

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish and Recreation Committee, Kimberley Town Council, Nottinghamshire, held on Thursday, 9th January, 2020.

Present	Cllr J Dymond	
	Cllr J Pearce	Chair
	Cllr T Rood	
	Cllr B Samuels. MBE	
	Malcolm Plumb	Acting Town Clerk
	Mr G. Barksby	Member of the public

251 Apologies for absence

Cllrs S Bain, K Boettge, N Oakden, and E Tansley.

252 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made by attending Councillors in respect of items specified on the meeting's agenda.

253 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish and recreation Committee meeting held on the 14th November, 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

254 Matters arising from the minutes

The Acting Town Clerk reported as follows

Minute 240. Heritage Telephone Box. Agenda item

Minute 241. Police liaison. The Acting Town Clerk reported that following past enquiries on this subject, he had been advised that because of Police cutbacks and reductions, Police priorities has had to be revised giving more attention to "crimes seriousness" , than to other kind of less serious matters. This was affecting the level of liaison with Town/Parish Councils. After discussion, it was **agreed** to press the argument for increased liaison as an important facility for the exchange of reports and information.

Minute 244. Footpaths Warden. The Acting Town Clerk reported that he had e-mailed an enquiry to the County Council and a response was awaited. He also

updated Councillors upon current work/investigations relating to Babbington Footpaths. **Noted.**

Minute 248. Notice board renovations. A standardised specification was in the course of preparation for submitting to appropriate Contractors. **Noted.**

255. Structural Survey

Cllr T Rood reported that the full survey had now been carried out on the 25th November 2019. Following a later meeting with the Company's Representatives, it had been agreed that the full survey report would be received during the first two weeks of January 2020. This report will then be considered by the full Town Council at the end of the current month. **Noted.**

256 Spring time tour of Council facilities by Committee Members.

The Acting Town Clerk suggested that it might be helpful to both himself and Committee Members, if a group tour of inspection to various Town Councils sites within the Parish took place. Springtime might be the appropriate time, if the meeting agreed with this suggestion. During the ensuing discussion, Councillors mentioned a number of specific sites which might be included. After discussion, the meeting **agreed** with the suggestions. Acting Town Clerk to action.

257 Sites maintenance.

The meeting held a general discussion upon a number of idea's for improved maintenance of Town Council and other sites in the Town. Suggestions were noted. Matter to be reviewed under agenda item 11 (Appointment of Handyman). **Noted.**

258 Town Boundary Welcome Signs

The Acting Town Clerk asked the meeting if it might be possible to improve the appearance of the boundary signs, particularly at either end of the main road through the Town. A new larger welcome sign incorporating the Town Councils Logo/Insignia, perhaps with the sign fitted with a well maintained flower box, would create a much better first impression to all People entering the Town. During the ensuing discussion, mention was made of the boundary sign at Broomhill. Also mentioned was the need to obtain any required permissions for such improvements. After discussion it was **agreed** Acting Town Clerk to obtain additional information.

259 Red (heritage) telephone box.

The Acting Town Clerk reported that following enquiries, he had obtained information upon two schemes for the acquisition, removal, re installation and maintenance of a typical (“heritage design”) UK red telephone box. The first (most expensive) option was to buy a reconditioned box from a BT approved supplier and have this delivered and installed in a permanent location, following approval from a planning point of view. The estimated cost would be in the order of £4,000. The second more cheaper option was to buy a remaining unused box in its present location from the BT and renovate it to an acceptable design. Cost (if approved by BT) would be £1.00 for the box plus the cost of renovations and maintenance. During the ensuing discussion it was **agreed** Acting Town Clerk investigate the second option with BT as a first step with more information upon costing.

260 Hall hire review.

For record purposes, the Acting Town Clerk provided a brief breakdown of the current list of regular bookings of the Town Hall. These were as follows.

Mondays	Evening dance class
Tuesdays	Morning/evening slimming classes
Wednesdays	Lunchtime OAP lunch. Afternoon/evening dance class. Evening A/A (Committee room)
Thursdays	Evening dance class
Friday	Morning dance class
Saturday	Morning dance class

A number of suggestions were discussed concerning additional activities not currently available in the Town. These included indoor bowls, a Community cinema, Badminton, drama practice.

After discussion it was **agreed** to continue to look for more opportunities for using the Hall and to add a new entry on the Town Councils web site showing the halls current usage and its potential for other community activities.

261 Appointment of Handyman.

The meeting looked into the past lack of action in developing this proposal and discussed how this action might be speeded up. Cllr T Rood suggested how this might be achieved by firstly defining **all** the items of work needed throughout the Town and within the Town Councils own facilities. These items would then be

classified into, for example, work that might be taken on, under contract, by the Borough Council, work that could be put out to local Contractors (if possible, otherwise none local), and finally work which would be included in a list of responsibilities for a Town Council Handyman. After discussion, it was **agreed** to commence this action immediately with Councillors and Town Council Officers developing the total list of work activities. The Committee would then begin the task of allocations to various kinds of Contractors and finally to the Town Councils Handyman. This work to be given a high priority. Initial work items might be as follows (others can be added).

- Hanging baskets and roadside flower boxes
- Grassed areas adjoining Town Council facilities
- Flower beds, both springtime summertime
- Boundary signs
- Recreation grounds
- Allotments
- Town Hall. Caretaking, routine maintenance, outside areas

262 Stag Recreation Ground. Charitable status

The meeting reviewed the past attempts at clarifying the actual legal status/ownership/Trusteeship at the site.. The Acting Town Clerk was experiencing difficulties in understanding the accurate position from the Town Council own records. After a full discussion it was finally **agreed** Acting Town Clerk make contact with the Manchester Solicitors, who were involved in this matter in the past, in order to gain more information.

263 Date of next meeting.

Agreed. Parish/Recreation Committee 13th February 2020

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm