

TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors Eileen Dickinson, George Elliott, Margaret Elliott, Rob Gilbert, Ian Quinn, Bernadette Oliver, Leslie Oliver, David Smith and Keith Thompson

Anne Delandre (Clerk to the Council) was in attendance to record the minutes.

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Denise Davison, Margaret Hughes and Paul Trippett

Resolved that the above apologies be approved.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Resolved that the above be noted.

62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Resolved that the above be noted.

63. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting be agreed as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved that the above be noted.

64. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Clerk confirmed that planning application DM/17/01758/FPA (Minutes 54 (a) refers) has been approved by Durham County Council

Resolved that the above be noted.

65. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) The following planning application was considered:

DM/17/02585/FPA

25 Front Street
Trimdon Village

Erection of side garage extension,
side/rear extension, new
vehicular access and
detached garage to rear

Resolved that no comment be offered in respect of the planning application.

66. FINANCIAL

- a) The Clerk advised that confirmation has been received from the External Auditors (BDO LLP). The 2016/2017 external auditor reports states that “on the basis of our review of the Annual Return, in our opinion the information in the Annual Return is in accordance with the proper practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met”.

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been displayed on the Parish Council Website advising that the accounts are available for inspection by local electors, in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- b) The Clerk submitted the schedule of payments made between 1 September 2017 and 30 September 2017

Resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

- c) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 September 2017 and 30 September 2017

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 2017. 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 30 September 2017. 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.

67. CLERK'S REPORTS

- a) The Clerk provided details of a quotation from Broxap to renew two garden seats within the parish and one teak garden seat at the Cemetery.

Resolved that the quotation be accepted.

- b) The Clerk sought approval for the annual donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion who will provide a wreath on behalf of Trimdon Parish Council for the local Remembrance Day Commemoration.

Resolved that a donation of £50 be awarded under the Local Government Act 1972 S.137.

- c) The Clerk confirmed that the annual Christmas Lights Switch-On will take place on Trimdon Village Green on Friday 8 December 2017 between 6:00pm and 7:30pm, with the lights switched on at 6:30pm. Ian Quinn confirmed that it will be necessary to approve expenditure of £643 for replacement lights.

Resolved that the above be noted and that the expenditure for the replacement lights be approved.

68. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk advised that an email has been received from County Councillor Lucy Hovvels expressing her delight to learn that the parish council has agreed to replace play equipment at Trimdon Grange Play Park.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- b) A request has been received from the Learning Library for a financial donation towards their service in order to assist residents of the Trimdons.

Resolved that a donation of £100 be awarded under the Local Government Act 1972 S.137.

- c) National Association of Local Councils: August 2017 Magazine was circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved that the above be noted.

69. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

County Councillor Peter Brookes had forwarded his apologies for the meeting. The main issues from DCC are:

- Jude Grant from Thornley was appointed as County Councillor to replace Morris Nicholls
- A new final offer to the teaching assistants has been passed by Full Council and is to be balloted on by UNISON

70. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- The Chairman requested the Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Allotment Committee
- The Chairman requested members of the parish council to support the Trimfest 2017 programme
- Fly tipping was reported at 75 Swainby Road, Trimdon Village
- A request was received for the timing of the floodlights at Trimdon Colliery be adjusted
- A complaint was made that horses are being rode on the footpath at Trimdon Village