

Minutes of the meeting of the Kimberley Town Council held on the 30th January, 2020 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Kimberley Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present	Town Councillors	Cllr S Bain Cllr K Boettge Cllr J Dymond Cllr S Macentee Cllr N Oakden Cllr J Pearce Cllr R Plumb Cllr T Rood Cllr B Samuals MBE Cllr E Tansley	Vice Chairman Chairman
	County Cllr	Cllr P Owen	
	Members of the Public	Mr G Barksby Mr M Tanner Mrs E Tanner	
	Acting Town Clerk.	Mr M Plumb	

396. Apologies for absence

Borough Cllr M Crow
Borough Cllr R Robinson
Cllr D warner

397. Declarations of interests

Cllr J Dymond declared a none pecuniary interest in agenda item no 11 (Grant requests) through his relationship with an applicant local sports Association. He would absent himself from the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

398. Minutes

- After discussion, the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 5th December, 2019 were **adopted** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
- After discussion, the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 16th January. 2020 were **adopted** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

399 Matters arising from the minutes.

Town Council meeting 5th December 2019

- Minute 372. Land Registry records. Continuing research through Councils records.
- Flooding incident. Borough Council confirmed full consultation with Road Drainage and Severn Trent Authorities had taken place
- Conservation Area. Babbington Village. Request made to the Borough Council (agenda item)
- The meeting noted that the Chairman had represented the Town Council at the recent Holocaust Day. Cllr. Dymond also attended

Town Council meeting 16th January 2020

- Completion of External Audit for financial year 2018/19. Public Notices now displayed. Auditors have been asked for further information upon a challenge received against the accounts. Response is awaited.

Councillors referred to past discussions regarding the Brewery site re development. They expressed serious concerns in relation to excessive removal of existing trees in the vicinity and surrounding area of the development and “mud mess” on the road by Site Developers Lorries. **Agreed** Further representations to be made to the Borough Council

400 County/Borough Councillors report

Borough Cllr R Robinson had submitted an e mail report upon various matters including the Borough Councils current policies on developments in woodland areas, trees restoration, development within woodland areas, tree restoration and replanting, safeguarding proposed tram routes and Brewery Wood redevelopment. **Report noted.**

County Cllr P Owen reported upon resurfacing works on RockSide, Mill Lane, and Turnberry Close, consultations upon Residents parking schemes, traffic regulation orders and a new County web site for reporting street lighting failures, road problems and potholes. **Report noted**

401 **Public question time.** (Standing orders temporarily suspended for this item)

Mr and Mrs Tanner expressed concerns in relation to parking problems on Jubilee Street

Street repainting of double yellow lines. Also of concern is the presence of mud and debris from Contractors vehicles on Awsworth Lane. **Reports noted**

402 Planning Applications

The Acting Town Clerk reported that no new planning applications for significant developments had been received. He gave details of a road works notice for the A 610 proposal in March 2020. **Noted**

403 Parish Hall/Recreation pavilion. Structural Survey report

The Acting Town Clerk reported the receipt of the final report from the Vinden Partnership. The report was extensive and detailed and full copies had been supplied sufficient for all Councillors. They were available for collection after the meeting. He advised Councillors to take time to read the report details in order for the Town Council to discuss and determine its important policy options for the future, at the next meeting of the Town Council (February 2020). **Noted**

404 Account for payment.

SUPPLIER PAYMENT SCHEDULE			30.01.2020
DATE	NAME		AMOUNT
			£
29.11.19	H W MARTIN	CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON	1050.00
16.01.20	TURBO DRAIN	SCHOOL HOUSE DRAINAGE PROBLEM	160.00
03.01.20	NOTTS CC	PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS MEALS	172.80
06.01.20	W DALEY	LEGIONAIRE TESTING	30.00
03.01.20	MBF ELECTRICAL	CHAPEL ELECTRICS	216.00
01.01.20	HSG	NAPPY BINS	36.00
30.12.19	M ROOD	CHAPEL VIWING/WEDDINGS DECEMBER	50.00
24.09.19	PKF LITTLEJOHN	AUDIR 2018/2019	720.00
21.01.20	DOLLIE DUSTERS	PH CLEANING	200.00
21.01.20	CARTILIDGE PROJECTS	SCHOOL HOUSE DRAINAGE PROBLEM	982.00
			3616.80

The meeting **agreed** the above payments.

