**LAMESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held at Kibblesworth Working Men’s Club on Monday **14th June 2021,** pursuant to notice duly given.

**Responses have been received by** : Chairperson: Cllr J Callaghan.

Councillors: J Callaghan, H Nixon, C Kendal, A.Batten L.Johnson,

 S. Greaves (Vice Chair), G. Baldwin, E. Andrews. S. Phillips. E.Miller.

117 **Apologies for Absence:** M.Kelly R Harrison.

**Outstanding action from the AGM re: auditors for 21/22:**

The CDALC recommendation of Gordon Fletcher was agreed to be the appointed auditor quoting £100 for completing the commission.

Mr Fletcher was the Audit Manager at Easington District Council before the formation of the Unitary Council, where he took early retirement in 2010, and set up his own business auditing Town and parish Councils.  A large portfolio of 7 local Town Councils and around 20 local Parish Councils can be provided as references.

**The following vacancies were shared:**

Kibblesworth – 6 Members.

Cllr R Harrison, Cllr Gordon Baldwin, Cllr Stephen Phillips

Cllr Heather Nixon

(Two Vacancy)

Longshanks & Team Colliery – 3 Members

Cllr Jackie Callaghan, Cllr Elizabeth Andrews, Cllr Mark Kelly

(0 Vacancies).

Eighton Banks – 5 Members

Cllr Emma Miller, Cllr Andrew Batten, Cllr Steve Greaves (Vice Chair),

Cllr Lisa Johnson

(One Vacancy)

Lady Park & Lamesley – 1 Member

Cllr Celia Kendal

118 **MINUTES: Discussion, Action and Questions of last meeting minutes:**

All members had sight of the draft May minutes 3 weeks before today’s meeting. Agreed with amendments made. Singed off by Cllr Callaghan.

119  **Correspondence:**

Cllr Roy Nixon resignation was shared by Cllr Callaghan, reasons given are private.

Mr Nixon has offered to continue and finish any work that he has started if the Parish council agree to this.

No further updates on the request for support for benches at Birkheads Wild CIC, from Fiona O’Conner . It was agreed that a fair timescale for further estimates to be received is July and if none are submitted by then a new grant request is needed.

Steve Brown, was offered the £20 donation with the additional conditions for the scarecrow festival as agreed, this was declined possibly due to the amount of prizes already donated.

Dorothy Browlee and Cllr Jane McCoid arrived for the meeting invited by Cllr Harrison, however were unable to make the stairs to the conference room. Cllr McCoid asked that she is included in the invites for July meeting requesting to attend the full meeting.

120 **Specific area updates:**

The Clerk clarified that the May actions regarding road surfacing, flooding, road inspections, ASB, HGV and speeding traffic had been reported to GMBC and had also been followed up by the relevant Counsellors.

* **Eighton Banks Ward:**

Cllr Johnson clarified that she had contacted GMBC regarding placing extra flower tubs around the Parish and that Cllr Judith Turner is aware. GMBC have also been made aware of the concerns of speeding along Galloping Green Road.

The issues Cllr Greaves raised in May regarding overflowing drains, motocross bikes and speed ramps on Rockcliffe Way have been actioned. GMBC are aware of the issues and Jon Swinbourne, Senior Engineer (Highways), Trevor Waggett (Service Manager Engineering Design) and Andrew Hawkins are jointly assessing the issues.

Cllr Johnson explained that there should be confirmation of room hire costing on 27.06.2021 if the Parish council use The Mount for meetings.

Also regarding The Mount the building quotes are now completed estimates ranging between £183k - £220k. There has been a 25% increase since the initial estimates and extra funding is being explored. CCTV for The Mount has been discussed and the Parish Council could be approached for funding support.

Cllr Batten has reported the misuse of the motocross bikes which are causing chaos in Wrekenton.

Cllr Johnson agreed to share the vacancy for another Parish councillor.

* **Kibblesworth:**

Cllr Baldwin clarified that the 8 benches have been painted so far and there are a few more identified which need doing.

Cllr Baldwin said that along with the Clerk they had actioned the task of emailing planning requesting any updates of the land owned by Andrew Craig. Planning replied that the can look into the condition of the land and its potential untidiness, the enforcement team have been requested to follow this up.

Cllr Baldwin proposed Mick Moorhouse to join the council, this was seconded by Cllr H Nixon.

Cllr Baldwin gave a brief overview of his contact with Joanne Munton (,Senior Planner) and Zoe Jones both from GMBC, regarding Land owned by SITA / Bowes Valley Nature Reserve. Discussions are ongoing.

Cllr H Nixon asked at the May meeting for any clarification regarding the legalities of the Welfare Park lease. The Clerk contacted Alison Mills for an update her reply was that the response from GMBC is they are considering their options regarding the property and have requested a meeting with CISWO. Ms Martin is not presently taking legal advice but will do so if necessary. The Parish was unable to access independent legal advice as solicitor was unavailable.

Some discussions took place around the asset transfer of the Bowling and Cricket.

Cllr Baldwin shared how successful the recent litter picks have been and of the new public bins placed.

Regarding the cricket advertising, Cllr Nixon confirmed that local Italian restaurant Giuseppe’s is sponsoring them and advertising the matches. Posters will also be placed on lampposts and the park gates the week leading up to any matches. The older members will be using social media to also advertise. Numbers of new players has also increased.

Cllr H Nixon clarified there were no further updates regarding the new build repairs that are ongoing within Kibblesworth.

