

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 20th July 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors. L Anders, A Holden, D Inman (Acting Clerk) and G Kendall

Also present were Peter Beard, Donna Bruce, Lorraine Gillhespy, Lillian Walker, Lisa Walker and County Councillor, Mr Simon Wilson

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In the absence of the clerk, declaration of interest forms were not available. The following declarations were made verbally:

Councillors Inman and Kendall declared interests in relation to any matters relating to Plawsworth and Kimbleworth Community Association and Kimbleworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force.

- See also, ACCOUNTS, YEAR END ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS, below.

21 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance.

22 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 25th MAY 2017

RESOLVED: “That the minutes of the proceedings at the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.”

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes, retaining the signed copy to be passed to the Clerk.

23 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising from the minutes were raised.

24 CO-OPTION TO VACANT POSITIONS

The Council elected to proceed to fill vacant positions by co-option. ^[1]

The Chairman invited all those present wishing to join the Council to provide brief statements as to their reasons for wishing to join the Council, which they did.

All the candidates for co-option present were understood to hold the necessary qualifications and none of the statutory disqualifications to join the council and were duly proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED: “That Peter Beard, Donna Bruce, Lorraine Gillhespy, Lillian Walker and Lisa Walker be co-opted to serve as members of Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council.”

The candidates proceeded to sign acceptance forms, which were witnessed by Councillor Holden in his capacity as a magistrate ^[2].

The acceptance forms, duly signed, were retained by the chairman to be forwarded to the clerk.

25 POLICE MATTERS

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

26 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no members of the public in attendance

27 APPROVAL OF CURRENT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

In the absence of the clerk, the item was deferred.

28 APPROVAL OF CURRENT STANDING ORDERS

In the absence of the clerk, the item was deferred.

29 CORRESPONDENCE

In the absence of the clerk, no items of correspondence were noted.

30 ACCOUNTS, APPROVAL OF YEAR-END ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

In the absence of the clerk, no accounts were available for inspection.

Following co-option of new members, the newly elected Councillors, Donna Bruce, Lisa Walker and Lillian Walker declared interests in relation to Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force and Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association.

Councillor Kendall forwarded a note to the Acting Clerk that leave could be granted for a dispensation. Given the lack of a quorum to consider the matters once declarations of interest were taken into consideration, it was

RESOLVED: “That a dispensation be granted to Councillor Kendall to vote on the grant applications.”^[3]

RESOLVED: “That a grant of £930 be issued to Kimblesworth and Nettlesworth Community Task Force for the purposes specified in the application.”

RESOLVED: “That a grant of £350 be issued to Plawsworth and Kimblesworth Community Association once copies of the three quotes obtained for floor coverings have been forwarded to the Clerk”

31 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Allotments

Councillor Beard reported regarding the issuing of rat poison. While some allotment holders had been asking repeatedly for more, he opined that it would be more effective to use it in winter when the rats were hungry.

32 CDALC

Nothing was reported

33 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

The County Councillor’s report was taken at the beginning of the meeting as Mr Wilson reported he had to leave during the meeting.

Mr Wilson stated he would be attending meetings regularly, but was hesitant when asked about whether he wished to be co-opted onto the parish council.

Mr Wilson reported on the following matters:

Planning application at West Farm - This had been approved and, consequently, the Parish Council may expect Section 106 money, but the amount was still to be calculated.

Concerns were raised about the impact of the development on traffic levels. The 106 money could be spent on traffic calming measures in the immediate vicinity of the development only, but Mr Wilson was “more than happy to go to highways” to see about 20mph zones around Nettlesworth Primary School.

Changing Lives - A meeting had been held in April at Changing Lives with various parties do discuss problems relating to the anti-social behavior of some of the residents. While some residents in the parish had expected a public meeting, it was thought that to go ahead with this may have been incendiary. It was reported that representatives of the County Council emphasized the responsibility of the management at Changing Lives and that there had been some changes within the site, such as a relaxation of the blanket ban on drinking alcohol.

Gardens - Several cases of overgrown and refuse-filled gardens were raised, including bushes growing over the footpath in The Crescent. Action was being taken against a number of residents with regard to this and there was a general initiative to encourage tenants to improve the state of their gardens.

Bins - While the dog bin had been moved from the children’s play area to Boyntons, this meant there was no bin at all in the play area. This would be rectified.

Parish councillors drew the County Councillor's attention to branches overhanging the footpath on both sides of the Red Lion Bank and also the possible danger of rotting trees falling on passers-by behind Briar Close.

34 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Councillor Inman reported that recently usage had increased slightly, there were issues regarding the Community Association's move towards Charitable Incorporated status, but this was progressing slowly. Councillor Gillhespy reported that the Association had received an unexplained gas bill for £8376.91. This was not thought to be correct, but in the unlikely event it was, the implications would be serious.

35 PARISH NEWSLETTER

Councillor Inman reported that Issue 12 of the newsletter was not delivered because so many details in it were out of date by the time it was available for circulation.

Councillor Gillhespy volunteered to make enquiries about cheaper printing costs and to edit the newsletter herself.

RESOLVED: "That Councillor Gillhespy liaises with other members to produce and distribute another newsletter."

36 PLANNING

No planning applications were reported

37 OTHER BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The matter of **fly tipping** in Oak Crescent to the south end of the church yard was raised.

Councillor Kendall to pursue this with the County Councillor.

Planters: Councillors Gillhespy and Lisa Walker volunteered to tidy up the planters.

RESOLVED: "That a budget of £100 be allocated towards purchasing plants and compost for the planters."

Notes:

[1] - In accordance with Part 21 of the Representation of the People Act, 1985

[2] - As specified by Part 83 of the Local Government Act 1972.

[3] - The requirement of Part 2(a) of Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 was met. There were therefore grounds to waive restriction (b) of Section 31(4) of the Act.

Signed _____
Chairman