**LAMESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held virtually via Zoom on Monday **12th April 2021,** pursuant to notice duly given.

**RESPONSES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY** :

Chairperson Cllr J Callaghan.

Councillors: M Hood, J Callaghan, R Nixon, H Nixon, S Brown (Vice Chair)

L.Johnson, S. Greaves, M.Kelly, G. Baldwin, E. Andrews.

96 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

C Kendal, A.Batten (apologies received during meeting via email), R Harrison.

**The following vacancies were shared:**

Kibblesworth Ward – 6 Members.

Cllr R Harrison, Cllr Steve Brown, Cllr Gordon Baldwin

Cllr Heather Nixon and Cllr Roy Nixon

(One Vacancy)

Longshanks & Team Colliery Ward – 3 Members

Cllr Jackie Callaghan, Cllr Elizabeth Andrews, Cllr Mark Kelly

(0 Vacancies).

Eighton Banks Ward – 5 Members

Cllr Michael Hood, Cllr Andrew Batten, Cllr Steve Greaves, Cllr Lisa Johnson

(One Vacancy)

Lady Park & Lamesley – 1 Member

Cllr Celia Kendal

97 **MINUTES: DISCUSSION, ACTION AND QUESTIONS ON MINUTES OF**

**LAST MEETING**

**Resolved:** Ordinary Meeting of the Council **Monday 8th March 2021** were approved.

98  **CORRESPONDANCE:**

Cllr Callaghan shared the resignation from Cllr Glasgow and that this was due to home and work commitments.

Cllr Hood asked if there was a replacement in mind. Cllr Harrison has nominated Stephen Phillips. 46 Grange Estate, Kibblesworth, NE11 0TT Cllr R Nixon seconded this.

Regarding the email to Cllr Hood from Mr Ray Morris. Mike Barker Strategic Director, Corporate Services & Governance and the Parish Clerk compiled a joint letter responding to his queries. This was emailed to Mr Morris on 06.04.2021 via Mr Barker’s secretary. Cllr Hood and Cllr Callaghan were copied into the email for information only.

**Emails circulated to members during May to be acknowledged in April meeting were:**

Keith Balloch, from the GMBC enforcement team had nothing to add on putting CCTV around the Parish and felt that there is legal data protection issue rather than a placement issue.

Angela Simmons Mather, GMBC Legal department, provided a link to the ICO guidance on CCTV, this was circulated to members on 12.03.2021, and requested to be taken to the Ward meeting regarding GMBC possibly becoming the supervisory council although the PC would cover the cost, no further updates to date.

Motocross bikes arestill evident behind the lines across from cricket pitch, they are to be reported via a nominated website. Zoe Jones.Rights of Way officer was requested to inspect the issues with the gate repair and motocross bikes using the lines – no further updates to date.

99 **Area updates:**

* **Kibblesworth:**
* **Welfare Park House:**

The Clerk was asked to contact Alison Turner Mills requesting a copy of the deeds for the Welfare Park house that had guardianship passed to Gateshead Council by NCB representatives in 1974 when the Colliery was closed down.

The reply from Ms Mills was that the whole of the welfare park including the former groundsman’s house are owned freehold by CISWO but leased to Gateshead Council.  On the basis of a 125 year lease from 25 March 1997. Under the terms of the lease the Council are responsible for the repair and maintenance of the whole park including the house. These are the only title documents that are of relevance to this land in respect of ownership.

A copy of the lease was requested on 02.04.2021 at the cost of £12.

Cllr Baldwin asked if this included the bowling areas, Cllr R Nixon explained that a charity for the Asset transfer of the bowling and cricket clubs was created a year ago however due to Covid-19 has not progressed. Although a verbal agreement from GMBC has been given to the upkeep of the area there have been no terms of reference received to date.

* **Longshanks & Team Colliery:**

Cllr Andrew had no further updates Cllr Kelly suggested that the speeding on Windsor Road was concerning, Cllr Callaghan explained that only one side of Windsor road was in the Parish, however would raise this with Cllr Gallagher.

