

LAMESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, held at Kibblesworth Village Millennium Centre on Monday **14th March 2022**.

Attendees:

Chairperson: Cllr J Callaghan.

Councillors: Stephen Phillips, Heather Nixon, Elizabeth Andrew, Steve Greaves, Lisa Johnson, Emma Miller, Gordon Baldwin, Beverley Cann, Jane McCoid

177 **Apologies for Absence:** Robert Harrison (ill health)

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 Steve Greaves (Vice Chair),

Cllr Lisa Johnson. (Two Vacancies)

Lady Park & Lamesley – 1 Member

Cllr Celia Kendal

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

Draft minutes from 14th February 2022 meeting were circulated and agreed with some minor changes.

179 Correspondence received since February meeting:

The Parish has received a Freedom of Information request from ex-Councillor Steve Brown. The Parish Council heard and agreed to Cllr Steve Greaves' response, detailing the documents which are accessible via the Lamesley Parish Council website.

Amongst the documents requested was "any correspondence relating to the use of CCTV to deter fly tipping and the Parish Council's reasoning for not pursuing the installation of such cameras after being raised in the past by Parish Councillor(s) and local residents of Kibblesworth". Cllr Heather Nixon noted that ex-Cllr Roy Nixon had asked Gateshead Council for direction with this matter, and received in response a lengthy document detailing the reasons why CCTV would not be viable. High-end cameras would be required throughout the whole of the parish, which would then be at risk of being stolen, thus the cost of actioning this would be too high to consider.

- Emma to send response to Mr Brown, along with one document pertaining to Mr Brown.

A nomination for a new Councillor was put forward by Cllr Lisa Johnson for the Eighton Banks area. The nominee does not live within the parish but does live within a three mile radius and carries out voluntary work within Eighton Banks.

- Cllr Jackie Callaghan to determine with Gateshead Council election office as to whether the nominee's home is within the acceptable area so as to qualify.

180 Specific area updates:

• Eighton Banks Ward:

Concerns have been raised over large potholes in the car park of the Waggon Inn, which caused a member of the public to fall and be injured. Gateshead Council have stated that this is not council land, however this is being disputed.

- Cllr Sheila Gallagher is to speak with Gateshead Council again to determine whether the car park does fall within the council's land.

• Kibblesworth Ward:

Some work has been carried out to improve the area, namely hedgerows being cut and the vandalised seat being removed from the Welfare Park. The new trees planted in the park have all been snapped and damaged by vandals. In order to prevent further vandalism the fence would need to be rebuilt and the gates locked at night. Cllr Heather Nixon has been in touch with Cllr Martin Gannon and this is being chased up.

A meeting took place on 17th February 2022 at Kibblesworth Workingmen's Club to

discuss the future of the Welfare Park. Cllrs Stephen Phillips and Jackie Callaghan were in attendance along with three representatives from GMBC. Petitions have been sent out to local venues calling upon GMBC and CISWO to carry out repairs to the Groundsman's House in the park and bring it back into use. With regard to the upkeep of the grass, GMBC are willing to provide a mower and training/insurance for use by volunteers. "Friends of Kibblesworth Park" is being set up to give interested parties an opportunity to join and help out.

Some grit has been left in a few areas of Kibblesworth, however an assessment needs to be done as to whether additional grit and salt bins can be provided.

- Cllr Jane McCoid will email and ask GMBC to look at the availability of grit and salt bins to the identified areas.

Cllr Gordon Baldwin produced eight planters and carried out a survey for local residents to give their views as to where to position them. The general consensus was for them to be placed in high-profile areas such as the main street running through Kibblesworth.

- Emma to add pictures to the website of the plants which have been installed throughout the parish.

- **Lady Park & Lamesley:**

Plants are to be positioned in the vicinity of the old school building.

There are ongoing issues with Heavy Goods Vehicles using Lady Park as a thoroughfare. Signage is still required to prevent HGVs from using minor roads as access.

- Cllr Celia Kendal to continue to monitor this and raise all necessary issues.

181 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance at 8th February 2022

Treasury account £. 8,157.15

Memorial account £ 447.66

Contingency account £10,004.27

Forecasted expenses for March/April 2022

£4802.00 in contributions towards Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the parish.

£150 Venue fees used in 2021.

£500 Clerk laptop.

Clerk's wages for March and April 2022

182 **MATTERS IN PROGRESS.**

Following a meeting of the executive committee of CDALC, it was agreed that Lamesley Parish Council is to work with GMBC and Durham to establish contingency plans and gain contact numbers for assistance in case of storms or other disasters.

During lockdown copies of Councillors' guides were sent electronically. The Parish Council agreed that it is now acceptable to purchase paper copies.

183 **PLANNING MATTERS:**

None this month.

184 **ADDITIONAL MATTERS:**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A total of £4802 has been agreed by the Parish Council to be given as funding to support planned Jubilee celebrations throughout the parish, namely £2.50 per house.

£1155.00 to Longshanks & Team Colliery - food and entertainment planned for a field party on Sunday 5th June.

£267.50 to Lady Park & Lamesley - It was suggested that Lady Park links in with the community room in Lamesley for celebrations.

£1617.50 to Eighton Banks - split between the Mount and the Village Hall - plans are as follows: - Thursday - afternoon tea and screening of trooping of the colour - Saturday - food and entertainment
- Sunday - afternoon tea with a singer and bingo

£1762.50 to Kibblesworth - split between Kibblesworth chapel, the Millennium centre, Kibblesworth Academy and Kibblesworth Workingmen's club. Plans are as follows: - Thursday - service and afternoon tea (chapel)
- Saturday - race night (club)
- Sunday afternoon - food and entertainment (KVMC)
- Sunday evening - singer/entertainment (club)
- in addition to this the school will be celebrating the week before with the children during term time.

Cllr Andrew Batten is to be removed from the Parish Council website as he is no longer part of the Parish Council.

- Emma to bring the website up to date and Councillors to continue to send in their picture and written summary.

185 **Next Parish meeting**

The next Parish Meeting of the Council is proposed for **Monday 11th April 2022 at 6.30pm at the Mount in Eighton Banks.**

186 **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

Emma Hodgson

Date