

Kimblesworth, Plawsworth and Nettlesworth Newsletter



Planters which were filled by the In Bloom Working Group.

Speeding and parking

Your Parish Council recognises that **SPEEDING** is a very important issue for residents across our three villages. We are currently investigating opportunities to reduce speeding within our communities. Councillors are considering, over the summer period, the purchasing of a traffic counter: this measures the type of vehicle passing, the speed of the vehicle, and the time of passing. The device would allow us to identify the nature of the speeding problem through our villages and provide us with a wealth of data from which we would could act, but also ask for more action from the police and the county council.

The Chairman of the Parish Council would like to thank the Community Speedwatch Team for their support and for carrying out two speedwatches recently. On the 2nd of July 2018, 50 vehicles passed during the time of the speedwatch. 31 vehicles were travelling at 30mph or less, 15 vehicles were travelling between 31-34mph and 4 vehicles were travelling over 35mph. On the 30th May 2018, 50 vehicles passed during the time of the speedwatch. 35 vehicles were travelling at 30mph or less, 12 were travelling between 31-34mph and 3 were travelling over 35mph.

Date	Number of Vehicles	Number of Warning Letters Issued
23/02/18	25	3
15/09/17	25	2
28/05/17	50	6
04/05/17	50	3

Above: outcome of previous speedwatches in Nettlesworth next to the school.

The council recognises that **PARKING** particularly around the shop is a concern for many residents. So far, the Parish Council has investigated two locations near the shop where we could turn grassland into parking bays, however the cost is estimated at around £5,000 per bay.

We are working with the county council and County Councillor Simon Wilson to look at having marked bays, both disabled and non-disabled ones, placed along the road by the shops to encourage sensible parking and white lines placed across the entrances of drives to discourage drivers parking there.

The outcome of Durham Constabulary's period of action in our community saw 4 drivers fined and points given, and 12 drivers warned.

A meeting to discuss speeding and parking

A newly set up working group of the Parish Council will be meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 28th August at the Community Centre to discuss speeding and parking. **Come along we want your views and suggestions.** If you cannot make the meeting please get in touch via the contact information located on [page 4](#).

Fyndoune

Our County Councillor Simon Wilson has provided the following information for the newsletter. It represents an agreed record of the Fyndoune/DCBC Meeting on 7th June 2018 between DCBC representatives, County Councillor Simon Wilson, and Sacriston Parish Councillor Keith Wilson.

What is the reasoning for the changes?

Management of the school had noticed that they were struggling to deliver the best possible education for pupils due to the configuration of the sites. Ultimately, they found that with year groups being split in two it was a struggle to keep continuity and also to have staff fill in when needed. This change will allow there to be a better monitoring of progress of pupils. Also this will keep classes to around 22 per class and allow for 6 sets banded on ability.

Why DCBC instead of Fyndoune?

Management of the Federation considered that DCBC had the better facilities, specific mention was made to the science labs, and that the new build (worth circa £3m) would help provide further addition to this. It is also considered by management that the layout of DCBC allowed them to enact their plans.

Why is DCBC getting a new build? When will this be done?

The new build was bid for by DCBC in a tranche of funding the best part of a decade ago. Fyndoune also put in a bid, as did other schools in the area. However only three were successful, DCBC being one of them. The money awarded had to be spent at DCBC. The new build, encompassing a new dining facility, and also new creative area, for technology, art, photography as part of art, is expected to be ready about October half term.

What is the pupil split?

Expecting a roll of 640 next year, roughly a 50/50 split in where they would "usually" go. DCBC has capacity for about 750.

What will happen to Fyndoune? Plans dished out:

Nurture centre – this is expected to have an uptake of 24/25 pupils with 4 teachers there for that at all times.

Vocational subjects – current uptake is about 50-60 pupils. Subjects include hair and beauty, catering, construction currently but looking to expand on demand. There is also the farm which will be used for associated topics. Community Hub element – the café would be a way of pupils getting work experience in catering. Other providers – Castle Kindergarten still on site, looking at who else could be brought in.

Science labs, despite being insufficient for Key Stage 3 are adequate for Key Stage 2 and looking to allow other schools in the area to use these. Discussions with the Academy have already begun. There is no plan to let go of the Fyndoune site, this was categorically confirmed, and the management have put in a bid for improvements to Fyndoune in order to continuously improve the state of the school.

