

Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish and Recreation Committee, Kimberley Town Council, held on the 8th July, 2021 in the Committee room, Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present. Cllr S Bain.
Cllr N Doherty
Cllr J Dymond
Cllr J Pearce (Retiring Committee Chair, presiding)
Cllr E Tansley
Cllr I Wilson

Council Officer M. Plumb Acting Town Clerk

PR/21/01 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Plumb and Cllr T Rood

PR/21/02 **Appointment of Committee Chairman 2021/22**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr S Bain be appointed Committee Chairman for the Council year 2021. No other nominations were made and Cllr Bain was unanimously elected Chairman.

Cllr S Bain in the Chair

PR/21/03 **Appointment of Committee Vice Chairman 2021/22**

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr J Dymond be elected Committee Vice Chairman for 2021/22. No other nominations were made and Cllr J Diamond was unanimously elected Committee Vice Chairman

PR/21/04 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 12th March 2020, having been circulated to all Councilors were taken as read, adopted by the meeting as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman

PR/21/04 **Kimberely Parish Hall/offices. Review/suggestions for future development**

Cllr J Dymond referred to the current debates in connection with HM Gov's "Levelling Up" agenda, which might support redevelopment/replacement of the current Parish Hall. He suggested Councilors might monitor property availability within the Town, whilst the debate is taking place.

The growing re use of the Hall and the need for risk assessments (including the pandemic matter) was reviewed. The Acting Town Clerk mentioned that Event Organisers are **all** advised to review their own various activities in relation to these rules. Nonetheless, Members felt that these arrangement need to be monitored by Town Council Employees. Further, the Town Council's new Web Site is available to encourage greater Community use of the Parish Hall

So far as renovation/maintenance costs are concerned, reasonable limits were justified until the true position is known regarding the availability of future capital funds under the "levelling up" policies.

PR/21/05 Recreation/sports grounds/allotments review

Cllr J Dymond suggested that Sports changing rooms/club rooms are becoming in urgent need of renovation in order to meet the requirements of National Sporting Associations. The meeting agreed this was an area for a detailed review by the Committee. Tenancy agreements with sports/recreation Groups also needs an updating review. The Chairman, Cllr Bain will discuss this with the Town Councils Chairman in order to identify area's needing special attention

The question of re surfacing and re conditioning of access roads to facilities was also discussed. Two quotations for this work and been circulated to Committee Members. It was suggested that the County and Borough Councils might be approached for contributing funds for this work. This was recommended to the Full Town Council.

PR/21/06 Allotments review. Suggestions for improvements.

The meeting reviewed and discussed the current position concerning the ownership and maintenance of the Town Allotment sites currently under their Control, being Millfield (land owned by the Borough Council) and Knowle Park.(owned by the Town Council)

After a full discussion it was agreed that Cllr S Bain discusses with both the Town Council Chairman and Vice Chairman concerning past documentation, agreements and responsibilities, and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

PR/21/07 Chapel on the Hill. Review

The meeting reviewed and discussed aspects of this growing popular facility, and recorded its full acknowledgement of the past and present excellent work in approving and managing this unique Community asset.

One suggestion was made concerning a historical information sign describing various views of surrounding area's from the Church Grounds. Members felt that this could be reconditioned and were supportive of future proposals for this work.

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Stag Recreation Ground. Land Title

The Town Council, at its meeting held on the 24th June, 2021, considered the question of applying for full Title ownership of this site from the UK Land Registry. Councilors recalled that the present responsibility of the Town Council was as “Trustees” and that this had been the situation for nearly 100 years. Some ten years ago, two Solicitors had investigated this position from available past historical documents. The Acting Town Clerk had suggested that, should these Law Practices be still in existence, (given the investigations work they had already completed) that they be contacted and invited to quote for representing the Town Council in applying to HM Land Registry for the above change in full Title ownership.

After a full discussion, it was AGREED to adopt and approve the Acting Town Clerks recommendation.

PR/21/09

Future Committee idea's

The meeting held a general discussion open possible future aims/changes and developments for this Committee. Amongst the idea's discussed were the following.

- Committee Title. Members debated if the current Committee's title accurately defines the Committee's roles and activities. One possible new title was considered e i. “Estates and environment Committee”. It was accepted that the final decision rests with the full Town Council. Therefore this question will be referred to the next meeting of the full Town Council (September) meeting
- Tour of the Town Council's facilities and Community areas. The meeting considered a suggestion that an organized tour by all Town Councilors, and possibly Members of the Public, be arranged of the Parish Hall, recreation/sports facilities and allotments would be beneficial in improving Councillor and the Publics practical knowledge of both the available facilities and the Council's
- practical responsibilities. Members of the Committee indicated their willingness to organize and manage such a tour and to give it appropriate publicity on “Facebook” and the Town Council's new Web Site. It was agreed to consider the detailed arrangements of this proposal and to advise the full Town Council of this proposed work.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions, and closed the meeting at 8.30pm