

# **Kimbleworth & Plawsworth Parish Council**

Minutes of the proceedings at the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Nettlesworth Community Centre on Thursday 8 March 2018 at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors G Kendall (Chair), L Walker, L Gillhespy, L Walker, P Beard, A Holden.

County Councillor S Wilson.

## **115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bruce, Anders and Inman.

## **116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## **118 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2018**

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

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

## **119 MATTERS ARISING**

In relation to minute 122 it was agreed that the Trustee item would be revisited at the next meeting and for now remained ongoing.

## **120 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no representatives from the Police in attendance.

## **121 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 the previous meeting that might be funded during the coming year in light of the precept being increased 100%.

The projects which were suggested were as follows:-

- a) Pelican Crossing installed outside of the Community Centre- it was agreed that the County Councillor should be asked to investigate whether this would be possible with the County Council.
- b) More plants for the Memorial Garden – Councillor Kendall moved that £100 be placed in the budget for this item, this motion was seconded by Councillor Gillhespy and subsequently agreed by Council.
- c) Provisional suggestion of possibly converting at least one of the green spaces in the area into carparking. There was no real further progress in relation to exploring this suggestion, it would therefore be discussed again at the next meeting.
- d) Carparking at The Crescent – it was agreed that the County Councillor should be asked to investigate whether this would be possible with the County Council.
- e) VISOR Scheme – An update was awaited in relation to this suggestion it would therefore be discussed again at the next meeting.
- f) Park/Play Area – Following information which was shared at the last meeting the Chairman now advised that DCC had stated play equipment could not be moved between sites. It was hoped there would be more information to consider at the next meeting.
- g) Commemorative bench - this was being dealt with by Councillor S Wilson.
- h) War Memorial – it was reported that funding was no longer available though it was hoped there would be some s106 monies once the Persimmon development got underway. As such this suggestion would be left until a later date.
- i) Christmas related items – It was reported that Councillor Anders had not provided any further information, however Councillors Beard and Gillhespy had both been quoted c.£40 for a tree. As such, quotes would now be properly obtained and a series of queries sent to Councillor Anders for consideration at the next meeting.

## **122 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resignation** – The Chairman announced that he had received a formal letter of resignation from Councillor M Toms, the letter was summarised for members. It was to be placed on record the Council's appreciation for Councillor Toms' dedication and commitment to the Council and local area and a letter would be prepared as such.

Allotment Event - The County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership was providing a full day free Allotments event in Shotton Hall, Peterlee on April 11. It was agreed that Councillors Beard and Lisa Walker would attend.

## **123 ACCOUNTS AND GRANT APPLICATIONS**

As raised at the previous meeting, it was noted that the Council still held a deposit account which was never used and currently held a balance of £3179.96. A letter had now been prepared to be signed by all current signatories and sent to the bank to request that the account be closed and all funds be transferred to the General Account.

## **124 WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

Noticeboards – A query was raised as to what content could be placed in the Council noticeboards. Following discussions it was agreed that a Meetings Diary and list of Councillors should be placed in all boards and any other regular items of Council

business. It was also agreed that the Task Force and Community Centre could also advertise along with any other local groups or organizations.

Allotments – Following due consideration it was agreed that Allotment Rents should be kept at £20 for a further year. Letters could now be issued.

## **125 CDALC**

There was nothing to report.

## **126 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

County Councillor Wilson provided an update into County Council business which affected the immediate area. Matters discussed included grit bins and how often they were filled and also several of the projects which the Parish Council was considering including in its 2018/19 budget.

## **127 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT**

A new group, Durham Theatre Group, were going to be using the facilities and Curling was also due to start. The upstairs boiler had now been repaired and a full service was to be done on the downstairs one. A lot of compliance work was also going to be getting done.

Councillor Gillhespy wished it to be placed on record her sincere gratitude to Councillor Lisa Walker who had repeatedly come out to the centre to sort the boiler out without complaint.

## **128 NEWSLETTER**

It was reported that Councillor Inman wished to take the newsletter over, it was agreed that the next edition should be postponed until all projects for the coming year were agreed.

## **129 CLERKS APPRAISAL**

The appraisal would now be held in April.

## **130 PLANNING**

No planning applications were reported.

## **131 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Thursday 12 April 2018.

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

