

TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Ordinary Meeting** of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **Trimdon Grange Community Centre** on **Tuesday 12 March 2019** at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillor John Burton (in the Chair) and Councillors Eileen Dickinson, George Elliott, Margaret Hughes, Bernadette Oliver, Ian Quinn, David Smith and Paul Trippett.

Anne Delandre (Clerk to the Council) was in attendance to record the minutes and County Councillor Peter Brookes was in attendance to report on County Council matters.

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Margaret Elliott, Rob Gilbert, Les Oliver and Keith Thompson.

Resolved that the above apologies be approved.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was confirmed that Councillors Burton, and B Oliver have been granted a dispensation allowing them to participate and vote on any future parish council business concerning Trimdon Community College Association as, without the dispensation, the number of persons prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impeded the transaction of the business (Item 123 refers).

Resolved that the above be noted.

115. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public in attendance who raised concerns that, following approval of the housing development on land to the south of Hurworth Burn Road, Trimdon Village, he has contacted DCC and been advised that there is no guarantee that the £200K S.106 funding will become available. It was confirmed that the owner of the land is prepared to transfer this funding to DCC immediately upon the sale of the land and this is expected to be within six to nine months.

Resolved that the above be noted.

116. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BROOKES

County Councillor Peter Brookes was in attendance and reported on the following:

- DCC has set Council Tax for 2019/2020 by the maximum 2.99% in addition to the 2% allowed for social care. This was necessary to maintain services as the authority has had to make revenue savings of £234M and has lost 3,000 jobs (40% of the workforce). These savings will help support the Medium-Term Financial Plan
- Mental Health Strategy to be implemented
- Labour Group AGM due to be held
- 50th Anniversary of County Durham town-twinning with Tübingen, Germany. Skerne Folk Band to play at event on 13 June 2019

- From 1 April 2019 funding will be available to support parish initiatives via the Neighbourhood Budget
- Bishop Auckland Food Festival to be held 8-9 April 2019
- Cycling Event - Velo of the North - to be held 1 September 2019. The route will be travelling through Trimdon
- Mike Barton, Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary, has announced his retirement

Resolved that the above be noted.

117. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 February 2019 had been circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 5 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

118. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON 5 FEBRUARY 2019

There were no items to update.

Resolved that the above be noted.

119. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was submitted for consideration:

DM/19/00412/PA	12 Lonsdale Avenue Trimdon Grange	Two storey extension, single storey front extension and car port to side
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Resolved that no comment be made in respect of the above planning application.

120. FINANCIAL

a) The Clerk detailed expenditure requiring payment by cheque.

Resolved that the payments be approved.

a) The Clerk submitted the schedule of payments made between 1 February 2019 and 28 February 2019

Resolved that the schedule of payments be approved.

b) The Clerk submitted the schedule of receipts received between 1 February 2019 and 28 February 2019.

Resolved that the schedule of receipts be approved.

c) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Instant Access Account) for the period ended 28 February 2019. 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.

- d) The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) for the period ended 28 February 2019. 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.

121. CLERK'S REPORTS

- a) A report recommending acceptance of the draft Risk Register for 2019/2020 had been circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Risk Register for 2019/2020 be approved.

- b) A report recommending acceptance of the draft Annual Investment Strategy for 2019/2020 had been circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Annual Investment Strategy for 2019/2020 be approved.

- c) The Clerk reported the Durham County Council has prepared the three-year Service Level Agreement for the Internal Audit of Trimdon Parish Council's Core Financial Systems.

Resolved that the Chairman signs the Service Level Agreement on behalf of Trimdon Parish Council.

- d) The Clerk confirmed that a quotation has been received from Kompan for repairs to vandalised play equipment at Trimdon Grange Play Park.

Resolved

1. That the quotation from Kompan be accepted.
2. That the Clerk writes to local youth groups to make them aware of the financial cost of vandalism to play equipment and asking for their co-operation in trying to prevent further vandalism.

- e) The Clerk was pleased to advise that DCC has agreed that Trimdon Parish Council can host one of the events as part of the BRASS Festival 2019. This will form part of the parish council's Trimfest 2019 programme and will be held at Trimdon Community College on the evening of Thursday 18 July 2019.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- f) The Chairman proposed that the meetings of Trimdon Parish Council move back to Trimdon Village and be held at Trimdon Community College.

Resolved that the meetings of Trimdon Parish Council be held at Trimdon Community College with effect from May 2019.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Clerk advised that Durham County Council has received an appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for Application DM/18/00034/OUT - outline planning application for up to 50 dwellings with all matters reserved on land to the east of Greenfields, Salters Lane, Trimdon.

Resolved that the above be noted.

- b) The National Association of Local Council Winter 2019 Magazine had been circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved that the above be noted.

123. COUNCILLOR MATTERS – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor David Smith raised the issue of the funding for youth work at Trimdon Grange Community Centre and Trimdon Community College. It was confirmed that this is an internal arrangement between the two organisations.

Resolved that the above be noted.