

TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 12 July 2016** at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors Margaret Elliott, Ian Quinn and Paul Trippett.

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

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Davison, Eileen Dickinson, George Elliott, Margaret Hughes, Bernadette Oliver, David Smith, Keith Thompson and Julie Thompson.

Resolved that the above apologies be approved.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Burton has previously been granted a dispensation to allow him to participate and vote on Parish Council business in relation to Trimdon Community College – Item 41(c) refers.

34. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Resolved that the above be noted.

35. POLICING IN THE PARISH

PCSO Chris Noble attended the meeting to present the Police Report for the period 14 June 2016 to 12 July 2016.

TRIMDON VILLAGE

Burglary (Dwelling) – 1 incident
Burglary (Other) – 2 incidences
Theft – 2 incidences
Assault – 1 incident
Other – 1 assault, 1 theft, 1 harassment
crime, 1 criminal damage

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

TRIMDON VILLAGE

All ASB – 19 incidents (51% lower than
same period in 2015)
Youth ASB – 11 incidents (39% lower than
same period in 2015)

TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

Burglary (Dwelling) – 1 incident
Theft – 2 incidences
Other – 4 assaults, 1 possession of
cannabis, 1 criminal damage

TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

9 incidents (50% lower than same period
in 2015)
2 incidents (60% lower than same period
in 2015)

Resolved that the above be noted.

PCSO Noble was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

36. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2016

It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 June 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

37. UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2016

- a) The Clerk circulated a Report on the Casual Vacancy – three expressions of interest have been received from suitable electors and a selection process must now take place at the next meeting to be held on 20 September 2016.

Resolved

1. That the above report be noted.
 2. That the three candidates be requested to submit a written statement (no more than one side of A4 paper) stating why they would like to be a Parish Councillor and what they feel they can offer to the community – to be circulated with the Agenda
 3. The closing date for the return of the written statements be 31 August 2016.
 4. The co-option to be filled via a confidential vote, by way of a ballot, to be administered by the Parish Clerk.
- b) Feedback from Durham County Council on location of proposed new Medical Centre – correspondence has been received from Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning and Assets advising that the school site is currently not available and the Council is obliged to assess and consider the current planning application in the light of current planning policies. The current planning application for the proposed medical centre has been made in outline and should planning permission be granted it does not rule out an alternative location for a health centre should an acceptable site become available.

Resolved that the Clerk thanks Mr Timmiss for his response advising that the Parish Council understands that the planning application has currently been made in outline, but expressing concerns that the current school site may be disposed of before the planning application for the health centre is determined.

- c) Update on replacement of boiler and heating: Cemetery Lodge – three quotations from local companies have been received to replace the boiler and heating at Cemetery Lodge, Trimdon Grange.

Resolved that the quotation from Goldheat Plumbing and Heating be accepted.

38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Planning applications:

DM/16/01928/FPA	13 Briar Grove Trimdon Village	Erection of Porch to front elevation
DM/16/01947/FPA	The Gables Hurworth Burn Road Trimdon Village	Render of existing dwelling and single storey extension to front and rear

Resolved that no comment be offered in respect of the above two planning applications

39. 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 June 2016 and 30 June 2016

Resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 June 2016 and 30 June 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 June 2016. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

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

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

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

40. CLERK'S REPORTS

b) Update on restoration of cast iron street sign: Front Street, Trimdon Village

The Clerk advised that work has commenced on the restoration of the cast iron street sign. The Restorer has confirmed that one of the fingers is aluminium and, as it is cracked, he is recommending that this is replaced with a cast iron finger.

Resolved that the additional expenditure to replace the aluminium finger with a cast iron finger be approved.

41. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Post Office Regional Network Manager – correspondence has been received regarding consultation on the proposal to re-open the Post Office at Wrights News, 25 Church Road, Trimdon.

Resolved that the above be noted.

b) Letter from Durham County Council: Consultation on Proposal to Remove Street Lights – B278 Salters Lane. Correspondence has been received regarding the proposal to remove a number of street lights on Salters Lane. Concerns were expressed that this proposal would leave residents at Co-Operative Terrace feeling isolated from the remainder of the village and also the 'Watch Bank' is a well-walked road and people may be unwilling to walk this in the dark should the street lights be removed.

Resolved that the Clerk liaises with Durham County Council regarding this proposal and obtains the cost of maintaining the street lights with a view to the Parish Council paying for this to ensure that the street lights can be retained.

- c) Letter from Durham County Council Asset Management – a request has been received to re-mark the Parish Council owned car park at Trimdon Junior School in order to increase the number of car park spaces as this is a condition of the planning application in respect of alterations to the Junior School.

Concerns were expressed that, as a major financial contributor to Trimdon Community College, the Parish Council is aware that the current proposals regarding the re-modelling are potentially detrimental to the Community College and their opinion on this proposal should be sought prior to approval being granted.

Resolved that the views of Trimdon Community College be sought prior to a decision being made regarding the re-marking of the car park.

- d) CDALC Durham Association News: June 2016 – circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- e) National Association of Local Council's Magazine: Summer 2016 – circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved that the above be noted.

42. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- DCC consulting on County Durham Plan Issues and Options – consultation ends 5 August 2016
- Financial cuts to be implemented for 2017/2018 – early consultation necessary
- Brexit result will mean a loss of £149M in direct European Funding to County Durham
- Brass Festival to be held in Durham City and throughout the County
- Wharton Park, Durham has recently re-opened following extensive renovation

43. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items for discussion.