



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Estates and Environment Committee**, Kimberley Town Council, held on **Thursday 8th February 2024** 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 T Rood Cllr P Saunders Cllr I Wilson – Vice Chair
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk
Members of the public: None

EE/24/453 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Morris.

EE/24/454 **Declarations of Interest**
None declared.

EE/24/455 **Minutes**
The Minutes of the Estates and Environment meeting held on Thursday 11th January 2024, 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/24/456 **Public Question Time**
None present.

EE/24/457 **Conduct & Behaviour at Meetings**
A reminder was given to all participants on the required conduct and behaviour during meetings.

EE/24/458 **Miners Welfare Recreation Ground**
To be called 'Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust' going forward.
The property will be registered with the Land Registry when its constitution has been accepted by the Charity Commission. Further advice is being sought regarding the running of the Trust after registration. A working agreement between the Trust and Kimberley Town Council is in preparation.
Thanks were given to Cllr N Doherty and Cllr J Dymond for all of their hard work.

EE/24/459 **Allotments**
The allotment inspections were carried out at the end of January.

In general the plots have been left to a good standard over the winter. The Clerk has written to the plot holders of the untended plots saying they will be offered to others on the waiting list unless they get in touch to say there will be improvements.

The turning off of the water supply over winter and back on in the spring will now be carried out by the Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer.

Thanks were given to the Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer for the hard work in looking after the hedges, pathways, etc.

A good job was done by Forest Farm Tree Services on the cutting of the hedges and trees. The plot holder at plot one Knowle Hill has offered to fill the gaps in the hedge now it has been cut back.

EE/24/460

Playground Reports

The repair kit for the worn flooring on the community swing has now been purchased. The repairs will be carried out as soon as the weather improves. It was resolved to approve Option 3 of the three options quoted by HAGS for repairs to the Cone Climber at the Stag Ground, repairs to the existing equipment rather than a replacement. Cllr I Wilson and the Clerk to organise the repair works. Safety fencing will need to be obtained to secure the area whilst the work is carried out.

EE/24/461

Play Parks Future Improvements Strategy

It was resolved that Cllr S Boneham, Cllr T Rood and Cllr I Wilson will set a Working Group up to work on starting a "Play Parks Strategy".

EE/24/462

Chapel on the Hill

It was resolved Cllr N Doherty, Cllr T Rood and Cllr P Saunders work towards preparing a Tender Document for the Chapel Repair works, to be submitted into the Framework tendering process.

The upgrade of the CCTV system is due to be carried out week commencing 12th February 2024.

It was agreed to ask the Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer to put a shield around the security lights causing issues to a resident to try and direct the lights away from the footpath. Cllr S Boneham, Cllr N Doherty and the Clerk to send a reply to the complainant.

EE/24/463

Cemetery Land

The holdup over the issues of ownership with the cemetery land has been due to the initial contact leaving. Cllr S Boneham has now been in touch with their replacement, the land has been valued and we are awaiting a report. This is expected to be received in April 2024. Any proposals would need to be submitted to Cabinet.

EE/24/464

Grounds and Buildings Maintenance

Work is ongoing by the Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer to cut the hedges on the Stag Recreation Ground.

The cracks that have appeared in the flats have now all been filled by the Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer.

- EE/24/465 **Lengthsman Scheme**
We have been advised that the Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer can work on unblocking the drains, as long as he works from the pavement and doesn't lift any grates. This would therefore be a pointless exercise. Instead, it was agreed to ask him to compile a list of all the blocked drains to be submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council.
- EE/24/466 **Ridewise**
A bid has been submitted to the Shared Prosperity Fund for funding towards the Ridewise scheme. It would cost around £16,500 per annum to run the scheme, Kimberley Town Council would need some match funding. It is hoped to be able to use some money from the Levelling Up Fund and a fund run by Cllr P Owen, so the cost to Kimberley would be minimal.
- EE/24/467 **Biodiversity Policy**
It was agreed to make some small amendments to the draft Biodiversity Policy prior to taking to Full Council for approval.
- EE/24/468 **Kimberley Big Clean**
The Kimberley Big Clean will recommence on the last Saturday of every month, starting on Saturday 24th February 2024.
- EE/24/469 **Sponsorship of Planter**
It was agreed to allow Ziggy's Emporium to sponsor the planter at the end of James Street in return for them being allowed to put a small advertising sign on it. The sign is to be approved by Kimberley Town Council prior to installation. Some plants will be donated to Ziggy's Emporium when Kimberley Town Council purchase theirs.
- EE/24/470 **Feedback to Full Council**
Cllr S Boneham to do a short feedback report to Full Council.
- EE/24/471 **Dates of Next Meetings**
Full Council - Thursday 22nd February 2024
Events - Thursday 29th February 2024
Estates and Environment - Thursday 7th March 2024
- EE/24/472 **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 20.24.