

TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 8 November 2016** at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors George Elliot, Margaret Elliott, Bernadette Oliver, Ian Quinn, David Smith, Keith Thompson 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.

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Davison, Eileen Dickinson, Robert Gilbert, Margaret Hughes and Julie Thompson.

Resolved that the above apologies be approved.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Resolved that the above be noted.

71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Secretary of Sho Shin Kai Karate Club was in attendance to outline their request for funding.

Resolved that the above be noted.

72. POLICING IN THE PARISH

Sergeant Clarke attended the meeting to present the Police Report for the period 11 October 2016 to 8 November 2016.

TRIMDON VILLAGE

Burglary – 2 incidences
Criminal Damage – 2 incidences
Assault – 3 incidences
Theft – 1 incident

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

TRIMDON VILLAGE

All ASB – all incidents (23% lower than same period in 2015)
Youth ASB – 6% lower than same Period in 2015)

TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

Robbery - 1 incident
Burglary – 2 incidences
Theft – 1
Other – 5 incidences

TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

all incidents (24% lower than same period in 2015)
Youth ASB – (13% lower than same period in 2015)

Sergeant Clarke outlined a number of incidences involving residents of Parkwood Residential Home. The Neighbourhood Policing Team is currently working with officers from the Erase Team to tighten up procedures around which children are selected for the home.

Concerns were expressed that the original planning application for change of use from a cattery to a care home stipulated that only children from within a 25-mile radius would be placed in the home, and this did not appear to be happening, with children from much further afield being placed there.

Resolved

1. That the report of Sergeant Clarke be noted
2. That the Clerk writes to DCC advising that the conditions of the planning application in respect of which children are being placed in the home are not being adhered to
3. That the Clerk writes to the owners of the home (Cambrian Group) expressing concerns at the activities of some of the residents and seeking assurance that future residents will only come from within a 25-mile radius of the parish

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

73. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2016

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved that the above be noted.

74. UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2016

- a) Footpath adjacent to traveller site – County Councillor Peter Brookes contacted DCC Rights of Way Officer. He has advised that he recently walked the footpath from the former Fox and Hounds Public House towards Trimdon Grange but saw no horses or dogs in the fields which the footpath crosses.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- b) Consultation on proposal to remove street lights – quotation from DCC still awaited.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- c) Sho Shin Kai Karate Club: request for funding – following further information from the Secretary of the Club advising how many residents of Trimdon Parish Council would benefit from a donation, further consideration was given to the request.

Resolved that a donation of £1,200 be granted under the Local Government Act 1972 S.137.

- d) Christmas Lights Switch On – the Clerk confirmed that she had received quotations for the supply of 3 Christmas Trees and the supply of 3 children's rides. A letter has been sent to Trimdon Concert Brass Band requesting that they play Christmas carols.

Resolved

1. That the above be noted
2. That the quotation for the supply of three Christmas trees be accepted
3. That the quotation for the supply of three children's rides be accepted. In addition, a Refreshment Van to be supplied

- e) Historic England Consultation Report: Trimdon Grange War Memorial – the proposal to be sent to the Secretary of State was circulated with the Agenda. There were no additional comments to be made.

Resolved that the above be noted.

75. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered:

DM/16/03272/FPA	Methodist Church Rose Street Trimdon Grange	Change of use of Church to Thai Boxing and Fitness Centre
DM/16/03305/FPA	Methodist Church Rose Street Trimdon Grange	Erection and display of 6 no. non-illuminated fascia signs
DM/16/03230/PND	Trimdon Village Community Infant and Nursery School Church Road Trimdon Village	Prior notification for the demolition of former school including removal of access roads and car park

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

76. 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 October 2016 and 31 October 2016

Resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

- c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 October 2016 and 31 October 2016

Resolved that the schedule of receipts be approved.

- d) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) for the period ended 31 October 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 31 October 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.

77. CLERK'S REPORTS

- a) Update on Trimfest 2016 – The Clerk gave an update on Trimfest 2016. Feedback had been very positive from everyone who had attended the various workshops and performances. It was proposed that a similar event be held in 2017.

Resolved

1. That the above report be noted.
2. That Trimfest be held in 2017 with a budget of £15,000.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Development Manager, Trimdon Community College Association, requesting a contribution towards Christmas activities for children across the Trimdons.

Resolved that a grant of £1,000 be awarded under the Local Government Act 1972 S.137

79. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

- DCC supports the Motion to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for women in their 50's who have been affected by the change in pensionable age
- County Councillor happy to provide financial support to Trimfest 2016
- Durham Constabulary recently voted the best Police Force in the country

80. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY