

TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 12 December 2017** at 7:00pm.

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

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

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Resolved that the above apologies be approved.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Resolved that the above be noted.

84. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Resolved that the above be noted.

85. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 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.

86. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 14 NOVEMBER 2017

There were no updates for discussion.

Resolved that the above be noted.

87. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) The following planning application was considered:

DM/17/03571/FPA

Land East of Amble Way
Trimdon Grange

Retention of existing field shelters
including new animal shelter/
store

Resolved

That objections to this planning application, on the grounds of the facilities requested being in close proximity to housing, be submitted to DCC.

88. FINANCIAL

- a) The Clerk detailed expenditure requiring payment by cheque.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

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

Resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

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

89. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

As there were no members of the press or public in attendance, it was not necessary to pass the resolution.

- a) Report of Parish Clerk on Review of Grounds Staff Wages – a report regarding a review of the wages currently paid to the two Grounds Staff employed by Trimdon Parish Council had been circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the recommendation regarding the regrading be approved.
3. That the re-gradings be effective from 1 April 2018.

90. CLERK'S REPORTS

- a) Quotations for the replacement of two Honda Lawnmowers – the Clerk confirmed that two quotations have been received for the supply of two Honda Lawnmowers for Spring 2018.

Resolved that the quotation from Carrs Billington be accepted.

- b) Quotations for the replacement of the Parish Van – the Clerk confirmed that two quotations have been received for the replacement of the Parish Van in February 2018.

Resolved that the quotation from Imperial Commercials be accepted.

- c) Quotation for repairs to bus shelters – the Clerk confirmed that a quotation has been received from Commutaport for repairs to bus shelters throughout the parish.

Resolved that the quotation be accepted.

- d) Quotation for repairs to Parish Noticeboards – the Clerk confirmed that a quotation has been received from Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd for repairs to the three Parish Noticeboards.

Resolved that the quotation be accepted.

- e) Advice on Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1972 – the Clerk reminded councillors that a local councillor in council tax arrears for at least two months is prohibited from voting on the setting of a precept or any recommendation, resolution of other decisions which might affect the calculation of the precept.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- f) Trimdon Colliery Sensory Garden – the Clerk advised that a formal request has been received from Trimdon Colliery Community Association for the Parish Council to offer support for the ongoing care of this project.

Resolved that the request from Trimdon Colliery Community Association be agreed.

91. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A request has been received from St Alban's Pensioners Luncheon Club for a financial donation towards transport for their members to attend a pantomime.

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

- b) A request has been received from Trimdon Grange Community Centre for a financial donation towards a children's Christmas Party.

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

- c) A letter of thanks has been received from the Learning Library for the financial donation made by the Parish Council.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- d) Letter from CDALC regarding arrangements for councillors wishing to be considered for a visit to the 2018 Royal Garden Party.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- e) An invitation has been received from Haswell & District Mencap Society to attend their Mencap Carol Service in Durham Cathedral on 23 December 2017.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- f) An email has been received from NALC outlining details in Battles Over – a Nation's Tribute to be held to commemorate the end of World War 1 on 11 November 2018.

Resolved that the above be noted.

92. COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE

County Councillor Peter Brookes forwarded his apologies. Main issues are:

- Changes in the national formula for schools which could mean a quarter of Durham schools lose money
- A number of Trimdon based community groups were successful in receiving funding following the 'It's up to You' event at TCCA

93. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- The Clerk was requested to bring a report to the next meeting regarding the Parish Council offering financial support to the continuation of Youth Provision in the parish