Regarding Harvest & Help replenishing the tubs around the Parish. Karen Martin accepted the commissioning for 21/22 but declined any donations of plants as they buy them at cost price. The request of tub numbers and a placement map is being collated.

Cllr Nixon has had no further update from Kibblesworth Academy regarding visiting for an update on their Green Flag status.

* **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. Cllr Callaghan took this back to the Ward meeting, no further update.

Cllr Kendal asked if there was any update regarding the disruptions the extension of the A1 is causing. The Clerk asked members to read and if need be print off the emails circulated regarding this for any resident asking questions can be given the correct details.

* **Longshanks & Team Colliery :**

Cllr Andrew confirmed that the 5 street lights not working around Elm Crescent had been reported however not fixed. Cllr Andrew to follow up.

Clare Norris contact details have been passed onto the residents raising issues of ASB, however Cllr Andrew is not aware if there is any further follow up that.

clarenorris@gateshead.gov,uk 07479911666

Cllr Callaghan shared that both the police representative and Ms Norris were at the Ward meeting sharing graphs and intelligence. Police have only had two reports of bad behaviour as some reports are classed as criminal and not ASB, riding bikes banging on windows stealing bins is criminal so will not be included in stat numbers of ASB. They advised that residents continue to report any issues to the police on their 101 number.

Cllr Andrew asked who the issues with the grass cutting in their area should be reported to as it is not GMBC responsibility due to issue with the land registry documentation. It was agreed that Avent homes are contacted. Cllr Andrew to action.

121 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

 **Balance at 02.04.2020:**

 Treasury Acc: **£16,022.80**

 Memorial Acc: **£447.66**

 Contingency Acc: **£10,003.34**

 **Paid out in May.**

Clerks Salary £377.80

Paint £38

The Clerk confirmed that the audit had been completed and signed off without any issues. The AGAR was resigned by Cllr Callaghan and the Clerk as Mazars now requires wet signatures due to Covid restrictions being relaxed.

Cllr Greaves asked if an explanation could be given regarding the projected budget. The Clerk explained that the projected expenditure is taken from the last 3 years payments, however this is likely to change due to the Covid restrictions and increased costs in insurances etc. Members were advised to look at last year’s accounts on the website. Cllr Batten agreed that costs fluctuate every year depending on grant requests and increased annual fees etc.

122 **MATTERS IN PROGRESS.**

GMBC planning clarified that there are ongoing issue with the old COOP building in Kibblesworth, no further update.

123 **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/21/00081/FUL **Full Application AT:** The Plough , Front Street Kibblesworth Birtley – **Grant**

DC/21/00194/HHA **Householder Application AT:** 18 Ravensworth Avenue, Eighton Banks Gateshead

NE9 7HP - **Grant**

DC/21/00218/HHA **Householder Application AT:** 13 Ashvale Avenue, Kibblesworth Birtley

NE11 0XT - **Grant**

DC/21/00285/FUL **Full Application** Pockerley Farm Riding School , Pockerley Buildings Farm Kibblesworth, Birtley - **Withdrawn**

DC/21/00634/HHA Householder Application DEL- 36 Greenford

Kibblesworth, Birtley, NE11 0TJ - Proposed Two storey rear

extension (Revision of approved scheme DC/19/01147/HHA)

**Period for Comment ends on 22 June 2021**

DC/21/00580/HHA Householder Application DEL - 16 The Cedars

Eighton Banks, Gateshead, NE9 7BW - Proposed single storey rear

Extension - **Period for Comment ends on 7 June 2021**

 124 **ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

The Clerk has not purchased a printer as of yet.

Cllr Callaghan gave an update from the Ward meeting.

The Hub in Birtley is open for business and residents are encouraged to use it.

Further Brighten the Day pop up sports days have been arranged to take place in Kibblesworth and Eighton Banks. These have been successful in the past and are funded by central government. They cover 4 hours per day, which is 1 day per week covering 4 weeks. Lunch is included**.**

Discussions took place around housing and road repairs around Laburnum Crescent, Ash Avenue and Rose Gardens.

Police reported issues at Birtley Villas and are concerned that GMBC cannot close off the lobbies the youths use so they are considering mental fencing with fobs for resident access only.

Dave Andrews requested photographs and times etc to be collated regarding, the lorry concerns around Windsor Road and Elm Crescent.

Cllr Callaghan gave the CDAL executive committee meeting feedback saying how a lot of the agenda is not relevant to Gateshead and the Parish Council.

Regarding meetings, Parish councils are currently following the new guidelines from NALC. However many parish councils are requesting remote meetings continue. This would involve further guides on cyber security for personal data, as it does with online banking.

DCC are questioning if the new code of conduct is better than the old one.

Meetings can be postponed if restrictions change.

Teesside airport is now run by the Parish council rather than the national.

The next AGM is on 09.10.2021.

Cllr Callaghan asked about the Good councillor’s guide. The Clerk has raised the issue of copyright with CDALC therefore none of the new ones can be printed just yet. All members have electronic copies.

Members suggested as the Clerk is employed for a maximum of 10 hours per week minutes would not be sent out in draft and presented at the next meeting along with planning and any financial invoices etc. The Clerk agreed to this raising the potential issue of meetings being longer and causing a backlog of administration.

125 **Next Parish meeting**

The next Parish Ordinary Meeting of the Council is proposed for **Monday 12th July 2021 at 6.30pm.** Venue to be confirmed.

126 **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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