

Minutes of the meeting of the Kimberly Town Council held on the 26th September, 2019 in the Committee room, Town Hall, Kimberly, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present	Town Councillors	Cllr S Bain. Cllr J Dymond Cllr S McEntee Cllr N Oakden Cllr R Plumb Cllr T Rood Cllr B Samuels MBE
	County Councillor	Cllr P Owen
	Borough Councillors	Cllr S Eason Cllr R Robinson
	Acting Town Clerk	Malcolm Plumb. F. Inst. LCM
	Members of the Public	3

352 Apologies for absence

Cllr D Watson

353 Declarations of interests

Cllr N Oakden declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item no 7, Planning applications. He will absent himself from the meeting during this item of business.

354 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 25th July 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

355 Matters arising from the minutes (25th July, 2019)

334. Holy Trinity Land Development. The meeting discussed the claims that this site was not a former Church burial ground. Evidence was available to strongly contest this claim. The meeting's view was that this land should **not** be developed, but used as a form of Community Garden. It was **agreed** to invite the Vicar to the next meeting of the Town Council and that the Acting Town Clerk emphasises to both the Borough Council's Planning office and the Church Authorities, the Town Councils continuing opposition to the proposed development.

343. Parish Hall and Stag pavilion electrical work. The Chair reported that this work was now completed and was fully "certified". **Noted**.

336. Stag Recreation Ground. Bollard. The Chair reported that further liaison work was required on the question of access rights. On-going item upon agreed terms.

Noted

337. Stag Recreation Ground. Charges. The Chair reported upon the current position. Acting Town Clerk to investigate Land Registry records. **Noted**

340. Babbington Village Conservation Area. The meeting **re-affirmed** its view that the area needs to be declared a Conservation area. Acting Town Clerk to review the history with the Vice Chair, Cllr Roy Plumb.

341. Babbington Village. Footpath and roadway. The meeting reviewed the need to preserve Westby Lane as a Public Highway. Acting Town Clerk to contact Neil Lewis, County Highways to press for appropriate action to clear this important access way.

342. Bus route No. 27. Faulty bus sign. The Acting Town Clerk reported that an e mail response had been received from the Trent Barton Bus Company. This matter concerned past complaints that the automated information sign at the Maws Lane bus stop was faulty. The e mail was read out in full to the meeting indicating that following a full examination of the system, no faults could be identified. Cllr S McEntee contested this response citing cases where a bus did not arrive as indicated by the automated sign. She argued that whenever a service is withdrawn, for whatever reason, the sign should display a "cancellation" report. Acting Town Clerk to respond along these lines to the Bus Company.

346. Town/Parish Hall. Noise complaint. Complaints have been received that loud music from one of the Halls users was causing concern and inconvenience to others. Acting Town Clerk to check the volume controls and to request the Hirers to ensure a lower volume setting in future.

347. Hearing Loop installation. The chair reported on-going work and further work was still needed. **Noted**

338. Town/Parish Hall. Structural Surveys. The Chairman reported that he had approached a few number of Structural Surveying Companies seeking further quotations for the carrying out of a full and detailed structural survey of the Hall premises. **Agreed** if quotations are not received, Acting Town Clerk to write to a selection of companies, advertising on the web inviting quotations. Referred to the October meeting of the Town Council.

348. Appointment of a separate Town Council Finance Committee. The Acting Town Clerk reported that at the recent meeting of the Recreation, Parish and finance Committee, a recommendation to the full Town Council had been agreed that a separate Finance Committee be set up. The Clerk reminded the meeting that such a decision can only be made by the Full Council, as required by the Councils own Standing Orders. If agreed, the full Council would appoint Town Councillors to serve on the new Committee and that their role and responsibilities need to be clearly

defined in the Town Council minutes. After a full discussion, it was **resolved** to accept the Committee's recommendation. Initial membership to comprise the Council Chair Cllr J Dymond, Cllr N Oakden, Cllr J Pearce, and Cllr S Bain. Meetings to be held as early as possible and may include day time meetings if the Committee so wish

356. Borough Councillors reports

Cllr R Robinson provided reports upon the following matters.

- The successful and popular completion of the Borough Councils "Corporate Road Shows"
- The current debates concerning the funding for future extensions to the NET trams network
- The positive outcome of the Borough Councils "Business Meetings, particularly in the immediate area.

Cllr S Eason provided reports upon the following matters

- "Section 106" funds being employed to fund community surveys seeking Residents views, particularly concerning the extension of the tram network.
- Consultations were taking place regarding Leisure Centre provisions.
- Efforts by the Borough Council to secure extra Policing provisions in the Borough.

County Councillors Report

Cllr P Owen provided reports upon the following matters

- Re surfacing of Swingate/Ashley Drive being carried out
- Yellow road linings for Truman Street completed
- Prohibitive yellow road lining against parking on road corners.
- Pedestrian crossing near Gilthill School not now considered being a "safe" proposal. However "Caution" signs will be provided
- Flooding incident between "Nine Corners" and the Town Centre is under detailed consideration.
- Severn Trent Water Authority being questioned about the adequacy of the sewerage systems in the area and planning control of new developments.

After discussions the above Councillors were thanked for their attendance and their information reports, all of which were **noted** by the Town Council.

356 Public question time

- Concern was expressed relating to the absence of a Police representative at meetings of the Town Council. Incidents were quoted which require Police investigation.

- The standards and maintenance of hanging baskets and floral displays in the Town was not satisfactory and well below the standard of neighbouring communities. (Town Council will review this matter shortly)
- Questions were asked concerning the ownership of land affecting the access to the Stage recreation Ground. (Acting Town Clerk to take up this question shortly)

357. Planning Applications

(Records note. Cllr N Oakden left the meeting at this point, whilst the first item was discussed.)

