Minutes of Kimberley Town Council, Extra Meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 16th January 2020 7.00pm

Present: Councillors:	R Plumb
	T Rood - Chair
	S McEntee
	J Dymond
	S Bain
	E Tansley
Clerk	S Nolan
Locum Clerk	M Plumb

387 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillors R Robinson & M Crow

388 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

389 BUDGET 2020/2021

The budget recommended by the finance committee was presented.
Cllr Dymond went through the various categories and after discussion and some slight amendments. It was noted that should it be necessary budget amendments could be brought before the full council in the future.
Potential future projects were discussed and agreed that ear marketed reserves was included as follows:

Chapel Bell	£10000
Stag/Parish Hall architect fees	£9000
Environmental – tree planting	£1000
Notice Boards	£4000
Stag Drainage	£5000
Mower replacement	£500

Cllr Plumb suggested that English Heritage be contacted for their view on the Chapel Bell. The Clerk to contact Margaret Ellis as it is understood she may have drawings regarding the Chapel bell.

RESOLVED that; that the budget with these provision as discussed be adopted.

390 PRECEPT 2020/2021

After discussion it was agreed to increase the Precept by 1.5%
Vote for 5 1 against
The clerk to submit this decision to the borough council

RESOLVED that; the precept be £122920 for the year 2020/2021

391 AUDITORS REPORT 2018/2019

The Acting Town Clerk reported that the External Auditor had finally completed the final stage of the annual audit of accounts. He provided a full report of the Auditors report and related papers and the meeting discussed the details. The appropriate Public Notices will now be displayed for the required period. Copies of the AGAR will be made available for purchase by any Member of the Public, and it will be retained for Public access for a minimum of 5 years.
The Acting Town Clerk also reported that the reason for the delay in issuing the confirmation of completion of the Annual Audit was caused because "challenging correspondence" had been received by the External Auditor against the Town Council AGAR submission. This needed the attention by the Auditor. After consideration, the External Auditor had determined that the "challenging information" did not meet the qualification criteria required for a formal objection (to the accounts). The Notice of completion of the Audit was therefore issued.
The Acting Town Clerk had written requesting details of the challenge, in order to enable the Council to review its detailed financial procedures. . However the Auditors had confirmed that there was no obligation on the Auditor to provide the details requested. After discussion, the meeting **agreed** that the Acting Town Clerk make a further request, in an attempt to identify the nature/aspect of the challenge, not the identity of the "Challenger". This would be solely used to identify additional improvements to the Town Councils detailed financial procedures and regulations.

RESOLVED that; the contents of the Auditors report be noted

392 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Full Council Thursday 30th January 2020 at 7pm
Recreation & Parish Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7pm

393 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure if exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

No members of the public present at this stage.

394 GRANT FOR BROWNIES

The Clerk reported that following a review of past payments a grant for 1st Kimberley brownies towards camping equipment agreed on 29th March 2018 had not been paid.

RESOLVED that, the £500 awarded in the minutes of the meeting of 29th March 2018 now be paid.

395 STAFFING – ACTING TOWN CLERK

M Plumb left the meeting. The clerk asked that the locum contract for Mr plumb be extended for a further 6 months, effective from 1st February 2020.

RESOLVED that, a further 6 months contract be issued

The meeting closed at 8.45