

Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Full Kimberley Town Council** held on the **27th January 2022**, in the Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr N Doherty Cllr J Dymond Cllr A Mason Cllr S McEntee (arrived 7.15pm)
Cllr N Oakden Cllr T Rood – Chair Cllr E Tansley Cllr J Wickham
Cllr I Wilson
County Cllr: Cllr P Owen
Borough Cllrs: None
Council Officers: S Nolan – Town Clerk/RFO J Darbyshire - Asst. Town Clerk
Members of the Public: Two

TC/22/121 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Bain, Cllr K Boettge, Cllr J Pearce, Cllr R Plumb, Cllr M Crow and Cllr R Robinson.

TC/22/122 Declarations of interest

Cllr T Rood declared a nonpecuniary interest in agenda item 25, Accounts for payment.

TC/22/123 Minutes

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

TC/22/124 Action taken from above meeting

Western Power have completed the electrical work to the red phone box on Cliff Boulevard. The defibrillator has now been installed. Grant received for £1200 from Broxtowe Borough Council plus £500 from Cllr P Owen.

The Clerk has requested a grant towards the Christmas Event for Kimberley.

The tarmac has been laid on the Stag access road disabled access, yellow lines and signs to be added and tarmac speed bump to be reduced when the weather improves.

TC/22/125 Questions / Statements from the public

None

TC/22/126 County Councillor Report

Cllr P Owen reported on the following matters:

The Highways Manager has advised works have been carried out on the Awsworth Lane underpass to stop it flooding. It appears to be fine now.

An additional bollard has been put in at the shops on Maws Lane to stop parking in front of the shops.

The street lights at Babbington village have been repaired and should now all be working.

The warden at the school crossing at Gilthill is currently absent on medical grounds. It is hoped she will return soon. In the meantime the school have sent letters to the parents asking if anyone can stand in. No response so far.

Discussions are ongoing in respect of the school crossing at Kimberley primary school. It will hopefully be added later this year, at the same time as the road repairs. It is hoping it will be for the school crossing patrol only.

A bollard has been added at the Cliff Boulevard/Hardy Street junction to stop parking on the footpath. They now park on the road at the junction, which has made the situation worse. It is hoped traffic regulations will be put in place.

The scrap vans are still parking on the footpath at Gilthill. It is hoped the addition of double yellow lines will be passed through soon. There is ample parking at the rear of the properties. Cllr A Mason stated traffic enforcement is needed at the school on Newdigate Street as people are still parking in prohibited areas. Cllr P Owen is hoping to address the situation.

TC/22/127 **Borough Councillors Report**

None present.

TC/22/128 **Levelling Up**

There are not any visuals yet in respect of the proposed Victorian High Street or cycle tracks. Johnathon Little has made contact with various people and says all proposals are moving forward and will hopefully be sorted by April.

Cllrs T Rood and N Oaken attended a meeting with Kimberley Cricket Club. It was disappointing that nobody from Broxtowe Borough Council attended. The Cricket Club haven't received any plans from Luke Cairney. It is proposed that some temporary buildings will be added to the cricket ground whilst the new ground is sorted, to allow the current Cricket Club buildings to be demolished. There is a possibility of two cricket greens at the new site, they could be ready to use in about 12-18 months. The Cricket Club seem keen on the idea of relocating to Swingate but neither the Cricket Club or Football Club are keen on the idea of sharing facilities. The Cricket Club would like a maintenance programme for 3-5 years as they are worried about the financial implications. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st February, rescheduled from Tuesday 25th January.

Cllr N Doherty stated the visuals will come at a later date. There has still not been a Government update in respect of timing.

Although an improvement to cycling and walking routes is not likely to regenerate the town or boost economy it would be a relatively low cost improvement and would help to improve the environment, as well as linking Kimberley, Eastwood and Derbyshire, via Bennerley Viaduct. The Football Club are asking for a 100 seater stand, 5G pitch and floodlights. This is not a viable option.

Cllrs N Doherty and J Dymond wondered where the Kimberley and Eastwood Advertiser and Nottinghamshire Live are getting their information from. They have been publishing false information. Cllr N Doherty is meeting with Nottinghamshire Live on 28th January to discuss. Any improvements to Kimberley from the Levelling Up Fund are also intended to improve the surrounding areas, any surveys are carried out on the population of the bigger area.

