

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation, Parish and Finance Committee of the Kimberley Town Council held on the 12th September 2019

Present Cllr J Dymond
 Cllr S McEntee
 Cllr J Pearce Chairperson
 Cllr R Plumb
 Cllr T Rood
 Cllr D Warner

Clerk (acting) Malcolm F Plumb F. Inst. LCM

Member of Gordon Barksby
The Public.

221 Apologies for absence

None received

222 Declarations of Interests

None received

223 Minutes

The Acting Clerk reported that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11th July, 2019 had not been circulated in advance for consideration by Committee Members. Copies of these minutes were therefore handed out to Councillors for advance information. Adoption of these minutes will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee. The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th April were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

224 Matters arising from the minutes

Min. No 198 (April 2019). Cllr T Rood reported that contact had finally been established with the Manager of the Sainsbury Store and he was now in the process of setting up a site meeting in the near future

Min. No. 202 (April 2019). The Acting Clerk reported that the lower flat remained unlet. The possible use of a Local Estate Agency was mentioned.

Min No 211 (11th July, 2019). Cllr J Diamond confirmed he had submitted a survey report upon the 9 sites of notice boards as at August 2019. The report, with recommendations, will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee (October, 2019)

225. Public question time

Mr Gordon Barksby raised questions upon the following matters

- The current position concerning the provision of a hearing loop system

- The maintenance of the forecourt to the Sainsbury Store.
- The repair/ maintenance of the precinct shops rainwater guttering
- The historical facts for the Church hall site and its proposed new use

What information was available at the present time was provided.

226 Planning applications

- The meeting considered a proposal to establish a “Micro Pub” in the proximity of the Gate Inn. Councillors felt that this was inappropriately sited and could create traffic problems on the Main Road. It was AGREED to record an objection to this proposal to the Borough Council.
- The Acting Clerk reported that conditional planning consent had been given to a proposal to retain a conservatory, boundary wall and steps on Beverley Drive (19/00357). NOTED.

227 Stag Recreation Ground. Rental Charges

The meeting noted that charges had been determined at the March 2019 meeting. After discussion it accordingly agreed to review the terms of the rental agreement, prior to formalising these changes by the Council.

228 Football Ground access footpath.

The meeting considered the following proposal.

That the Council installs a motor bike inhibitor from Centerwire Ltd. On the footpath alongside the Football Ground, to replace the present barrier, which fails to allow pushchairs to pass through.

The Acting Clerk submitted a pictorial design of a motor bike inhibitor from the Company for the meetings information. Cllr T Rood expressed the view that a more appropriate design (which he portrayed to the meeting) would more appropriate to meet the perceived need, but also allows other users more suitable access. After discussion, the meeting agreed with Cllr Roods alternative proposals and it was so RESOLVED.

229 Review of arrangements for Council Committees and Sub Committees.

The meeting considered and discussed the present role and functions of the Recreation, Parish and Finance Committee. Particular attention was given to the question of forming a separate Finance Committee. The Acting Clerk reminded the meeting that the Town Councils Standing orders specified that the full Town Council was responsible for the formulation of Council Committees. He advised the meeting

that the majority of “large” Local Councils all had a separate Finance Committee and gave information upon typical roles and responsibilities of a Local Councils Finance Committee

After a full discussion, Cllr T Rood proposed that the full Town Council be recommended to approve the formation of a separate Finance Committee in the near future. Cllr R Plumb seconded this proposal. Upon the proposal being put to the meeting it was so RESOLVED.

230 Heritage Telephone Box Library

The Committee Vice Chair, Cllr Sue McIntee asked the Committee to consider a suggestion that a Heritage Telephone Box, using the traditional red telephone Kiosk, might be provided centrally in the Town, which, in part displayed historical information/illustrations of the Town history.

The meeting expressed a positive level of interest in the idea, its security, location, protection, contents and maintenance. As a first step, it was agreed to seek the Borough Councils advice/information, and to obtain more information about where a red traditional phone box could be obtained,

231 Underpass. Maws Lane/ Awsworth Lane.

Cllr Sue McIntee, expressed her concern over the state of this underpass access, primarily caused by dysfunctional drainage, surface mud, debris and litter. There were grounds to suspect that the potential for accidents by Members of the Public particularly during the winter months was fairly high.

After discussion, it was agreed to pass on the Committees concerns to County Cllr Philip Owen and to Broxtowe Borough Council with a view to having a detailed examination of this problem and the possible hazard to users

232 Footpaths Condition

Reports were received of a footpath access being obstructed by overgrown trees/hedges in Edinburgh Row, off Maws Lane (Footpath No. 17)

AGREED Acting Clerk to pass a report to County Highways

233 Acting Clerks report

- Complaint received of an overgrown tree between two allotments. Cllr T Rood to rectify
- Location of Allotments registers. Details given
- Millfield Allotments registered land owners. Clerk to investigate

234 Date of next meeting.

10th October, 2019

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 2110hrs.