

# TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 10 January 2017** at 7:00pm.

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

Anne Delandre (Clerk to the Council) was in attendance to record the minutes and Councillor Peter Brookes was in attendance to update on County Council matters. Sergeant Alex Clarke and Inspectors Sarah Honeyman and Steve Thubron were also in attendance to report on Police matters.

## 93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Julie Thompson.

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

## 94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## 95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

## 96. POLICING IN THE PARISH

PC Todd attended the meeting to present the Police Report for the period 8 December 2016 to 13 December 2016.

### TRIMDON VILLAGE

Burglary – 3 incidences  
Harassment – 3 incidences  
Assault – 3 incidences  
Theft – 2 incidences  
Criminal Damage – 2 incidences  
Theft of Vehicle – 1 incident

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

#### TRIMDON VILLAGE

All ASB – all incidents (17% lower than same period in 2016)  
Youth ASB – 3% lower than same period in 2016)

### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

Burglary – 2 incidences  
Theft from Motor Vehicle – 2 incidences  
Threats to Kill – 1 incident  
Theft – 2 incidents  
Criminal Damage – 2 incidences  
Assault – 1 incident

#### TRIMDON GRANGE/COLLIERY

All ASB incidents (10% lower than same period in 2016)  
Youth ASB – (6% lower than same period in 2016)

## **97. ATENDANCE BY MR JOHNS, REGISTERED MANAGER, PARKWOOD**

The Clerk confirmed that Mr Johns was unable to attend the meeting, but had offered to attend the February meeting.

**Resolved** that Mr Johns be invited to attend the meeting held on 7 February 2017.

## **98. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2016**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **99. UPDATE ABOUT PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2016**

- a) Incident at Park House Farm – the Clerk confirmed that she had been advised by the Chairman not to write to the Chief Constable regarding the incident at Park House Farm as the MP had arranged a meeting with representatives from Durham Constabulary, Trimdon Parish Council and Trimdon Foundry Parish Council to discuss this matter and other incidents of crime across the Trimdons.

Inspectors Honeyman and Thubron re-affirmed the assurances that were made at the meeting held with the MP that the Police presence across the Trimdons was as robust as resources allowed. Concerns were raised that residents are often too frightened to report crime for fear of repercussions. This was acknowledged, but councillors were asked to encourage residents to report incidents – email is also an acceptable form of reporting.

It was noted that the MP is holding a Surgery on 17 February and it is hoped that residents may take this opportunity to report incidents of crime.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

Sergeant Clarke and Inspectors Honeyman and Thubron were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting.

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

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **100. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Notification of Appeal Hearing Date – Combined Planning and Enforcement Appeals: Plot 1, Tyersville Stables and Plot 2 Amerston Holding and Land at Kelloe Bank, Trimdon Grange - Change of use of land to create 2 no. traveller pitches comprising 1 no. mobile home, 6 no. touring caravans and part change of use of existing stables to provide living and work areas (part retrospective)

The Clerk advised that a Planning Hearing is scheduled for 10:00am on 17 January 2017 at County Hall to discuss the above.

**Resolved** that the Parish Clerk attends to confirm the Parish Council's objections to the planning application.

- b) There were no planning applications for consideration.

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

## **101. 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 2016 and 31 December 2016

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

c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 December 2016 and 31 December 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 December 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 December 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.

## **102. CLERK'S REPORTS**

a) Report on the Budget and the setting of the Parish Precept 2017/2018

The Clerk submitted a report detailing the proposed budget for 2017/2018, together with the current financial situation and the anticipated balances as at 31 March 2017.

**Resolved**

1. That the draft budget for 2017/2018 be approved
2. That Trimdon Parish does not increase the parish precept for 2017/2018 and requests a precept of £148,761

b) Quotation for the crowning and felling of trees: Bluebell Meadow Primary School and Hart View Allotment Site, Trimdon Village

The Clerk gave details of the quotation received for the above work.

**Resolved** that the quotation from Paul Dinsley Tree & Garden Services be accepted.

## **103. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) National Association of Local Councils Magazine: Winter 2016 - circulated with the Agenda

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

#### **104. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE**

- Councillor Brookes is one of a number of County Councillors taking up the challenge of living on £58.50 a week, following a presentation to Council by a care leaver regarding the level of benefit paid
- Meeting held at TCCA to discuss refurbishment work - £30K designated from Neighbourhood Budget to refurbish the gym to make it suitable to host functions
- Issue of caravans on old Locomotive PH site referred to DCC Enforcement Team

**Resolved** that the above be noted.

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

- A Public Consultation on Hurworth Burn Reservoir is taking place at Trimdon Village Hall on Monday 16 January 2017 between 2:00pm and 6:00pm.