

# TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 11 October 2016** at 7:00pm.

**Present:** Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors Eileen Dickinson, George Elliot, Margaret Elliott, Bernadette Oliver, Robert Gilbert, Ian Quinn, David Smith and Paul Trippett.

Anne Delandre (Clerk to the Council) was in attendance to record the minutes; Sergeant Alex Clarke was in attendance to report on Police Matters and County Councillor Peter Brookes was in attendance to report on County Council matters.

## 57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Davison, Margaret Hughes, Julie Thompson and Keith Thompson.

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

## 58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Bernadette Oliver declared a non-registerable personal interest in Item 67 (teaching assistants).

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## 59. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## 60. POLICING IN THE PARISH

Sergeant Clarke attended the meeting to present the Police Report for the period 20 September 2016 to 11 October 2016.

### TRIMDON VILLAGE

Burglary (Dwelling) – 2 incidences  
Criminal Damage – 1 incident  
Assault – 5 incidences (2 domestic)  
Theft – 1 incident

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

#### TRIMDON VILLAGE

All ASB – all incidents (31% lower than same period in 2015)  
Youth ASB – 11% lower than same Period in 2015)

### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

Assault – 1 incident  
Fraud – 1 incident

#### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

all incidents (36% lower than same period in 2015)  
Youth ASB – 38% lower than same period in 2015)

Sergeant Clarke outline the key Durham Constabulary message in response to the 'Killer Clown' craze.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

Sergeant Clarke was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

## **61. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2016**

It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 20 September 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Bernadette Oliver asked that it be noted that she was disappointed with the Parish Council's decision in respect of planning application DM/16/01428/FPA. She reported that she had received complaints regarding the behaviour of dogs on this site which was preventing other parishioners from walking their dogs on the public footpath adjacent to the site and requested that County Councillor Peter Brookes look into this matter.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **62. UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2016**

- a) Consultation on proposal to remove street lights – The Clerk confirmed that John Burton, David Smith and herself had met representatives from DCC on site to discuss, in more detail, the proposals. DCC confirmed that it is not possible to remove alternate street lights or remove the street lights from one side of the road. On this basis, DCC will prepare a quotation for the replacement of the current street lights with LEDs and then incorporate this into a 10 year service level agreement price.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- b) Sho Shin Kai Karate Club – the Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Karate Club and was awaiting a response.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

- c) Trimdon Village Hall Association – confirmation has been received from Trimdon Village Hall Association that they require £750 to keep the Over 60's Project running until 30 March 2017.

**Resolved** that a grant of £750 be awarded under the Local Government Act 1973 S.137

## **63. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **64. 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 September 2016 and 30 September 2016

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

- c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 September 2016 and 30 September 2016

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

- d) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) for the period ended 30 September 2016. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

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

- e) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) for the period ended 30 September 2016. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

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

## **65. CLERK'S REPORTS**

- a) Trimfest 2016 – a report confirming details of Trimfest 2016 had been circulated with the Agenda.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

- b) Trimdon Village Allotment Society - The Clerk circulated a Report. It was recommended that the Allotment Society be disbanded and that the Parish Council establishes an Allotment Committee. It was further recommended that the funds of almost £5,000 be spent towards replacing the fencing at the north side of the allotment site. A quotation had been received from Peart Fencing to undertake this work.

### **Resolved**

1. That the report be noted.
  2. That Trimdon Village Allotment Society be disbanded and the management of the allotments be transferred back to Trimdon Parish Council.
  3. That an Allotment Committee be established to meet on a quarterly basis. The Allotment Committee to comprise John Burton, Ian Quinn, David Smith, George Elliott, Bernadette Oliver and Robert Gilbert.
  4. That the quotation from Peart Fencing be accepted.
  5. That the Parish Council pays any shortfall in the cost of replacing the fencing.
- c) Arrangements for Christmas Lights Switch On: Friday 2 December 2016 – the Clerk confirmed that the Annual Christmas Lights Switch On would take place on the Village Green, Trimdon Village between 6:00pm and 7:30pm.

Quotations to be obtained for the supply and installation of three Christmas Trees (one for each village) and for the provision of children's fairground rides. The Parish Council will provide free crisps, sweets and drinks for children and wine/soft drinks and Christmas cake for adults attending.

Ian Quinn will arrange for the decoration of the trees and Paul Trippett offered to arrange for someone to officially switch the lights on. The Clerk is to contact Trimdon Concert Brass Band with a request that they play Christmas carols.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **66. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Quotation received from Amberol for 20 no. 630mm Barrel Planters.

**Resolved** that the quotation be accepted.

b) Letter from Historic England: Trimdon Grange War Memorial Headstone. A letter has been received advising of the notification of consideration for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **67. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

- Teaching Assistants to be balloted on strike action
- ECB has approached DCC with a request that the Council continues their support to Durham Cricket Club – request to be considered by Cabinet
- DCC supports the proposed Motions for a Public Inquiry into Orgreave and the Protection of Community Pharmacies
- Funding from AAP Budget to support an upgrade of the Gym at Trimdon Community College

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

- A request for the floodlights to be switched on at the MUGA, Trimdon Colliery has been received

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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DATED .....