

Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 30th March 2023**, in the Parish Hall starting at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Boneham Cllr N Doherty Cllr J Dymond
Cllr D Fewster Cllr A Mason Cllr S McEntee
Cllr R Plumb – Vice Chair Cllr T Rood – Chair Cllr J Wickham
Cllr I Wilson
County Cllr: Cllr P Owen
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk and J Robertson - RFO
Members of Public: Five

TC/23/443

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Bain, Cllr N Oakden, Cllr E Tansley and Borough Cllr M Crow, Borough Cllr S Easom and Borough Cllr R Robinson.

Also absent, no apologies given, Cllr J Pearce.

TC/23/444

Declarations of Interest

Cllr T Rood declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item TC/23/461, Accounts for Payment, in respect of the Chapel on the Hill.

TC/23/445

Minutes of Full Council

The Minutes of Full Council Meeting 23rd February 2023 and Extraordinary Full Council 13th March, having been circulated to all Councillors, were taken as read and noted. The meeting adopted the minutes as a true and accurate record and they were signed by the Chair.

TC/23/446

Public Question Time

Various questions/comments were received from members of the public:-

- Have the plans been drawn up for the new Parish Hall? – No, once we have they will be made available to view
- Why have trees been felled at Hall om Wong? – The Clerk to email the contact of the relevant person at Broxtowe Borough Council
- Why are we thinking of buying the Axiomatic building? – To temporarily relocate the Parish Hall until the new Parish Hall has been completed
- How will the Youth Shelters be policed, cleaned, etc? – This will be revisited at a future date
- Concerns were raised about the proposed new sports facilities at Swingate – Advised that options are still being looked at but wherever it is it will only be a training ground and not a full sports complex

TC/23/447

Report from County/Borough Councillors

Cllr P Owen reported on the following matters:-

- The roadworks at Watnall have been completed
- The Hardy Street roadworks were emergency repairs
- Any HGV restrictions are lifted on traffic diversions
- There is a problem at Hollywell school with drivers constantly driving on the pavement
- The central reservation at Nine Corners is now scheduled to be done
- There is a delay on the traffic regulation order for Digby Street/Main Road whilst a feasibility study is carried out for a central refuge
- Remedial work is due to be done to reinstate the damaged verges on Cliff Boulevard
- Resurfacing of Holly Road is due to be done in October
- Cloverlands is scheduled for repatching
- Kimberley Town Council Councillors raised a few issues which Cllr P Owen said he will raise including: a big pothole on Brewery Street, the footpath to Watnall being like a swamp and all of the verges up to Trough Road need to be reinstated.

TC/23/448

Committee Updates

A report from the Events Committee meeting on 9th March 2023 was circulated prior to the meeting.

TC/23/449

Levelling Up Fund Update

Grants have been awarded to various businesses in Kimberley. Some money has been paid out to Kimberley Town Council to start site surveys and to Bennerley Viaduct for consultation fees.

Cllr P Owen is to write to Broxtowe Borough Council to see if any more consultations are going to be done with businesses.

TC/23/450

Suspension of April Meetings

It has been confirmed by NALC that Council business can continue as normal during the pre-election period.

TC/23/451

August Meetings

This will not be necessary due to April meetings continuing as normal.

Cllr P Owen and one member of the public left at 7.50pm.

TC/23/452

Purchase of the Axiomatic Building

Proposal to 'pursue the borrowing procedure for £300,000 for the purposes of Axiomatic purchase' was amended to 'pursue the borrowing procedure for £300,000 for the purposes of Axiomatic purchase or an alternative Parish Hall site'.

It was **resolved** to go ahead and pursue the borrowing procedure as per the amendment.

Thanks were given to everyone who has worked on this project to date.

Two member of the public left at 8.05pm.

- TC/23/453 **Land Maintenance Programme**
An update was given on the current Land Maintenance Programme which now includes the additional garden areas included in the Lengthsman Scheme.
- TC/23/454 **Policies and Procedures**
It was **resolved** to adopt the policies and procedures presented with the agenda: Complaints Policy, Dignity at Work Policy, GDPR Risk Assessment, General Data Protection Awareness Checklist, General Privacy Notice, Health and Safety Policy, Privacy Notice, Privacy Policy and Training and Development Policy. All policies and procedures to be reviewed annually. Thanks were given to everyone who has worked on this to date.
- TC/23/455 **Youth Shelters**
The update on the provision of Youth Shelters was deferred to a later meeting. Concerns were raised about them attracting anti-social behaviour.
- TC/23/456 **Hire Charges**
It was **resolved** to increase the hire charges as follows:-
Allotments – Remain at £55 for a full allotment £35 for a half plot.
Parish Hall - Main Hall and Committee Room – Regular bookings remain at £16 per hour on weekdays and £20 per hour at weekends and bank holidays. Events/parties etc. increase to £88 for up to 3 hours, plus £22 per hour thereafter.
Football Ground and Bowling Green – Increase to £78 per match/session.
Chapel on the Hill – Weddings and Namings - Increase to £500.
Dressing of Chapel - £90 including VAT (£75 excluding VAT).
Funerals - Increase to £145. The registrar's office will be advised of the new prices.
- TC/23/457 **Bowls Club**
It was **resolved** Kimberley Town Council will pay for the application for planning permission for the building of the Bowls Club shed.
- TC/23/458 **Kimberley Mayor**
It was **resolved** that Kimberley Town Council have the remit to elect a Mayor at the Annual meeting in May every year should candidates be proposed and seconded.
- TC/23/459 **Planning Applications**
Concerns were voiced about the planning application to replace doors and windows at 1 The Sidings, reference 23/00017 and Bank Cottage, Eastwood

Road, reference 23/00131. Individual Councillors are to raise their concerns directly with Broxtowe Borough Council.

TC/23/460

Correspondence

A schedule of correspondence received since the previous meeting of the Town Council was circulated to Councillors with the agenda. A statement from Darren Henry was read out in respect of the Levelling Up Fund. The Clerk to email a response. The information was received and noted by the meeting.

TC/23/461

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/23/462

Dates of Next Meetings

Events – Thursday 6th April 2023

Estates and Environment – Thursday 13th April 2023

HR – Tuesday 18th April 2023

Full Council – Thursday 27th April 2023

TC/23/463

Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that, under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

No Excluded Items.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked Councillors for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.20pm.