**LAMESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held at the Mount Community Centre, Eighton Banks on Monday **14th February 2022**.

**Attendees:**

Chairperson: Cllr J Callaghan.

Councillors: Robert Harrison, Stephen Phillips, Heather Nixon, Elizabeth Andrew, Steve Greaves, Lisa Johnson, Emma Miller and Celia Kendal.

167 **Apologies for Absence:** Beverley Cann (illness), Gordon Baldwin (holiday), Jane McCoid (personal) and Andrew Batten (working)

**The following vacancies were shared:**

Kibblesworth – 6 Members.

Cllr R Harrison, Cllr Gordon Baldwin, Cllr Stephen Phillips

Cllr Heather Nixon, Cllr Jackie Callaghan, Cllr Jane McCoid.

Longshanks & Team Colliery – 3 Members

Cllr Elizabeth Andrew, Cllr Beverley Cann. (One Vacancy).

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

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

Draft minutes from 10h January 2022 meeting were circulated by Cllr Steve Greaves as temporary clerk and agreed with some minor changes.

169  **Correspondence received since January meeting:**

The Parish has received an application for the vacant Clerk role from Emma Hodson. Her CV was circulated and agreed that she fulfilled the criteria for the role based on experience and prior knowledge/character reference.

* Cllrs Jackie Callaghan and Heather Nixon agreed to contact Emma to welcome her to the post and agree a start date. Once this is done Cllr Steve Greaves will get in touch with her to handover the Laptop and pass on information to train her up for the role.
* Cllr Steve Greaves to remove the advertisement from the website

Guidelines have been received for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June with specific details around the lighting and management of beacons. These are being planned for Eighton Banks and Kibblesworth and the guidelines will be followed.

Durham CDALC have advised around the management of Facebook sites to promote Parish Council business and the pitfalls of such. After a lengthy discussion around monitoring and administrating issues the Parish Council agreed that Lamesley do not at this time need a Facebook account and to concentrate on using the existing website.

* All Councillors to provide Cllr Steve Greaves with stories and updates for the website.
* Cllr Steve Greaves agreed to update the current Councillor list and correct any alignment issues.

A nomination for a new Councillor was put forward by Cllr Gordon Baldwin for the Kibblesworth area but at this moment in time there are no vacancies for Kibblesworth as Cllr Robert Harrison has agreed to continue for the time being.

The Mount, Eighton Banks, have asked for a letter of support from the Parish Council for their improvements on the site to support requests for grants. This was agreed but the issue of the Parish owning the building was raised and needed clarification around the lease.

* Cllr Lisa Johnson agreed to discuss the matter with trustees and provide an example of the letter to the Clerk.

170 **Specific area updates:**

 **• Eighton Banks Ward:**

The drainage of rain water on Rockcliffe Way is still an issue even after several requests to GMBC to clear the gullys and channels. Cllr Steve Greaves updated that he had spoken with Craig Johnson at GMBC who agreed to add it to the work schedule to be completed by April 2022.

* Cllr Steve Greaves agreed to monitor this and chase GMBC if it is not completed to timescale.

Concerns have repeatedly been raised over the field next to Bryson’s which has a wall around it is poor repair that is becoming more dangerous.

* Cllr Emma Miller agreed to speak with Bryson’s regarding ownership and share the concerns with Cllr Jane McCoid to help identify ownership and accountability to ensure improvements are made.

Previous concerns raised around motorbikes using the bridlepaths have again been passed to GMBC and were discussed at their recent meeting. Officers have advised that residents are encouraged to keep reporting these instances as they arise to the Police via their website. It was added that it is important that the police receive detailed descriptions of the vehicles and riders so that they can be identified so that they can take action.

* Cllr Steve Greaves and Cllr Jane McCoid have contacted GMBC for some more directive prevention signage similar to that that is used in Sunderland MBC and GMBC have said that they will support this if the police agree.

 **• Kibblesworth:**

Dangerous parking continues on Kibblesworth Front Street when school children are leaving school.

* Cllr Jackie Callaghan and Cllr Heather Nixon are to visit the school on 15th February to see what they are doing about this issue.

