**Kimberley Town Council**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Full Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 28th April 2022**, in the Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr S Bain Cllr S Boneham Cllr N Doherty Cllr J Dymond

Cllr D Fewster Cllr A Mason Cllr S McEntee

Cllr R Plumb Cllr T Rood – Chair Cllr I Wilson

County Cllr: Cllr P Owen

Borough Cllrs: Cllr M Crow, Cllr R Robinson

Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Assistant Town Clerk

Members of the Public: One

The Chair welcomed Cllr D Fewster to Kimberley Town Council.

**TC/22/216 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Oakden, Cllr E Tansley, Cllr J Wickham and Borough Cllr S Easom.

**TC/22/217 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr S Boneham declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 11, Happy to Chat Bench. Cllr T Rood declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 19, Accounts for Payment, in respect of the Chapel on the Hill. Cllrs J Dymond and R Plumb declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item E1.

**TC/22/218 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on the 31st March 2022, 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/22/219 Action taken from above Meeting**

TC/22/184 The Clerk has emailed Nottinghamshire County Council to support adding a footpath.

TC/22/199 The Clerk has advised CISWO a piece of land at the Stag Ground is being rented out for storage.

**TC/22/220 Estates and Environment Chair Update**

Cllr N Doherty gave a brief update on the Estates and Environment meeting on 7th April 2022.

Knowle Park - Proposed to submit a bid to improve the children’s play area by June 8th. See TC/22/224.

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground - Cllr J Dymond has collated relevant documentation relating to the land transfer in trust to Kimberley Town Council, including Conveyances and Town Council minutes.

Cllr T Rood and Cllr J Dymond had a very positive meeting with a representative from the FA on 27th April 2022 in respect of possible funding.

**TC/22/221 County Councillor Report**

**Cllr P Owen** reported on the following matters:-

A bigger litter bin has now been installed on Knowle Hill.

There has been a problem with the drain contractor, will chase up the completion of clearance of the drains in Kimberley.

A meeting has been held between the Area Manager and Traffic Signals Team in respect of a crossing at Nine Corners. Information to follow.

The double yellow lines at Gilthill will be done week commencing 6th June 2022. To ask the enforcement team to check the area regularly. Cllr P Owen also requested double yellow lines at the Digby Street and Eastwood Road junction.

There have been a lot of problems with the number 27 bus. Contact has been made with the relevant people at Nottinghamshire County Council, awaiting a response. There is also an issue of viability going forward as it does not appear to be very well used. It was noted the electronic signs are not accurate. They are in the process of being updated. Cllr P Owen to raise it at the public meeting, week commencing 2nd May 2022.

Cllr I Wilson said when roads, footpaths and grass verges are dug up for maintenance work they are often not reinstated to a satisfactory standard. Cllr P Owen said they should be inspected when works are completed but they aren’t always, requested any needing further work to be reported to him.

**TC/22/222 Borough Councillors Report**

**Cllr M Crow** reported on the following matters:-

A meeting has been held with Ella and Clair from Broxtowe Borough Council and Matt Haslam about the Kimberley Christmas market. It was agreed Cllr S Boneham will join them and represent Kimberley going forward. Broxtowe Borough Council are keen to reinstate their help for future Christmas markets. They have also requested Kimberley Town Council help support the market financially by letting them use the Parish Hall free of charge. Clair Storey has said the Tuesday markets in Kimberley are going well.

Broxtowe Borough Council are still in support of Kimberley having a new community hub from the Levelling Up Fund. Would like more information about the Community Hub at Durban House in Eastwood.

**Cllr R Robinson** reported on the following matters:-

A lot of positive feedback has been received in respect of the Kimberley Food Festival.

Some new bins are to be installed on Swingate.

There are still a lot of complaints being received in respect of the smart parking at Kimberley precinct not working properly. One gentleman was only in the car park for six minutes and he received a £170 fine.

Fairgrove are working with residents to resolve any issues they may have at the brewery site.

They have been reports of fly tipping. The areas have now been cleared.

**TC/22/223** **Questions / Statements from the Public**

None.

**TC/22/224 Knowle Park Improvement**

Cllr I Wilson gave a presentation in respect of improvements it is hoped will be carried out at Knowle Park. A survey has been done with the children at local primary schools, a zip wire came out as the top requirement. Some of the old equipment needs painting and the flooring upgrading, as well as some new equipment and facilities adding. It is intended to request funding of up to £50,000 from FCC to support this project, and for Kimberley Town Council to contribute up to £8,000. We will request Broxtowe Borough Council to make a contribution to the project costs, and to add the equipment to their inspection list. It is intended to bid for funding from FCC Community Projects in June. The intention to bid and for The Clerk to approve the grant application and Kimberley Town Council funding once submitted were approved by the Full Council.

**TC/22/225 Stag Car Park Extension**

It was agreed that making more parking spaces at the Stag Ground would just encourage more cars to drive up there and cause bigger problems. Adding a layby to be used as a passing place would also be used for people to park so would defeat the object. It would be better to encourage the use of stewards at all events and possibly charge for parking in the car park to discourage people from driving up the access road.

**TC/22/226 Happy to Chat Bench**

It was agreed we need to establish the ownership of all benches currently in Kimberley and to add ‘Happy to Chat’ signs to one or two of the current benches. It was suggested the Nugget work with Broxtowe Borough Council to implement this going forward.

Cllr R Robinson departed at 8.00pm.

**TC/22/227 Knowle Hill Allotment Side Gate**

It was agreed to spend roughly £50 on wood for Cllr T Rood to make a new gate.

**TC/22/228 Annual Meeting**

It was agreed the Standing Orders need to be reviewed prior to the Annual Parish Meeting.

**TC/22/229 Levelling Up**

Last meeting Thursday 7th April

Next meeting Thursday 5th May

Broxtowe Borough Council have still not done enough towards the Levelling Up scheme. On the whole the Cricket Club were impressed with the presentation on 26th April 2022. They have been given until mid June to make a decision, although that would not commit them to anything. It was suggested the Cricket Club have a representative at the Levelling Up meetings.

**TC/22/230 Planning Applications**

The Clerk is to chase up the Edgwood Road development and to write again asking for Kimberley Town Council to be advised of all appeals as there has not been any response to the last request.

**TC/22/231 Queens Head License Application**

An objection has been sent to Licensing at Broxtowe Borough Council by the Clerk. Cllrs A Mason and T Rood to represent Kimberley Town Council at the hearing.

**TC/22/232 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/22/233** **Training SLCC Application**

The fees for the SLCC training have been approved.

**TC/22/234 Accounts for Payment**

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/22/235 Dates of next meetings**

Estates & Environment – Thursday 12th May 2022

HR – Thursday 19th May 2022

Annual Town and Full Council – Thursday 26th May 2022

**TC/22/236 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.)