405 Correspondence

The meeting **received and noted** the schedule of correspondence circulated with the agenda papers, upon correspondence received since the last Town Council meeting.

- Use of the large notice board Town Hall frontage. The Acting Town Clerk reported that the Leader of the Slimming World group (a hirer of the Parish Hall) has asked for permission to display notices on this notice board at the front of the Hall. He asked for the meetings response to this request. After discussion, the meeting **agreed** that in view of the Councils proposals for

Notice Board redevelopments, the request be not approved at the present time.

- Peter Jordon. Retirement. The Acting Town Clerk reported that he had been informed that Mr Jordon intended to retire from his work in the near future. The Chairman spoke of the extensive, commendable work carried out by Mr Jordon in his past capacity with a local news agency/paper and an extraordinary amount of quality photographic services for local community events over many years. The Acting Town Clerk (from past Local Council appointments) fully endorsed the Chairman's comments from his own experience. After discussion it was **resolved** to place on record, Kimberley Town Council's unreserved appreciation of Peters work in portraying the positive side of the communities' activities and events, both in the Kimberley Town and surrounding Communities.
- Donation. The meeting **noted** a message from Mr S Brunt that donations made in commemoration of Jean Brunt had raised £400. This money was going to the Haywood House Care House at the City Hospital. He thanked the Town Council for their contribution

406 Grants requests

(At this point, Cllr J Diamond having recorded a none pecuniary interest, absented himself from the meeting whilst this item of business was discussed).

The Acting Town Clerk reported the receipt of an application from the Kimberley Cricket Club for a grant from the Town Council in respect of cricket training for youngsters at two separate locations. The total grant requested was £1,540. After discussion, and on the presumption of additional sponsorship from other sources, the meeting **agreed** to the payment of grant requested

(Cllr J Diamond returned to the meeting)

407 Babbington Village. Request to designate the area as a formal Conservation Area

The Acting Town Clerk reported that in accordance with a previous Council decision, he had written to the Borough Council asking if Babbington Village and the surrounding area could be classified as a Conservation Area. In response, the Borough Council had inspected the area and had concluded that there is currently insufficient justification for the Village to be so classified. The reason given was that the existing houses had undergone significant changes, particularly roof lights, and dormer windows These changes had created changes to the original character of the

Village. However, the Borough Council had suggested that additional specific policies might be included in the Development plan aimed at ensuring future extensions and alterations were in keeping with the current character of the Village. After a full discussion it was **agreed** that a site meeting be held to review the consequences of the Borough Councils response, **and** that, (in conjunction with any decision by the meeting in respect of the following item of business), a new consultation exercise with all registered voters in Babbington be arranged to identify the current views of the Residents.

408 Babbington Footpaths, Bridle Ways, and access

The Acting Town Clerk reported that, with the Town Council Vice Chairman, they had visited the County Council offices at Trent Bridge, Nottingham and met Neil Lewis. The purpose of the meeting was to review the present position relating to access routes between Babbington and Kimberley. Cllr Plumb had amassed a considerable amount of documentary and photographic evidence demonstrating that both footpaths and bridleways were in serious danger of being lost. The Acting Town Clerk had inspected the area of Babbington and had noted the presence of footpath signs both at Babbington itself (pointing to Kimberley) and at Kimberley (pointing to Babbington). Equally serious was that there was no direct road access to Kimberley, and its facilities, from Babbington. As a consequence, Babbington Residents had to drive some four miles through Awsworth to arrive at the Town which was situated ("as the crow flies") approx. one mile. This factor affected the level of Community safety.

After discussion it was **agreed**, that in conjunction with the previous minute record (407), the consultation with Babbington Residents was essential. Acting Town Clerk to action, in consultation with Town Council Chairman, Vice Chairman, Borough Cllr S Eason and County Cllr P Owen.

