report.

81 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillor Barclay advised that he would endeavour to get another issue published in December.

82 PLANNING

The Council continued discussions from the previous meeting regarding planning application DM/15/02340/FPA. As previously agreed, the Clerk had submitted a lengthy letter of objection to the County Council on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Inman advised that various amendments had since been made to the application, however the amended plans had not been put out to consultation again by the County Council. While some of the amendments were pleasing, the Parish Council were still unable to support the application.

It was agreed that when the item was listed for consideration by the North Area Planning Committee, Councillor Inman would attend to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

Signed _____
Chairman