The plan is to improve the roll at the school, if this gets to the point where it outgrows DCBC then it would require reconfiguring and using the rest of the Fyndoune site. To repeat management categorically said they were keeping the Fyndoune site.

How will pupils get to DCBC?

The pupils will be getting buses that will be free for the foreseeable future (words used by DCC). As County Councillor, I will be chasing to get a definitive timescale on that, and a timescale which is to the benefit of parents. The earliest bus will be 8.15 though the details are still to be ironed out. Pick ups from various places along the way; Kimblesworth, Nettlesworth, Edmondsley, Sacriston, Langley Park and Witton Gilbert.

Why was there limited/no consultation?

The nature of what has gone has caused some limitations on what has been said. Durham County Council had been trying to bring the Federation back under their control and had been negotiating with the DfE (Department for Education). As a result of this, plans of any nature had to be kept confidential, bringing the schools back under Local Authority control is contra to national policy. Hence wanting it ready asap has meant getting this in line quickly. Management are prepared to hold an evening where parents/individuals can go along. The sessions held in the day were an attempt to get an idea at how the school would run for those who weren't familiar. There was also a comment from the chair of the IEB that due to the nature of this, ie schools being federated this is seen as an internal reorganisation.

When questioned about the consultation, the DCBC confirmed that as a Federation the restructure was an internal matter and they were not obliged to undertake consultation indeed there were matters they could not divulge. In the interim there has been further questions asked and there is still other issues around the buses which I am chasing. Sacriston Parish Council are also pursuing other questions. If anyone has any questions about the above please do contact our County Councillor Simon Wilson on swilson@durham.gov.uk.

Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council are working with Sacriston Parish Council and our County Councillor on the issue. **We have set up a Working Group and are meeting on Thursday 30th August 2018 at 7pm at the Community Centre. We encourage members of the public to attend and share their views.**

Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 25 May 2017 when Councillor G Kendall was appointed Chairman for the following year. During the year May 2017 to April 2018 the Parish Council held 11 Ordinary Council Meetings and representatives from the Police attended on one occasion. The following significant matters were dealt with during the year:

The Council's representatives reported to each meeting on matters relating to Allotments, Parish Paths, the Community Centre and the Parish Newsletter. A new HR Panel was established, predominantly to carry out annual appraisals for the Clerk. The first appraisal was held within the year.

Regular County Councillor reports were received with County Councillor S Wilson regularly attending meetings. The precept for 2017/18 WAS agreed at £9714.53 which, coupled with the LCTRS grant, provided a total Council income of £10,001.53. The Council considered a total of 4 planning applications during the course of the year. Several training sessions were attended by various members, courses included employment issues, standards training, allotments, GDPR. Several meetings were attended by members of the public with issues raised including parking matters, traffic, pedestrian safety and the image of the surrounding areas. The Parish Council resolved to tackle all of these issues within the remit of its powers and budgets.

Perhaps the most significant development of the year took place in January 2018. Because of the raft of projects members wished to establish, Council resolved to double the precept for the ensuing year. 3 editions of the Village Newsletter were published and distributed throughout the year.

Financial Donations were made to the following: County Durham Schools Benevolent Fund, Changing Lives, Community Centre, The Task Force, Nettlesworth Community Bingo Club.

The parish council has supported a number of projects so far this year: County Durham Schools Benevolent Fund and Citizens Advice, Luncheon Club trips to Leeds, York, and Whitby. Supported the community centre to rectify damaged following a break in.

Three new working groups have been created:

In Bloom Working Group covering greenspaces; Fyndoune Working Group; Traffic, Transport, and Highways Working Group covering speeding, parking and transport.

£750 for New Parking at Nettlesworth Allotments

The Parish Council have invested £750 for additional parking at Nettlesworth Allotments following concern raised by allotment holders over a persistent shortage of spaces.

We are committed to supporting our allotment holders and will continue to work with them over the next few years to address any needs they may have.

We welcome applications from residents looking to take on an allotment of their own. If you would like to submit your interest please email the Parish Clerk Jocasta Lawton on: kpparishcouncil@gmail.com



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Public Transport in Our Villages

The Parish Council and specifically the Traffic, Transport and Highways Working Group are examining transport links to our villages.