The issues with the road deterioration on Ashvale Avenue and Laburnum Crescent which are getting worse and nothing has been corrected as yet,

* Cllr Heather Nixon has escalated this from the Parish Council directly to Martin Gannon, Leader of GMBC.

Kibblesworth Welfare Park have received a request for a clear and unambiguous statement to be requested from GMBC regarding their immediate and future intent regarding the operation and maintenance of the entire Welfare Park Site. This request is to be issued to Liz Twist (MP) and all ward councillors for their input and support. This is in light of different information from GMBC regarding their future intentions in operating and maintaining the site. The latest statement from the council dated 16th December 2021 suggested that all maintenance will cease in March 2022.

* A meeting has been set up at the Working Mens Club in Kibblesworth on Thursday 17th February with GMBC to discuss this matter that will be attended by Cllr Heather Nixon, Cllr Jackie Callaghan and Cllr Stephen Phillips.

It has been noted that there has been an increase in anti social behaviour and vandalism in the park. The latest incident involved the police attending the park to issue warning to adults and children riding motorcycles and quad bikes on the sports pitches at night.

Vandalism to the new children’s play equipment and two incidents of rubbish bins being set on fire have also been reported. GMBC have been approached to consider installing CCTV on the sports pavilion but this has been refused.

* Cllr Heather Nixon and Cllr Jackie Callaghan have escalated this directly to Martin Gannon, leader of GMBC.

Additional grit and salt bins are required throughout the parish.

* Cllr Jane McCoid agreed to contact GMBC to provide and refill grit bins in locations to be advised by the relevant area parish councillors. Currently additional grit/salt is placed in heaps on footpaths and roads for the public to use. This causes tripping hazards and is unsightly.

Moormill/Moormill court fences damaged in recent storms, a tree damaged in the storm on the Grange estate, the roofs at Keepmoat Development and the lighting at Kibblesworth bank have been raised with the Parish Council.

* Cllr Heather Nixon has escalated this directly to Martin Gannon, leader of GMBC.

 **• Lady Park & Lamesley:**

Ongoing issues with the absence of HGV road signs preventing them from using minor roads for access continues.

* Cllr Celia Kendal to continue to monitor this and raise all necessary issues.
* Cllr Jackie Callaghan agreed to contact Judith Turner and to visit the site to see how bad it is with the Gully cleaning issue and Lady Park signage.

Banesley Lane Nature Reserve is now overgrown and a hazard to pedestrians and traffic.

* Cllr Celia Kendal has requested that the entrance needs clearing and that the phone number on the noticeboard in incorrect.
* GMBC have advised that the Councils strimming contractor has identified repairs across the ward and is working through the extensive list that may take some time

 **• Longshanks & Team Colliery :**

Speeding on Lamesley Road is still a concern with 2 accidents having already happened and blocked the road and near misses continue.

* Cllr Elizabeth Andrew advised they have contacted Northumbria Safer Road Scheme and have been informed to keep a log of car numbers and to pass these on for follow up.

Damaged kerb stones are being reported on Lamesley Road from the HGV lorries entering the Cement Works.

* Cllr Elizabeth Andrew agreed to report this and to continue monitoring.

171 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Balance at 22nd January 2022**

**Treasury account**  £. 8,923.39

**Memorial account**  £ 447.66

**Contingency account** £10,004.02

**Nothing has been paid out in January 2022**

Forecasted expenses for February/March

£400 Plants and fertiliser for remaining flower barrels around the Parish

£150 Venue fees used in 2021

£500 A new Laptop for the Clerk to use

And New Clerks wages for March 2022

172 **MATTERS IN PROGRESS.**

Jean Clift joined the meeting to raise and discuss matters surrounding the Welfare Park and the meeting at the Working Mens club on Thursday 17th February 2022 and asked for support from the Parish Council. This was agreed and the Kibblesworth Parish Councillors will attend the meeting on Thursday.

