

Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Kimberley Town Council held on the 24th June, 2021, in the Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Present

Cllr S Bain
Cllr K Boettge
Cllr J Dymond
Cllr N Doherty
Cllr A Mason
Cllr N Oakden
Cllr J Pearce
Cllr R Plumb Vice Chairman
Cllr T Rood Chairman
Cllr E Tansley
Cllr J Wickham
Cllr I Wilson

County Cllr Cllr P Owen
Borough Cllrs Cllr M Crow
 Cllr S Eason

Council Officers M Plumb Acting Town Clerk
 S Nolan Ass. Town Clerk/RFO

Member of the Public G Barksby

TC/21/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Godber, Cllr S McEntee and Borough Cllr R Robinson.

TC/21/15 Declarations of interest

Cllr I Wilson declared a none pecuniary interest in agenda item C (exempt items), application for grant.

TC/21/16 Minutes

Subject to the following amendment, the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 29th April, 2021, the Annual TOWN Meeting and the 2021 Annual Town COUNCIL meetings, both held on the 27th May, 2021 were adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman of the Council.

Minute no. TC/21/02. Appointment of Vice Chairman.

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It was further proposed and seconded that Cllr E Tansley be elected Vice Chairman of the Town Council for 2021/22. The first proposal was put to the meeting and a clear majority voted in favour. No vote was therefore taken in respect of the second nomination and it was thus **Resolved** that Cllr R Plumb be elected Vice Chairman of the Town Council for the year 2021/22

TC/21/17 Reports of action taken

The Acting Town Clerk reported

1. Grants authorised by the Town Council meeting held on the 29th April, 2021 have all been paid
2. Hall Hirings have now re commenced
3. Land Registry, Stag Recreation Ground Title ownership. Referred to the next meeting of the Parish/Recreation Committee.

TC/21/18 County Councillors Report

Cllr P Owen gave a detailed report upon County Council matters which included the following.

- Traffic regulation Orders for Gilt Hill were now going forward
- School crossing facility for the Primary School had been agreed in principal, but infrastructure work remains to be addressed, including restricted view from parked cars.
- Report of a damaged road drainage grate being actioned (Severn/Trent Water Authority)
- A reported “No entry sign” fault is now programmed.
- Serious concerns were being expressed relating to a proposal to redraw Parliamentary boundary’s between the City and the County (Nuthall/Kimberley).
- Nine Corners junction. Problems remain under consideration following comments from the Town Councillors.

Cllr Owen then answered several questions from Town Councillors all of which were under review. After discussion, Cllr Owen was thanked for his attendance and reports which were **noted** by the meeting

TC/21/19 **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr R Robinson had submitted a detailed report which had been circulated to all Town Councillors with the agenda papers. After discussion, the report was received and **noted**.

Cllr S Eason gave a further report upon Borough Council matters which included his own concerns relating to Nottingham City's proposals for the extension of Parliamentary Boundaries (i.e. " Nottingham North and Kimberley"), the need for improved Christmas lighting for the Town, and the current debates upon "Levelling up agenda". He urged the Town Council to take a firm line in representing the wishes of the Kimberley Community

Cllr M Crow gave a further report upon Borough Council matters which included work by the Borough Councils "Development and Economic Task Working Group".

After discussion, the meeting thanked all three Borough Councillors for their reports and continuing interests in Community matters.

TC/21/20 **Planning Applications**

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of planning applications received and determined from the Borough Council. The list was received and **noted** by the meeting. Concern was expressed at the request to withdraw a past planning condition for the housing development currently taking place at the former Brewery Site. This condition related to the restricting of some of the development until the proposed extension of the Nottingham Tram route through Kimberley had been finally settled. Town Councillors expressed serious opposition to the withdrawal of this condition, in order to protect future benefits by having the tram line through Kimberley. Acting Town Clerk to advise the Borough Council of the Town Councils opposition.

TC/21/21 **Questions/statements from Members of the Public**

Mr. Gordon Barksby strongly urged the Town Council to conduct a public consultation with Kimberley Residents and businesses in relation to their opinions on future needs for the Town, in preparation for a bid under the Government's "Levelling up" policy. He also suggested that the County Council should carry out a feasibility study of access routes to the Babbington area before Parish Boundaries are reviewed. He commented that a "pedestrian area" in the Town Centre was needed. The meeting **noted** Mr. Barksby's comments.

TC/21/22 **Future events arrangements**

The meeting held a general discussion upon future arrangements for Remembrance Day, Christmas lights events (including James Street and the unveiling of the restored Towns War Memorial. The Chairman gave a full report upon arrangements and ideas made so far. Further details would be considered when the new Events Working Group meet in the near future.

TC/21/23 **Sport England. National database for sporting facilities**

The Acting Town Clerk reported that the above organisation was creating a National Database of Sporting facilities and had asked permission to allow Kimberley facilities to be included. This would include the Football Ground, the cricket Ground and the Bowls Club. The meeting approved this request. Acting Town Clerk to action.

TC/21/24 **Incident of Racists leafletting in Kimberley**

The meeting noted that leaflets containing offensive racist content had been displayed recently at various locations in the Town. These had been removed by responsible Members of the Public. Reports had been passed on to the Police. The report was **NOTED**.

TC/21/25 **Queens Platinum Jubilee. Proposed programme. June 2022**

Circulated with the agenda papers was information relating to this intended event, including suggestions upon how Towns and Communities might celebrate this event.

After discussion, the information was noted and referred to the Events Working Group for detailed consideration.

TC/21/26 **Environmental Working Group/web site. Reports**

Circulated to Councillors with the agenda papers for this meeting were copies of the minutes of the Groups meeting on the 10th June, 2021 and a record of current progress and future development of the Town Council new web site.

After discussion, the reports and recommendations were noted and adopted by the meeting.

TC/21/27 **Correspondence**

Circulated with the agenda papers to Councillors was a schedule of correspondence received since the previous meeting of the Town Council. After discussion, the information was received and noted by the meeting.

TC/21/28 **Accounts for payments**

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of accounts received since the last meeting of the Town Council. This list was received, noted and approved by the meeting

TC/21/29 **Dates of meetings for 2021/22**

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of proposed dates for Town Council and main Committee meetings for 2021/22. The proposals were received, noted and approved by the meeting. (Web site entry).

TC/21/30 **Public involvement in Town Council meetings**

Cllr K Boettge had circulated an e mail proposal to all Councillors drawing attention to the need to make greater efforts to encourage and assist Members of the Public and disabled People (including Town Councillors) to attend meetings and be more informed upon Town Council matters. The continuing use of “Zoom” remote conferencing systems as a means of improving communication was mentioned. (The Acting Town Clerk clarified an earlier presumption that NALC. had urged Councils not to use “Zoom” which was not correct. A High Court Judge had been jointly appointed by NALC and the SLCC to consider the legality of remote conferencing in relation to past statutory laws. The judge had confirmed that such meetings WERE contrary to the law, because past statutes (requiring open personal, direct access to meetings) could only be amended by a further enactment by the full Government ONLY. This has been more recently corrected by HM Gov.)

After discussion, Cllr Boettge’s concerns were noted and further consideration of this matter will be given at future meetings of the Town Council, where specific proposals would be considered..

TC/21/31 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

It was **resolved** to exclude the public and Press from the remaining part of the meeting, since they include matters defined by the Local Government Act 1972 and the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960. These matters relate to Staffing, and financial contracts and related aspects. (A record of decisions made is recorded on a formal attachment to these minutes, for the information of Town Councillors and Council Officers ONLY.