

562 Co option of one new Town Councillor

Circulated with the agenda papers were two declarations of eligibility for being appointed as a Town Councillor to the remaining single vacancy on the Town Council. The meeting was asked to consider the fairest way of making the choice. After a full discussion it was **agreed** that in order to ensure equality of consideration, this meeting would be **adjourned** to the following week, for consideration of this particular item of business, where both Candidates would be given the opportunity to present their case for co option to the whole Town Council via the “Zoom” remote conferencing system. As this matter would be classified as “exempt”, the extended meeting would exclude members of the Public and press.

563 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 25th February 2021 having been circulated to all Town Councillors, were taken as read, adopted by the meeting as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.

564 Reports on action taken

The following reports were received and **noted** by the meeting.

Defibrillators A formal request for a grant towards the cost of a further defibrillator has been submitted to the Borough Council and acknowledged. A formal response was awaited.

Free parking in Kimberley. A formal letter requesting information under the freedom of information legislation in respect of costs and expenditure of the Kimberley Car Parks has been made to the Borough Council. A response is awaited.

HM Government “Levelling up capital funds support. The Town Councils interest in being included in any capital bid to the Government for funds for Kimberley Town has been forwarded to the Borough Council. Borough Cllr Richard Robinson would be monitoring the position on the Town Councils behalf.

Enquiries for future hiring are of the Parish Hall. Enquirers are being advised of the Town Council current policy in complying with the Governments “Lockdown” policies. A record of each enquiry is being retained. Past hirers will be contacted first if and when National policies are changed.

Planning matters. This item of business will become a permanent agenda item effective from the April 2021 meeting of the Town Council. A recent planning matter is dealt with later in the meeting.

Web site replacement. Cllrs Bain and Doherty gave a detailed report upon the progress for the Town Councils new web site. Comments made included Chapel bookings, annual accounts/budgets, minutes of meetings, news items, pictures of Town feature sites, Town Councilors and Council Officers.

Upgrading of the Councils computer system. Sur Nolan, Assistant Town Clerk/RFO reported that equipment had now been ordered and was due for delivery during the following week, the equipment will be installed by a professional, competent Person.

Stag Ground Land ownership question. Acting Town Clerk reported that following an inspection of the site, two external doors were seen to be in urgent need of replacement. After discussion, the meeting approved the need for urgent replacement action to be taken from a maintenance/security aspect.

Acting Town Clerk further reported that he was carrying out a complete review of the Town Council files and documents in relation to the current ownership situation. Detailed research had been previously carried out some ten years ago, by two Solicitors practices. Their reports indicated that under existing legislation, a reasonable case might be possible for a claim for this site to be transferred to the Town Council as principle Owners, rather than Trustees which was set up in 1925. Councillors felt that under the Land Registration Agency's current rules it might be a simple case to request such a transfer. The existing restriction contained in the original Trustee's agreement (Maintaining the site for Community benefit and recreation) could be included as a covenant with any new Title ownership document, if the Land Registry approved. Acting Town Clerk felt this might prove to be more complex and that it might be appropriate for a lawyer to be appointed to act for the Town Council. However it was agreed that a simple claim by the Council should be submitted and this was agreed by the meeting,

565 County Councillors Report

County Cllr Philip Owen provided a detailed report upon various road maintenance works in the Town, concerns relating to the Nine Corners junction and his continuing efforts to rectify the problems of road safety on the main street in the vicinity of the Library bus stops. The road condition for High Spania was noted. The meeting expressed their continuing concerns with the whole road safety aspect between the Supermarket island and Nine Corners junction for traffic, bus services and Pedestrians alike.

After discussion, Cllr Owen was thanked, again, for his attendance and continuing interest in the Town's needs.

566 Borough Councillors Report

Borough Cllr Richard Robinson gave a detailed report upon Borough Council matters. These included the following.

- Incoordination of separate road works (Western Power. Power cable)
- The future (as at present) of the Kimberley Health Centre
- The Section 106 planning condition for the former Brewery site development
- The new HM Governments Policy for "Levelling up" grants towards the costs of capital developments for local communities

- His interest in the recent sale of the former Kimberley Water Tower and adjoining land to a Development concern
- His work in relation to dealing with disputes amongst neighbors

After discussion, Cllr Robinson was thanked for his attendance and his continuing interest in Town Council matters.

567 Questions/statements from Members of the Public

Mr Gordon Barksby expressed the Public's growing concerns with the continuing lack of any real action to resolve the problems (mentioned earlier) relating to the public and vehicular safety at the Nine Corners Junction. Borough Cllr Richard Robinson, in acknowledging these concerns raised the question of whether improvements might be achieved by moving one "bus waiting" point (currently situated at Kimberley Library) to a different location, for instance nears Maws Lane.

568 Brewery Site Development

The Acting Town Clerk had circulated with the agenda papers, a brief report upon a meeting (remote conferencing) between Town Councillors and Broxtowe Borough Council Planning Officers held on the 19th March, 2021. The meeting was held in order to consider the Town Council strong concerns with an amended section 106 (planning consent agreement) which, amongst other matters prolonged the term for the Developers to carry out required renovation works to the former Brewery Tower building. The Town Council were concerned that the extension of the time for renovation works had risks which could result in the work not being carried out. (These risks were defined).

In response, the Borough Council Planning Officers, explained the full details of the section 106 condition and the formal monitoring arrangements which included specifying the actual renovation works to be carried out and the works programmer. These responses provided reasonable levels of assurance. Continued monitoring by both Councils will assist in ensuring this important Heritage landmark would be preserved for future generations.

The **noted** this report.

569 Climate emergency. Town Councils Policy

Circulated with the agenda papers to Councillors, was a draft report of the meeting of the Town Councils Working Group, held on the 11th March, 2021. The aim of the Groups first meeting was to consider what actually the town Council could do, and what the community and business organizations might do.

After discussion the Town Council meeting endorsed the recommendations of the Group specified in the Groups meeting notes (item E 8). The next meeting of the Group will be held shortly

570 **Correspondence list**

The meeting received and **noted** the list of correspondence received since the previous Town Council meeting. The Acting Town Clerk reported that in a more recent letter from the Kimberley Miners Welfare Football Club, requested the Town Councils approval to carry out improvement and developments to the Football Grounds facilities. These included installing additional hard standing area's (Stag Inn end), install an additional covered spectators covered area on the footpath side of the ground and refitting existing seats with concrete base's. All work would be completed and financed by the Football Club..

After discussion, the meeting **decided** to request additional details of the work required for consideration at the April 2021 Town Council meeting

571 **Accounts for payment**

The meeting **noted** the list of accounts paid Following updating information from Cllr's Jim Dymond and Neil Doherty, it was further **noted** that additional accounts in respect of the Town Councils new Web site, and Office computer systems were becoming due in the near future.

572 **Hall Hiring's. Current position**

The Acting Town Clerk reported that a few new enquiries were being received for Hall hiring's and these were being recorded for further consideration as and when HM Government issues relaxed restrictions upon public gatherings. In **noting** this report, the meeting recorded the need to offer the Hall to all former user's of the Hall, in the first instance.

573 **Dates of next meetings**

(Extended) ordinary Town Council meeting (Co options)	1 st April, 2021
Environmental Working Group	8 th April 2021
Town Council meeting	29 th April 2021
HR Committee	TBA

(Note) The yearly calendar of meetings will be considered at the Town Councils annual meeting in May, 2021

The Chairman then thanked the Councillor's for their attendance and closed the adjourned meeting at 2100hr