



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Estates and Environment Committee**, Kimberley Town Council, held on **Thursday 14th September 2023** in the Committee Room, Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr S Boneham – Chair Cllr N Doherty Cllr J Dymond
Cllr P Saunders Cllr T Rood Cllr I Wilson – Vice Chair
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk
Members of the public: Two

EE/23/386 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Fewster.

EE/23/387 **Declarations of Interest**
None declared.

EE/23/388 **Minutes**
The Minutes of the Estates and Environment meeting held on Thursday 13th July 2023, having been circulated to all Councillors, were taken as read. The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

EE/23/389 **Public Question Time**
None.

EE/23/390 **Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground**
An update was given on Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground by Cllr J Dymond. The next step is to set up the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The structure for this is to be taken to the next Full Council meeting. Thanks were given to Cllr J Dymond for all of his hard work to date. Cllr S Boneham gave an update on the boundary issue between the Football Club and Petanque Club. Both parties are now aware where their boundaries are.

EE/23/391 **Allotments**
Cllr N Doherty gave an update on the allotments. The Clerk is to contact the plot holders of the few plots not up to standard. The paths are being well tended by the Maintenance Officer. Some tidying of boundaries needs doing. There may also be some more trees that need cutting back. To be reviewed in the autumn.

- EE/23/392 **Playground Reports**
Cllr I Wilson gave an update on the playgrounds. Most repairs needed following the RoSPA report have now been carried out. We are waiting on quotes to repair the Cone Climber at the Stag Ground.
- EE/23/393 **Chapel Working Group Report**
The repairs needed at the Chapel have been very well documented. Thanks to P Dennis. Quotes are now to be obtained to carry out the work required. Once received, grants to be applied for. The Clerk to contact Historic England with details once provided by Cllrs T Rood and P Saunders.
- EE/23/394 **Cemetery Land**
Cllr S Boneham has been in discussion with Broxtowe Borough Council about the piece of land belonging to Kimberley Town Council they are currently using for burials. A meeting has been arranged for Friday 22nd September to start the process of valuing the land for them to purchase it from us.
- EE/23/395 **Biodiversity**
Kimberley Town Council are duty bound to be biodiverse. A policy is to be written in respect of this. Cllr N Doherty to ask Chris Riley for some advice.
- EE/23/396 **Draft Budget**
The first draft of the 2024-2025 budget was circulated prior to the meeting for perusal.
- EE/23/397 **Autumn and Winter Planting**
It was agreed the Clerk is to order autumn/winter bedding plants. Once ordered, volunteers will be required to help plant them.
- EE/23/398 **Toll Bar and Queen's Garden**
It was agreed a large scale trim and tidy of the planted areas at Toll Bar Square and the Queen's Garden will be needed in the autumn. The lampposts in the conservation area need painting. Cllr P Saunders to contact Cllr P Owen to ask if he can arrange for this to be done.
- EE/23/399 **Big Clean**
The litter pick sessions have been a great success. Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed. To continue with them on the last Saturday of every month, possibly reducing the time down to one hour as it gets colder.
- EE/23/400 **Buildings and Grounds Maintenance**
The building maintenance inspections have been completed and any repairs carried out.
The RFO has been in contact with the electricity provider of the lighting at the War Memorial to inform them we are now using low energy bulbs. Hopefully the electricity bill will be reduced accordingly.
The ground inspections have been carried out. It was noted the maintenance is generally of a high standard.

The Clerk to write to allotment holders at Knowle Hill to remind them they need to trim the hedges on the inside of the boundary. Cllr N Doherty to advise which plots need doing.

The Clerk to ask the Maintenance Officer to do some further tidying at the bottom end of the Bowls Club and to cut the hedge between the Bowls Club and the car park as it is too high. Also to do some weeding on Newdigate Street and cut the tree back near the defibrillator on Maws Lane as it constantly leaves a mess on the bench, as part of the Lengthsman Scheme. The Clerk to ask Broxtowe Borough Council to cut the hedge at the rear of the properties in Noel Street bordering the Stag Park. This hedge has not been cut by Broxtowe Borough Council although all others around the park area have been.

Broxtowe Borough Council have said the repairs to the road around the Chapel are in the budget for next year. It really needs doing before the wedding season starts. The drains also need inspecting.

EE/23/401 **Dogs on the Recreation Park**

Without a Public Space Protection Order, PSPO, Kimberley Town Council are unable to enforce the no dogs signs on the parks.

EE/23/402 **Ridewise**

Cllr N Doherty gave an update on his visit to the Stapleford Ridewise Scheme. It is a well run scheme and very well attended. To ask if the money to set one up in Kimberley can come from the Levelling Up Fund and see where money could be obtained for ongoing running costs. Cllrs S Boneham and N Doherty to investigate further.

EE/23/403 **Feedback to Full Council**

Cllr S Boneham to do a short feedback report to Full Council.

EE/23/404 **Dates of Next Meetings**

Full Council - Thursday 28th September 2023

Events - Thursday 5th October 2023

Estates and Environment - Thursday 12th October 2023

EE/23/405 **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 20.39.