

Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors G Kendall (Chair), L Walker, L Gillhespy, L Walker, P Beard, D Inman.

132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bruce, Anders and Holden and County Councillor Wilson.

133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

134 ISSUES/QUESTIONS – GENERAL PUBLIC

A member of the public was in attendance and raised concerns regarding the following issues:--

- Parking on the grass in the Tanmeads area plus other obstructive parking elsewhere in the area;
- The installation of a new drain at Tanmeads had caused 2 garden walls belonging to the resident to weaken;
- Bushes overgrowing onto the path on the Red Lion Bank.

The PCSO in attendance at the meeting clarified that issues relating to parking should be escalated to Durham County Council in the first instance and the Chairman advised of the Council's intention to hopefully provide more carparking within the area.

The issue regarding the garden walls was a private matter between the resident and the Water Board.

The issue regarding the bushes would be escalated to the County Councillor.

135 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: "That the minutes of the proceedings at the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 8 March 2018, be confirmed as a correct record."

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

136 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

137 POLICE MATTERS

The local PCSO was in attendance. The latest PACT report was circulated and an update was provided on recent issues affecting the local area.

138 BUDGET SETTING 2018/19

Consideration was given to budget allocation requirements for the financial year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. Members had previously received a report from the Clerk giving a detailed financial projection and estimated requirements.

Council discussed the potential for a number of projects that had been suggested at previous meetings that might be funded during the coming year in light of the precept being increased 100%.

Updates were provided on all projects as follows:-

- a) Pelican Crossing installed outside of the Community Centre- there was no further update to report.
- b) Provisional suggestion of possibly converting at least one of the green spaces in the area into carparking. The Chairman advised that quotes were now being obtained for an additional 6 spaces and a lay-by.
- c) Carparking at The Crescent – as above.
- d) VISOR Scheme – there was no further update to report.
- e) Park/Play Area – there was no further update to report.
- f) Commemorative bench – information had been received from the applicant regarding possible locations, this information would be shared with the County Council.
- g) Christmas related items – an update had been received by Councillor Anders regarding approximate costs, following consideration Councillors felt more information was still required and would be considered again therefore at the June meeting.

It was also suggested that planters should be considered, as such this would be placed on the next agenda for consideration. All remaining budget projects would be considered again at the June meeting.

139 CORRESPONDENCE

CDALC – Correspondence had been received from CDALC regarding suggested changes to Model Standing Orders. The Clerk would apply in draft all relevant changes and bring to the annual meeting for Council's approval.

GDPR TRAINING SESSION – Notice was received of a training session regarding GDPR however as several Councillors were already due to attend a similar free session, there was no need to send any Member.

PRECEPT – Councillor Inman had recently responded to a query from a member of the public regarding the Council's precept increase. The response was to be commended

and it was agreed that it should be used accordingly should any further queries be received.

140 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

Resolved:- “ That the following accounts be paid in full:-

Zurich Municipal- £257.60 – Insurance
Councillor Gillhespy - £115.00 – Newsletter Printing
Councillor L Walker - £100.00 – Plants”.

141 WORKING GROUP REPORTS

Councillors Beard and Walker had recently attended a full day session regarding allotments hosted by CDALC and it was reported that the event had been particularly informative. There was some concern as to the terms of the lease of the allotments, the Clerk would make appropriate enquiries.

3 quotes had been obtained regarding works at the allotments to create a hard standing area for cars to park. All quotes were given due consideration following which it was RESOLVED that the contract to work should be awarded to B C Groundworks.

142 CDALC

There was nothing to report.

143 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was no County Councillor in attendance.

144 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

Co-councillor Inman provided an update in relation to the Community Association, everything was progressing nicely and all compliance work had now been undertaken.

145 NEWSLETTER

The newsletter had now been printed and a special thanks was noted for Mrs Mallows who had collected it from the printers. It would now be delivered by Changing Lives.

146 CLERKS APPRAISAL

The Clerks appraisal had been held and carried out by the Chairman and Councillor Gillhespy. All parties felt the appraisal had gone very well and an update was provided accordingly.

147 PLANNING

Consideration was given to the following applications:-

- 23 The Green, Nettlesworth – Change of use from non-residential institution to mixed use ground floor offices and first floor emergency accommodation for young people aged 11-177 in the Council's Edge of Care Service
- Blackdene Farmhouse, Plawsworth – Construction of Garden Shed.

The Council had no objections to make in respect of either application.

148 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 10 May 2018, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Signed_____Chairman