1. Residential development at Noel Street, Kimberly. The Town Council remains strongly concerned with the existing inadequate access and parking room at this location. Further development will enhance this problem affecting parking and access for existing residents and emergency services. Acting Town Clerk to confirm these concerns to the Broxtowe BC Planners.
2. Kimberley Brewery Site Redevelopment. After discussion, the meeting recorded its serious concerns relating to road safety for vehicles and pedestrians alike, arising from the current intention of creating a new access direct onto the main (Eastwood) road. Additionally Councillors felt that such a junction would intensify the already serious position concerning surface water and sewerage systems, as has been clearly shown by the most recent flooding incident. The meeting **agreed** Acting Town Clerk to records the Town Council's strong concerns to the Borough Council (copy to County Cllr P Owen). A meeting with County Highways and the Severn/Trent Water Authority is needed. The Town Council remains of the view that the original access to the "Nine Corners" junction remains the preferred location.

358. Stag Recreation Ground Pavilion Plans

The Chairman reported upon the current position. This is an ongoing development and a further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Town Council.
Noted.

359 Air conditioning quotations. Chapel on the Hill

The Acting Town Clerk reported that three quotations had now been received which should enable the Town Council to determine which one to accept. The Clerk advised, that since this is now a "contractual" decision, it becomes an "exempt" item to be considered at the final part of the meeting. **Agreed** Item transferred for discussion under "Exclusion of Public and press" item.

360 Notice Boards Report

Cllr J Diamond summarised the main points of his previously circulated report upon the current number and condition of the Town Council's notice boards. He described

the work needed to update and improve these important items. After discussion, the meeting **accepted** the report and **authorised** the actions proposed.

361 School House. Ground floor flat

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a (possibly) interested person in taking on the tenancy of this flat. He reminded the meeting that this accommodation was more suitable for either a disabled or an elderly person. After discussion, it was **agreed** that if the current enquiry fails to result in a letting agreement, the accommodation be advertised locally as appropriate.

362 Premises Inspections

The meeting considered the position regarding the need to have health, safety, fire safety, and routine maintenance reports to be updated. **Agreed** Acting Town Clerk to action this work and report back to a future meeting.

363 Accounts for payment

The Acting Town Clerk circulated with the agenda papers, a schedule of payments currently outstanding together with the received invoices for the meetings consideration. After discussion, the meeting **agreed to authorise** the payments listed below.

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
Veolia	Industrial waste	£121. 41	£24. 28	£145.69
E-on	Electricity (Stag)	£21..13	£1 06	£22.19
E-on	Electricity ((Bowls)	£13.56	£0.68	£14.24
HSG	Hygiene services	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60
Peninsula	Employment service	£174.00	£34.80	£208.80
Kompan	Equipment Instal	£8,580.80	£1,716.16	£10296.96
Midshire	Printer warranty	£39.65	£7.93	£47.58
Dolly Dusters	Cleaners costs	£200.00	nil	£200.00

364. Correspondence : Kimberley Miners Welfare FC

The Chairman reported that the Kimberley Miners Welfare FC had put in a request for a club licence for the provision, selling and consumption of alcohol in the Sports Pavilion. During the ensuing discussion, views were expressed both for the proposal and against. The proposal was therefore put to the vote. A recorded vote was requested. The result of the vote was: FOR the proposal, Cllrs N Oakden, R Plumb, T Rood, and B Samuels. AGAINST the proposal, Cllrs S Bain, J Diamond, and S McEntee. The proposal was accordingly **carried**.

365 Requests for grant.

The Acting Town Clerk reported that, to his knowledge, no requests for grants were outstanding. **Noted.**

366 Clerks Report

1. Hot water, Ladies toilet. Work Completed
2. Stag footpath restricting barrier. Quotations expected
3. Millfield Allotments. Half plot possible let
4. Children's Air Ambulance recycling bin. No suitable site available
5. Knowle Park play equipment. Work commencing Monday 30th Sept. 2019
6. Nott's CC offer of cold weather salt supplies. Agreed 5 bags
7. Chapel Civil ceremonies license. License granted
8. Chapel hire fees increase for 2020 and beyond. Agreed £5.00 PA.increase
9. The Acting Town Clerk reported, for the meetings records, that a personal file for a former Employee was missing. Following an extensive search, this confidential personal file could not be located. The presumption was that the confidential file had been taken or destroyed by a person, or persons unknown. The Clerk asked for this report to be noted in the minutes of this meeting. The Meeting **so noted**.
10. The Acting Town Clerk further reported that the Town Councils web site Agents, had submitted a quote for extensive updating of the Town Councils web site. Material would be extracted from the Councils records and passed on to the Agents. The quoted cost was £240 and the clerk asked for authority to go ahead with this work. The meeting **agreed** and authorised the expenditure.

367 Dates of next meetings.

Neighbourhood Planning
Recreation/Parish

Thursday 3rd October 2019
Thursday 10th October 2019

Finance Committee	TBC (Day time meeting?)
Standing Orders	TBC
Town Council	Thursday 31 st October 2019

368 Exclusion of the Public and press

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 para. 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act. The exempt items relate to staffing issues and a contractual decision.

(Note; Any decisions taken by the Town Council under these items of business are recorded in a confidential attachment to these minutes, available only to Town Councillors and Town Council Officers. A copy of this attachment is retained in the Town Council Formal minutes record as a confidential paper.

The Chairman of the Town Council thanked the members of the public and the County and Borough Councillors for their attendance and they all left the meeting at this point.

There being no further business, the chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.50pm