**TRIMDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of **Trimdon Parish Council** held in **St Alban’s Church Hall, Trimdon Grange** on **Tuesday 8 July 2025** at 6:00pm.

**Present**: Councillor John Burton, David Smith, Paul Stephens, Bernie Oliver, Carole Bell, and Paul Trippett

Joseph Hobson, Clerk to the Council was also in attendance.

**68/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors, Margaret Elliott, George Elliott, Rob Gilbert, Les Oliver, Ian Quinn, and Keith Thompson.

**Resolved** that the apologies be approved.

**69/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Maurice Sewell attended the meeting to discuss a possible future housing development in Trimdon Grange. He reported that he is working with Durham County Council to identify sites in the area for possible housing development and he had identified an area adjacent to Rose Street in the village. He said that he hoped to make an initial planning application in Autumn 2025 for around 100 properties and was keen to identify a construction partner. The Council welcomed the proposal and indicated that it would likely support the application.

**70/25 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No County Councillor was present.

**71/25 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2025**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 10 June 2025 was circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10 June 2025 be approved.

**72/25 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF RESOLUTATION OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF 10 JUNE 2025**

No updates were received.

**73/25 FINANCIAL**

1. The Clerk gave a verbal update on expenditure approved by the Chairman under Section 4.1 of the Financial Regulations. A written list had been circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved** that the payments be approved and signed by the Chairman.

1. The Clerk submitted the schedule of payments made between 1 June 2025 and 30 June 2025.

**Resolved** that the schedule of payments made between 1 June 2025 and 30 June 2025 be approved.

1. The Clerk submitted a schedule of receipts between 1 June 2025 and 30 June 2025.

**Resolved** that the schedule of receipts between 1 June 2025 and 30 June 2025 be approved.

1. The Clerk submitted a bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) for 30 June 2025. This was cross referenced with the Bank Statement.

**Resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement (Current Bank Account) for 30 June 2025 be approved and the bank statement be signed by the Chairman.

1. The Clerk submitted the Q1 VAT report.

**Resolved** that the Q1 VAT report be approved.

**74/25 CLERK’S REPORTS**

1. An email from Durham County Council Senior Drainage Engineer regarding proposed installation of sustainable urban drainage system on parish land in Trimdon Village at the Bluebell Meadow Primary School site was circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved** that the Clerk to conduct a site visit to meet with the engineer to discuss the proposed drainage scheme.

1. A report on the proposed reappointment of Gordon Fletcher as the Internal Auditor to the Council was circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved** that Gordon Fletcher be reappointed as the Internal Auditor of the Council.

1. A report on proposed Allotment rents for 2026/2027 was circulated with the agenda.

Resolved that the allotment rents for 2026/2027 be held at the same rate as 2025/2026.

**75/25 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next meeting will an Ordinary Meeting to be held Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 6.00pm