We hope to improve public transport provision in our villages, for example, there is no Sunday evening service through to Langley Park or Durham or would residents like to see earlier Sunday morning journeys on the 14?

We want your opinions on the bus services through our villages, particularly service 14 and how you would like it to see it improved.

Please contact Councillors Anders, Beard, Inman and Kendall or the Parish Clerk with your views. Details are available on page 4 of the newsletter.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies for Parish Councillors. **For more information, or to express an interest please write to:**

*The Clerk to the Parish Council at
27 Ennerdale Drive, Crook, Co. Durham,
DL15 8NT*

or email:

kpparishcouncil@gmail.com

or call:

07375387495

Nettlesworth Park

The project to extend and improve Nettlesworth Park will have to be placed on hold. The lease on the land the park is situated on expires soon. The park cannot be altered until a new lease is agreed.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council has purchased a defibrillator for community use. The defibrillator is a Zoll AED 3 semi-automatic external defibrillator; it is easy to use as it has built within real-time CPR feedback technology.

Location: Stored in the Community Centre next the side entrance to the Community Centre in the car park next to the school. Training can be provided by the Ambulance Service and is free of charge. To register your interest please contact Councillor Gillhespy details available on page 4.

In-Bloom and Greenspaces

The Parish Council is committed to improving greenspaces. Councillors recently filled the planters located across our villages. **Garden competition update:** Cllr Lorraine Gillhespy intends to run a garden competition in July-August 2019. If you have any comments or suggestions to improve our greenspaces please contact Cllrs Beard, Lillian Walker, and Gillhespy. Details are on page 4.

Community Cafe and Bingo

Cafe: Every Monday 12-1pm at the Community Centre.

Bingo: Every Monday 1-2pm at the Community Centre after the cafe. Over 55s pay £1.50 for main, desert and a drink.

Bingo: Every Wednesday 1-3pm at the Community Centre. For more information contact Councillor Lillian Walker, her details are available on page 4.

Naming our Parish Council

As many residents will be aware that our parish council is called Kimblesworth and Plawsworth Parish Council, but there is no mention of Nettlesworth. As a result of a number of residents raising this with us, we have decided to investigate the procedure to change our name to reflect our three villages.

23 The Green Nettlesworth

23 The Green is currently being converted by Durham County Council. The ground floor will be mixed use offices and the first floor will be accommodation for young people aged 11-17 in the Council's Edge of Care Service. For more information please contact Durham County Council or our County Councillor Simon Wilson at swilson@durham.gov.uk.

What's on at the Community Centre

Group	Day/Time	Contact
Appalachian Clog Dancing	Mondays 7.15-9.15pm	Carol - 01913153506
Bingo	Mondays 1-2pm and Wednesdays 1-3pm	Lillian - 07506457744
Cafe/Luncheon Club	Mondays 12-1pm	Lisa - 0775723857
Carer/Toddler Group	Thursdays 9.30-11.30am	Kate Hind - katebombait@yahoo.co.uk Rachael Kelly - rachieroo2011@live.co.uk
Carpet Bowls	Mondays and Thursdays 6.30-8.30pm	Jennifer – 07484678345 Jennifer.Bewley@icloud.com
Dog Obedience Training	Tuesdays 6.30-9.30pm	Jenny - 07738470262
Parish Council	2nd Thursday of every month except August 7pm	Jocasta Lawton (The Clerk) - kpparishcouncil@gmail.com
Slimming World	Wednesdays 6.30pm	Julie Melzin - 07780119062
Circuit Training/Zumba	Wednesdays and Fridays 10-11am	Jane Rich - 07930321434

Kimbleworth Miners' Banner

Members of our community have expressed interest in forming a banner group to design a new banner and hopefully march at next year's Big Meeting. We hope to arrange a meeting later this Summer to form the group. If you are interested please register your interest and want to be involved, please contact Councillors Kendall and Lillian Walker their details are available below.

End of the First World War Commemoration Event

On the 10th November 6pm at the Community Centre, there will be an event commemorating the end of the First World War.

Tickets cost £5 – but include pies and peas as well as a raffle ticket. A singer has been booked for the event. Please keep an eye out for advertising nearer the time, if you are interested please get in touch with Councillor Lillian Walker her details are available below.

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The Parish Clerk

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