

# TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the January Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 13 January 2015** at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors Sheila Appleton, Eileen Dickinson, Margaret Hughes, Bernadette Oliver, George Elliott Snr., Ian Quinn, Julie Thompson, Keith Thompson and Paul Trippett.

Anne Delandre, Clerk to the Council, was in attendance; County Councillor Lucy Hovvels was in attendance to report on Durham County Council issues and PC John Seymour, Durham Constabulary, was in attendance for part of the meeting.

## 93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## 94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Davison, George Elliott and Margaret Elliot

**Resolved** that the above apologies be accepted.

## 95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## 96. POLICING IN THE PARISH

PC John Seymour, Durham Constabulary, attended the meeting and reported the crime figures for the period 11 December 2014 to 9 December 2014.

### TRIMDON VILLAGE

Burglary (Dwelling) – 1 incident  
Burglary (Other) – 1 incident  
Vehicle Crime – 1 incident  
Theft – 1 incident  
Criminal Damage – 1 incident

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

### TRIMDON VILLAGE

All ASB 94 incidences (up 15% on 2013)

Youth ASB 47 incidences (up 18% on 2013)

### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

Burglary (Other) – 1 incident  
Vehicle Crime – 1 incident  
Theft – 1 incident  
Drugs – 1 incident

### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

All ASB 55 incidences (down 14% on 2013)

18 incidences (up 64% on 2013) – but based on very low figures

Update – two males have been charged with various offences carried out before Christmas and both are remanded in custody. They have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal and are being sentenced at the end of January.

**Resolved** that the above report be noted.

PC Seymour was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

#### **97. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2014**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 December 2014 (previously circulated) be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **98. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 9 DECEMBER 2014**

In respect of Item 92(a) – the Clerk confirmed that, following consultation with the Chair, new goal posts had been purchased on behalf of Trimdon United Juniors Under 8's. A letter of thanks had been received.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

#### **99. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) To receive the following planning application:

DM/14/03839/FPA	Co-operative Food Store Church Road Trimdon Village	Relocation of existing ATM
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**Resolved** that no comment be made in respect of the above planning application.

#### **100. FINANCIAL**

a) Details of expenditure requiring payment by cheque were submitted.

**Resolved** that the payments be approved.

b) The Clerk submitted the schedule of payments made between 1 December 2014 and 31 December 2014.

**Resolved** that the schedule of payments be approved.

c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 December 2014 and 31 December 2014.

**Resolved** that the schedule of receipts be approved.

d) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) for the period ended 31 December 2014. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

**Resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) be approved and the Chairman sign the Bank Statement as confirmation of the balance.

- e) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) for the period ended 31 December 2014. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

**Resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) be approved and the Chairman sign the Bank Statement as confirmation of the balance.

#### **101. CLERK'S REPORTS**

- a) Report on the setting of the Parish Precept for 2015/2016

The Clerk submitted a report detailing the proposed budget for 2015/2016, together with the current financial situation and the anticipated balances as at 31 March 2015.

**Resolved** that the draft budget for 2015/2016 be approved.

**Resolved** That Trimdon Parish Council does not increase the parish precept and requests a precept of £148,844.

#### **102. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

- a) Trimdon United Football Club Under 15's: Blackpool International Football Tournament May 2015

A request has been received from TUFU Under 15's for a donation towards the cost of the team attending the Football Tournament.

**Resolved** that the Clerk contacts TUFU for more information on the amount of funding requested and how this will contribute towards attending the Football Tournament.

- b) Quotation from ITC Service Ltd

The Clerk advised that she had recently experienced IT problems that had been resolved by ITC Service Ltd. They have submitted a quotation for ongoing helpdesk supported Broadband.

**Resolved** that the Clerk be authorised to enter into an agreement with ITC for helpdesk supported Broadband.

- c) St Alban's Church Luncheon Club – a letter of thanks has been received for the Parish Council's donation towards the Pensioners' Christmas Party.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- d) Email from Trimdon Foundry Parish Council

An email has been received from the Clerk at Trimdon Foundry Parish Council asking if the Parish Council would like to work together to explore whether services could be delivered at a local level to help deliver Durham County Council's 'Durham Ask'.

**Resolved** that a meeting be arranged with appropriate members of Trimdon Foundry Parish Council and the Chair, Vice Chair, Leader and Clerk of Trimdon Parish Council.

- e) CDALC Invitation to Buckingham Palace Garden Party: Tuesday 12 May 2015

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- f) Invitation to attend Police & Crime Commissioner Consultation Event: Friday 30 January 2015

**Resolved** that the Clerk attends on behalf of the Parish Council.

- g) National Association of Local Councils (NALC) proposal for NALC Council of the Year 2015 Ceremony.

The Clerk advised that NALC is thinking of reinstating a ceremony to recognise the best in our sector. It is hoped that there will be an event alongside the AGM in November 2015.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- h) CDALC Newsletter Issue 50 December 2014  
i) NALC Winter 2014 Newsletter  
j) Key Messages from Local Council Working Group 9 December 2014

**Resolved** that the above publications be noted.

### **103. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

County Councillor Peter Brookes was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded his apologies. County Councillor Lucy Hovvels was in attendance and gave the following updates:

- Financial cuts continue into 2016/2017 with hard decisions required on where savings can be made. Decisions already taken on reduction in library opening times and closure of Nursing Homes
- Following the launch of the Big Ask a working group has been established to look at how the voluntary sector can be assisted and to offer support to communities to deliver services locally
- Public Health money is available to deliver the 'prevention' Agenda
- Consultation is taking place regarding the Safe Durham Partnership Plan
- The Police and Crime Commissioner is consulting on the Police Precept for 2015/2016
- Jasmine Crescent Off Street Parking – this has received funding from Durham County Council Members Initiative Fund and DCC Highways Budget
- Dunelm Road – a request for a grit bin has been refused by DCC as it does not meet the criteria
- The Public Health Director has produced a report on Social Isolation
- Spending from the Members Initiative Fund Spend has now been finalised
- Funding is available which may assist with the playing fields at Trimdon Grange

### **104. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) Problems with parking at Low Hogg Street, Trimdon Colliery have been identified.

**Resolved** that the Clerk investigates the possibility of hard standings being provided.