* **Eighton Banks:**

Cllr Johnson had not further updates as she has already escalated her concerns to Cllr Gallagher. Cllr Callaghan gave Emma Miller (nee McBryde) as the nominated member for this area. Emma has been proposed and seconded by residents in Eighton Banks.

* **Lady Park & Lamesley:**

Cllr Kendal has the ongoing issues of the HGV road sign being in the incorrect place and concerns of the litter in her area. More litter posters were asked for Cllr Callaghan has these at her home and will pass them on.

100 **Matters in Progress:**

Cllr Callaghan gave an update from Lamesley Ward meeting in March.

Cllr Hood confirmed that this would be his final meeting as a Parish councillor as he retires in May after 13 years as a serving Lamesley Councillor.

Litter and fly tipping is increasing again especially the grass verges from Sainsbury’s at Team Valley through to the village. The annual litter pick is also taking place but this needs to be monitored on an ongoing basis. This begins on 23.03.2021.

Kibblesworth new builds, Eleanor from planning clarified that a MSGP needs completing to comply with new registrations and resubmitting.

ASB and fires in the Eighton Banks area and reports of illegal drinking and bikers causing damage to the paths has been reported. Claire Morris can be contacted on 07479911666 she is working with Edge and based in Birtley.

Fiona O’Connor, director of Birkheads Wild CIC contacted Cllr Callaghan requesting a grant of £1600 to cover the cost of 4 benches made from recycled timber and sleepers. Ms O’Connor said they have identified another local Community Interest Company – Woodshed Workshop at Sacriston who they would like to commission the work too. After some discussions it was agreed that a further 2 estimates would be required before any decision of awarding a grant could be agreed.

**Zoom Failed at this point Cllr R Nixon, Cllr H Nixon, Cllr Kelly, Cllr Baldwin and Cllr Greaves re-joined.**

Cllr R Nixon shared this update on the new build roof repairs in Kibblesworth. Keepmoat Homes and Engie were the developers appointed by Gateshead Council for Kibblesworth housing development. They built a total of 148 properties.  
  
94 homes were built by Keepmoat Homes for Keelman Homes  a charitable subsidiary set up by Gateshead Council and TGHC and are termed “affordable homes”. Of these 94 properties 28 have reported roof defects to date.   
  
54 homes were built by Keepmoat Homes for private sale. We don’t have the details of roof defects for these properties at the moment. We have requested this information.

Cllr Nixon is in touch with Gateshead Council who have had meetings with both Keepmoat and Engie last week. The council advise that Keepmoat and Engie have both carried out a significant amount of work to resolve the roof problems identified. However concerns have been expressed that we want to have confidence that the solutions they have put in place have resolved the issues and will provide assurance to the relevant householders and Keelman Homes for the future.

The concern has been raised that we would not want to be faced with ongoing issues which could subsequently occur outside of the warranty period of all of the properties.

Keepmoat and Engie will respond within the next few weeks and Gateshead Council will keep me advised of their proposals. We can then assess if the proposals are satisfactory and acceptable, and also queried the time taken to respond to the reported defects. I have requested a significant improvement in the timescale for rectification.

101 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Balance at 02.04.2020:**

Treasury Acc: £16,828.40

Memorial Acc: £447.66

Contingency Acc: £10,003.25

**Paid out in March:**

Clerks Salary £377.80

**Paid In on April 1st:**

Precept received: £12,105.00

The Clerk/RFO clarified that the audit would be submitted to GMBC within the next month (deadline June 30th) and if any members required sight of the bank statements theses could be sent via email as they are currently electronic. The accounts 20/21 and proposed budget 21/22 will also be circulated to members.