409 Meeting schedule. 2020/21

Circulated with the agenda papers (and attached to these minutes) was a report upon suggested dates of meetings for the year 2020/21. After discussion it was **agreed** to accept the proposed schedule with the inclusion of Finance Committee meetings (20/2/20, 23/4/20, and 18/6/20 plus other dates to be announced), the HR Committee, the Events Committee, and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee, all to be arranged as required.

410 Co option of New Councillors

Circulated with the agenda papers (and attached to these minutes), the Acting Town Clerk submitted a recommendation that a public notice (on notice boards and the Town Councils web page) be issued inviting nominations and/or expressions of interest, for co option into the four current vacancies. After discussion, it was **resolved** to adopt the Acting Town Clerks recommendations. Responses to be considered by the full Town Council.

411 Tree preservation Orders

The meeting considered specific and general incidents within the Town, of removal of trees with little evidence of replacement/replanting. Two examples were cited by Councillors. Firstly, the Brewery site development, and secondly the removal of trees along the main A610 by-pass. The Acting Town Clerk also reported upon an e mail received from Cllr Darren Warner, expressing concerns upon other tree removals at Knowle Park, Mill Park, and other road verges, without any apparent replanting. During the ensuing discussion, Councillors raised the questions about the operation of Borough Councils policies upon Tree Preservation Orders operation and the relevant environmental actions.

After discussion, it was **agreed** Acting Town Clerk to express the Town Councils increasing concern in this matter and to request more information upon systems which record tree removals and replacement in public area's and development sites.

412 Review of Leisure Facilities within the Borough

The Acting Town Clerk reported that an invitation had been received from the Borough Council (Leisure facilities) to attend a Community consultation meeting at the Kimberley Leisure Centre on Wednesday 5th February, 2020 (evening). The consultation concerns a Leisure facilities strategy consultation at three locations in the Borough Area. The Acting Town Clerk also reported that Cllr J Dymond had suggested that such a consultation should also be sent to Local Community Sports organisations e.g. cricket, football and other sports organisations. The meeting **noted** the report.

(Record note. At this point, Cllr S Bain apologised for having to leave the meeting to attend to another commitment)

413 Dates of meetings

Recreation/Parish Committee
HR Committee

13th February 2020
TBC

414 Exclusion of the Public and press

After thanking the Public and the County Cllr for their attendance, it was **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 of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of schedule 12A of the Act. (Staffing issues and contractual quotations) `

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(A record of the remaining items of business to be discussed and determined by the Town Council is given on a separate confidential attachment to these minutes for the information of Town Councillors and Council Officers only, and for the Town Councils formal records).

KIMBERLEY TOWN COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT TO
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
30TH JANUARY 2020

(For Town Councillors and Council Officers only)

415 Staffing. Sue Nolan. Assistant to the Town Clerk

The Acting Town Clerk circulated with the agenda a confidential report with regard to formally acknowledging Sue Nolan's past work and efforts during the pro longed absence of the former Town Clerk. The report included recommendations to the meeting following consultation with the Council's Chairman

After discussion, it was **resolved** as follows

- Sue's Job title be up graded to Assistant Town Clerk/RFO
- HR Committee to agree minor changes to her job description, with Sue.
- Increase salary, determined by the HR Committee, to be back dated to 1st January 2019
- To place on record the Town Councils unreserved appreciation and acknowledgement of her past work during the absence of the former Town Clerk.

416 Parish Hall heating and air conditioning

The Acting Town Clerk submitted details of three quotations received for providing enhanced heating/air conditioning equipment for the Parish Hall. After discussion, this item was **referred** for further consideration by the February 2020 Town Council meeting.

417 Hanging baskets quotations

The Acting Town Clerk reported that one quotation had been obtained for both the provision and maintenance of hanging floral baskets for 2020, spring/summer. He provided details of the Contractors specific costs and services offered. The cost of last year's provision was also given. A third Company could only quote for the provision of the hanging baskets only. Weekly watering was not included. After discussion, it was **referred** for further consideration by the Councils Recreation/Parish Committee.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked Councillors for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.20pm