Cllr P Own stated there have already been two consultations on making High Street two way. It is thought the time scale involved would be too long to enable it to go through the Levelling Up Fund. Cllr E Tansley stated the traffic on High Street really does need sorting as it is a nightmare. Cllr N Oakden suggested adding it to the agenda for 3rd February. Dave Walker, Highways Manager, has previously stated there is not generally an issue with traffic on Swingate.

TC/22/129 **Co-options**

It was agreed Samuel Boneham will be appointed as a Councillor.

TC/22/130 **Committee Members**

A list was circulated prior to the meeting for checking, it was agreed it is correct.

TC/22/131 Councillor's Behaviour

Councillors were reminded of their responsibility of what goes into the public realm and that they must not bring the council into disrepute. Cllr J Dymond is to review the Code of Conduct.

TC/22/132 Estates and Environment

Cllr N Doherty gave a brief update. A report was circulated prior to the meeting,

TC/22/133 Parish Boundaries Review

After a brief discussion it was agreed to schedule an Extra Ordinary meeting to discuss. This has been arranged for Monday 7th February 2022.

TC/22/134 Land Ownership Knowle Park

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Most of Knowle Park is common land. Cllrs J Dymond and I Wilson stated permission is needed from the Secretary of State for the Environment to make any alterations. Cllr N Doherty is to follow up on the rules.

TC/22/135 Land Ownership Millfield Allotments

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Millfield allotments are owned by Broxtowe Borough Council and managed by Kimberley Town Council. Kimberley Town Council to consider whether we should hand them back to Broxtowe as they are costing money to maintain. To be reviewed at the next Estates and Environment meeting.

TC/22/136 Land Maintenance Programme

Cllr I Wilson sourced a quote of £1650 from Steve Walters to cut the hedges at Knowle Hill allotments. He previously had a contract for annual hedge cutting. It was agreed to proceed. The hedges on the opposite side are the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council.

TC/22/137 Planning Applications

Cllr J Wickham stated the repairs to the Tower on the Brewery site have come to a standstill. Section 106 agreement states the works will be completed by the end of January 2022. Cllr P Owen offered to obtain an update from the planners and to make Cllrs M Crow and R Robinson aware.

Cllrs T Rood and R Plumb stated an objection should have been put in to the planners in respect of the lack of parking at 39a Main Street. Cllr P Owen said it is too late now.

TC/22/138 Road Repairs

Cllr P Owen is to arrange a site meeting with the Highways Manager to discuss the state of the road surfaces at Maws Lane, High Spania, Cliff Boulevard and Holly Road. It has already been put on the Highways three year maintenance programme, with Maws Lane and Cloverlands as priorities. Cllr N Doherty stated the previous repairs on Maws Lane have actually made the road worse.

TC/22/139 Street Poppies for Remembrance Day

The Clerk to try and obtain a price for an alternative to poppies for the Full Council meeting in February.

Cllr P Owen and one member of the public departed at 8.45pm.

- TC/22/140** **Trees / Bulbs**
Cllr N Doherty gave a brief update on the recent tree planting.
- TC/22/141** **Allotments**
Cllr N Doherty gave a brief update on the allotments.
- TC/22/142** **Valentine's Festival**
Cllr N Oaken stated ideas were requested from all Councillors for use of the Welcome Back Fund on 26th November 2021 and 13th December 2021. The Valentine's Festival was the only suggestion and as timing was very tight a request for monies was made just before Christmas.
- TC/22/143** **Kimberley Food Festival**
Sam Boneham is to send an email with details of the Food Festival being held on Sunday 13th March.
- TC/22/144** **Environmental**
A draft Environmental and Sustainability Policy was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed the policy, with a couple of minor adjustments, would be adopted.
- TC/22/145** **Correspondence**
A schedule of correspondence received since the previous meeting of the Town Council was circulated to Councillors with the agenda. The information was received and noted by the meeting.
- TC/22/146** **Kimberley Play Day**
It was agreed we need to obtain more information about what is involved and the cost. Also to find out how much other Parish Councils are contributing.
- TC/22/147** **Clerk's Report**
Staff said thank you to 'Secret Santa' for the new microwave. It is very much appreciated.

Sam Boneham departed at 9.00pm.
- TC/22/148** **Accounts for Payment**
Cllr J Dymond was thanked for all of the work he has done in respect of allocating costs. He stated nothing is to be paid without agreement at a Full Council meeting.
- TC/22/149** **Dates of next meetings**
Extra Ordinary – Monday 7th February 2022
Estates & Environment – Thursday 10th February 2022
HR – Thursday 17th February 2022
Full Council – Thursday 24th February 2022
- TC/22/150** **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.)