**Cllr Callaghan re-joined at this point and was given an update.**

Cllr Callaghan advised members that the minimum wage had now increased to £8.91 and will be applied to the Clerk’s salary and backdate to April 1st and suggested a subcommittee is agreed to discuss the Clerk post and complete an annual assessment. Then Clerk clarified that a achievement and development document from GMBC has been completed and sent over to the chairperson, this will be circulated to all members.

102 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Gateshead Council has forwarded details of all applications received from

within the Parish Council’s area as part of the consultation process.

The following applications be received and noted:

**DC/21/00218/HHA,** Householder, Application, DEL - 13 Ashvale Avenue

Kibblesworth, Birtley, - NE11 0XT Proposed creation of new entrance with porch on front elevation **Period for Comment ends on 19 April 2021**

**DC/21/00378/GPDEGPD** – Extensions, DEL - 7 Jubilee Avenue, Gateshead, NE9 7HN - Erection of a single storey, rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.5m, with a maximum height of 4m, and eaves height of 2.65m - **Period for Comment ends on 19 April 2021**

**DC/20/01060/HHA** - Householder Application ,Ground Floor Front Extension

**AT:** Minstrel Farm House, Mount Escob Farm Birtley DH9 0SA – **Grant**

**DC/20/01132/HHA** - Householder Application,Erection of a front porch, single storey extensions to the side and rear, and a loft conversion with dormer (Amended Plans and description 24.03.2021). **AT:** 7 Newcastle Bank, Northside Birtley DH3 1PT- **Grant.**

**DC/21/00002/HHA** - Householder Application,New single storey extension to gable of property **AT:** 1 Rosemary Gardens, Eighton Banks, Gateshead. NE9 7XH - **Grant.**

**DC/21/00189/HHA** - Householder Application,Single storey rear extension, **AT:** 10 Lady Park, Lamesley, Birtley, NE11 0HD - **Grant.**

**DC/21/00285/FUL Full Application, DEL** - Pockerley Farm

Riding School, Pockerley Buildings Farm, Kibblesworth, Birtley DH9 0RZ - Construction of car park for use by riding school - **Period for Comment ends on 12 April 2021**

**DC/21/00218/HHA -** Proposed creation of new entrance with porch on front elevation - 13 Ashvale Avenue, Kibblesworth, Birtley, NE11 0XT

103 **REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHERS THAT AFFECT THE**

**COUNCIL**

* OVERFLOWING BINS/ FLY TIPPING – This is an ongoing issue throughout the Parish and is being reported appropriately to GMBC.

104 **ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

Cllr Baldwin asked if the seats/benches around Kibblesworth could be painted.

It was explained that GMBC has refused this in the past due to the Parish not knowing who owned or donated the benches/seats. Cllr Baldwin to action and contact GMBC. Cllr Callaghan advised that the weekly litter picking could resume due to the Covid-19 restriction’s being lifted in line with GMBC guidelines. Cllr Baldwin clarified that this does take place every Wednesday throughout Kibblesworth.

Cllr Callaghan requested that an email is sent to Cllr Batten asking what his intentions are as a member of the parish council now he has moved home and employment.

Cllr Callaghan said how she signed the national book of condolences for the Duke of Edinburgh on behalf of Lamesley parish residents and parish council.

Cllr Callaghan asked that a card of thanks is sent to Cllr Hood acknowledging his time as a member of the parish council.

105 **Next Parish meeting**

The next Parish meeting will be the Annual General and an Ordinary Meeting of the Council. This has been pencilled in for **Monday 17th May** **2021 at 6.30pm.**

However confirmation of date, time and venue will be circulated after we take advice from CDALC and GMBC to ensure we continue to comply with their Covid safe meeting guidelines.

106 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At this point of the meeting any member of the Public present is

able to ask questions or make suggestions to the Members of

the Council present provided they have given notice of the

questions or suggestions to the Chairperson or Clerk by 6pm on

the Monday prior to the meeting.

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| Chairperson | Councillor Jackie Callaghan | Date |
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| Parish Clerk | Anita Lawrence | Date |
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