

KIMBLESWORTH & PLAWSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 14 May 2015 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J Barclay, D Bruce, A Holden (Chairman), D Inman, R Harrison, T Kingston, L Walker and S Wilson.

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

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

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

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Kendall and M Toms.

4 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 9 APRIL 2015

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 April 2015, copies of which had previously been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Bins – Councillor Wilson reported information which he had now received from Durham County Council regarding parish bins. The cost of emptying bins would be charged at £1.48 per occasion.

As per discussions at the previous meeting, the Council resolved to purchase one new litter bin and one new dog bin. Enquiries would be made of the County Council as to the recommended regularity for bins to be emptied. Enquiries would also be made as to how much notice the Parish Council would need to

give the County Council should it decide to alter the regularity of emptying the bins.

Church Sign – Councillor Wilson reported that the matter remained ongoing and no progress had been made since the previous meeting.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7 ISSUES/QUESTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

8 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

9 APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED: “That Members be appointed to serve on Sub Committees and to represent the Parish Council as follows:

Appointments for 2015/16

Parish Paths	Cllr D Inman and Cllr M Toms
Allotments	Cllr T Kingston and Cllr L Walker”.

It was agreed that the Financial Advisory Committee was no longer required.

The Clerk agreed to obtain and circulate information regarding Youth Council’s.

10 CDALC REPRESENTATIVE

RESOLVED: “That Councillor M Toms be appointed as the Council’s CDALC representative for the ensuing year.”

11 ADOPTION OF MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The item was deferred until the next meeting.

12 APPROVAL OF CURRENT STANDING ORDERS

The item was deferred until the next meeting.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

Vacancy – The Clerk reported that she had now received confirmation from Durham County Council that the period for displaying the Notice of Vacancy had expired and there had been no calls to hold an election.

Members agreed to carry the vacancy for the time being and revisit the matter in September.

14 ACCOUNTS

Consideration was given to a grant application which had been submitted by the Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force. The application sought £50 to buy plants, shrubs and gravel for the war memorial garden.

Seconded by Councillor Barclay, Councillor Wilson moved that the application be approved and upon a vote being taken it was,

RESOLVED: “That a donation of £50 be granted to the Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force for the reasons set out in the recent grant application”.

15 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments – It was reported that there remained issues regarding an adequate provision of pest control and that some allotment tenants felt that more was required to resolve current issues. Following discussions it was agreed that the pest control which had recently been purchased should be allowed time to take effect and the matter should be revisited at a later date.

It was noted that not all allotment tenants resided within the Parish boundary. It was therefore agreed that in future, 2 waiting lists should be operated and that first refusal on any vacant allotment should be given to any residents on the waiting list from within the Parish boundary, prior to being offered to people from outside the Parish area.

It was further agreed that the current Tenancy Agreement document should be reviewed at the next meeting of the Council.

Parish Paths – Councillor Inman reported that a survey of some of the parish paths had now been undertaken and more may be surveyed in the future. Councillor Inman advised that he might hold a stall at the forthcoming fair to provide information on the paths.

Website – Councillor Harrison passed on information regarding the provision of a free web service for local councils.

16 PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Council discussed the possibility of replacing or at least repairing the 3 parish notice boards. It was agreed that Councillor Kingston would look into replacing the seals, meanwhile Councillor Bruce would approach Changing Lives to explore the possibility of them making new boards. In the event that Changing Lives would be able to undertake the works, it was agreed that plaques would then be placed on the noticeboards stating who had made them.

17 CDALC

Councillor Harrison advised of a free Council Tax event which was being hosted by Durham County Council during June. The Clerk was already due to attend, it was agreed that she be accompanied by the Vice Chairman.

18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Councillor Wilson provided an update. It was reported that the Bishop was leading a Prayer Walk the following week which would pass through the parish.

Concerns had been raised regarding the wall at the turning into Kimblesworth and in particular that lorries turning in that road were mounting the kerb. The possibility of widening the road was discussed. The Chair and Vice Chair were both keen to have the wall retained and simply realigned. Councillor Wilson agreed to explore the issue with the Highways Authority.

19 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Inman provided an update in relation to the Community Centre. It was noted that the Annual Meeting date had been changed to next month.

20 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillor Barclay advised that the next edition would be issued during July and the Council had discussions about items of business which could be included.

21 PLANNING

There were no planning applications to report.

Signed _____
Chairman