173 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

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| DC/21/00378/GPDE**GPD - Extensions** | 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**AT:**7 Jubilee Avenue,GatesheadNE9 7HN | Mr Kevin Given135 Back High StreetGosforthNE3 4ET**For:**Mrs Tracey Blair7 Jubilee AvenueGatesheadNE9 7HN | **Observations** |

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| DC/21/00688/REM**Approval of Reserved Matters** | RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION (relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the proposed development) for erection of industrial unit (Class B2 and/or B8). (Pursuant to OUTLINE APPLICATION DC/18/01218/OUT) (amended 02/08/21, additional information/amended 10/08/21 and amended 14/12/2021)**AT:**McCann Transport Ltd,Ravens HouseEighth AvenueGateshead | Robert DibdinSt Nicholas Building St Nicholas Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1RF**For:**. . .C/o Agent ..... | **Grant** |

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| DC/21/00832/HHA**Householder Application** | Ground floor - Garage Side extension, Reusing existing garage door, Materials to match existing building First floor - Side extension above existing garage, double doors leading to front facing balcony area, Materials to match existing building**AT:**Newcombe Villa ,Rockcliffe WayEighton BanksGateshead | Mr Alan Mayhew5A Vermont HouseConcordWashingtonNE37 2SQUnited Kingdom**For:**Linzi HarrisNewcombe Villa, Rockcliffe WayEighton BanksGatesheadNE9 7XS | **Grant** |

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| DC/21/01112/FUL**Full Application** | Installation of 3no separate sculptures.**AT:**Hedley Hall Wood Local Wildlife Site,Hedley HallMarley HillNewcastle Upon Tyne | Mr Stuart Walker17 Chorley Old RoadBoltonBL1 3AD**For:**Mr Richard WilsonWoodland TrustKempton WayGranthamLincolnshireNG31 6LLUnited Kingdom | **Grant** |

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| DC/21/01218/HHA**Householder Application** | Garden room to rear garden**AT:**18 Ravensworth Avenue,Eighton BanksGatesheadNE9 7HP | Mr Jim Daprato18 Ravensworth Avenuene9 7hpGATESHEADNE9 7HPUnited Kingdom | **Grant** |

174 **ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee 2022. Official date Sunday 6th February 2022 with a 4 day celebration (2 bank holidays) from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022.

This was discussed by the Parish Council and each area was asked to provide proposals at the next Parish Council meeting for their planned Jubilee celebrations in their area. The Council will then discuss what funding can be provided to support these plans and this will be calculated and apportioned by using the latest Housing and Voters lists for the Parish.

* Cllr Steve Greaves agreed to calculate this and share it for agreement at the next meeting.
* A Special Parish Council meeting has been arranged at the Kibblesworth Club on Monday 28th February 2022 at 6pm for one member from each area to attend. Agreed attendees are Cllr Lisa Johnson, Cllr Jackie Callaghan, Cllr Heather Nixon, Cllr Elizabeth Andrew and Cllr Celia Kendal.

Cllr Andrew Batten’s attendance was raised by the Council as he has now not attended a meeting in over 6 months and does not live or work in the Parish.

* Cllr Steve Greaves agreed to contact Cllr Batten to raise this with him.

Cllr Steve Greaves mentioned that the website has been upgraded and updated and that he has access to this as temporary Clerk so please send in any pictures and stories to keep it relevant and topical. It was agreed that all Councillors should provide a photograph of themselves for the website and those who had not yet provided a written summary should do so asap.

* All Parish Councillors to provide the Clerk with a photograph before the March 2022 meeting.

The planters were discussed and photos of the Eighton Banks ones shared on the Website for all to see.

* Cllr Elizabeth Andrew asked for the same plants as Eighton Banks to be purchased for the Longshanks 4 planters and for these to be dropped off at her house to be planted around the Longshanks area.

Cllr Steve Greaves shared the current precept position for 2022/23 and the proposal to align the Parish with the GMBC position. This was agreed and Cllr Steve Greaves will respond to GMBC with this.

Emergency Planning was put back to the next meeting when Cllr Gordon Baldwin could be in attendance.

175 **Next Parish meeting**

The next Parish Ordinary Meeting of the Council is proposed for **Monday 14th March 2022 at 6.30pm at the Millenium Centre in Kibblesworth.**

There is also a special Parish Council meeting at the **Kibblesworth Club on Monday 28th February 2022 at 6pm** for selected Parish Councillors.

176 **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.

Chairperson

Councillor Jackie Callaghan

Date

Parish Clerk, temporary Cllr Steve Greaves

Date