



## Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of **Kimberley Town Council** held on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**, in the Committee Room, Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley starting at 7.00pm.

**Present:** Cllr S Boneham Cllr S Cunney Cllr N Dewsbury  
Cllr N Doherty – Chair Cllr J Dymond Cllr C Eyre  
Cllr D Fewster Cllr T Mason Cllr M Morris  
Cllr N Oakden Cllr T Rood – Vice Chair  
Cllr P Saunders Cllr I Wilson  
County Cllr: Cllr P Owen  
Borough Cllrs: Cllr C Carr  
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk  
Members of Public: None

TC/24/664 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Borough Cllrs A Cooper and W Mee.

TC/24/665 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr T Rood declared an interest in item TC/24/680, Accounts for Payment.

TC/24/666 **Minutes of Full Council**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 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/24/667 **Report from the Police**

PCSO L Holbrook and PCSO P Keeley attended and gave the following report:-  
In the past 30 days there have been 29 crimes reported. This is low compared to surrounding areas. There have been repeated instances of youths climbing on the roof of Sainsbury's petrol station and causing problems in the store. The Police have pictures of some of the youths and will be contacting the school for names then visiting their parents. Nottinghamshire Police are looking at setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme in Kimberley. They are looking for a minimum of three volunteers to make the scheme work. The Clerk to promote the scheme on Facebook and the Kimberley Town Council website.

The Police Officers left at 19.15.

TC/24/668 **Public Question Time**

None present.

TC/24/669

### **Report from County Councillor**

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

- There has only been one recorded instance of speeding in the last few months, where a wall was demolished. Strips were installed on the roads but didn't show any real issues. Most cases of speeding are at night.
- The road surface on Newdigate Street/Road has now been repaired. The work has been started on resurfacing Holly Road/High Spannia/Town View. This is expected to take three weeks to complete.
- A formal consultation is being carried out for a bus clearway on Nottingham Road near the Stag. If no objections are received it will go straight through.
- There have been numerous complaints about the Cadent roadworks in Kimberley. This is emergency repairs for a gas leak and is taking longer than originally anticipated. All gas pipes should have been replaced last year, the work is now scheduled to take place this summer.
- Gilthill is now the number one priority for the next round of pothole repairs. There will be significant road improvements in the budget for the next financial year.
- To ask for the road to be inspected between Knowle Hill and Nine Corners as it has sunk and there could be another sink hole.
- All roads reinstated by utilities should be to an acceptable standard. If anyone sees any that haven't been they should be reported so they can be rectified.

Thanks were given to Cllr P Owen for his help in arranging for the resurfacing works to be carried out.

TC/24/670

### **Reports from Borough Councillors**

**Cllr C Carr** reported on the following:-

Councillors had a meeting with Steve Midgley, Site Manager at Nine Corners trying to resolve some of the ongoing issues.

The Bat Survey on the Tower will need to be repeated as it wasn't satisfactory last time. It needs to be carried out in the active bat season and two studies will need to be performed three weeks apart. No further work can be carried out on the Tower before the Bat Survey is conducted.

The crossing at Nine Corners has apparently been held up due to issues with Planning. It is now scheduled to be done in April 2024.

TC/24/671

### **Levelling Up Fund Update**

Cllr Neil Doherty gave an update on the Levelling Up Fund progress. Alternative sites are still being looked at for the industrial units. There is a workshop on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to discuss the sporting provision. The signs for the shop fronts and historic photos at the precinct are nearly ready. Alternatives to the amphitheatre at the War Memorial are being looked at due to the negative response from Sainsbury's. The plans for the new Community Hub should be going to Planning week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024. The agreement for the Parish Hall relocation to Kimberley Cricket Club site has now been signed. Work on the lighting project is ongoing.

TC/24/672

### **Committee Updates**

Updates were given on the HR meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and

Estates and Environment meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

The pre-application bid for a grant for repairs to the Chapel on the Hill has been submitted.

TC/24/673

**Kimberley Leisure Centre**

Borough Cllr C Carr submitted a report on Kimberley Leisure Centre prior to the meeting. Talks are still ongoing in respect of the dry side. Several other options for the wet and dry sides are being considered. There is a meeting scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, with recommendations hopefully going to Cabinet on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Employees at Kimberley Leisure Centre have been given redundancy notices effective on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Cllr C Carr to update Kimberley Town Council after the meeting.

TC/24/674

**Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust**

The Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust has been registered with the Charities Commission. The bank account can now be set up and the business rates reassessed. Talks are ongoing with solicitors on how the site can be used. Hoping to have everything set up by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

Thanks were given to Cllrs N Doherty, J Dymond and T Rood for all of their hard work on this over the last few months.

TC/24/675

**Victoria Street Car Park**

A petition with about 200 signatures has been sent to Broxtowe Borough Council objecting about fees for evening parking. The correct signage has still not been erected and no residents have applied for parking permits. Broxtowe Borough Council will be reviewing the car parks across the Borough in a couple of months.

It was suggested the scheme be suspended at Victoria Street Car Park until decisions are finalised. The Clerk to write to Broxtowe Borough Council with the request.

Cllr C Carr to try and find out more information from Broxtowe Borough Council.

TC/24/676

**Parish Boundaries**

A proposal by the Parish Boundaries Working Group was circulated prior to the meeting. It was **resolved** to accept the proposal and write to Broxtowe Borough Council to say Kimberley Town Council wish to support option one of their proposal, with a minor amendment:

Dissolve Eastwood, Greasley and Kimberley Parish Councils to give effect to the following: The creation of a new Parish Council (name to be determined) comprising of all of Eastwood parish area, Giltbrook, Newthorpe, Moorgreen and the outlying properties in Greasley Parish.

The inclusion in Brinsley Parish of eight properties on Willey Lane, Saint's Coppice Farm, Cordy Lane, Felley Mill Farm and Old Higgs Farmhouse, Mill Lane and two properties on Mansfield Road from Greasley Parish.

The inclusion in Nuthall Parish of the 555 properties on the Larkfields estate currently in Greasley Parish and three properties on Woodside Avenue currently in Kimberley Parish.

The inclusion in Kimberley Parish of 879 properties currently in the Watnall Ward of Greasley Parish, three properties on Nottingham Road, two on Knowle Hill and four properties addressed to Swingate currently in Strelley Parish.

The transfer of a small piece of land from Trowell to Unparished at Balloon Woods, affecting no electors or properties.

Minor amendment that the boundary line between Kimberley and Watnall Parish runs directly along Giltbrook starting at Ikea Island, up Giltbrook to Brookbreasting farm and then up to M1.

TC/24/677

**Biodiversity Policy**

It was **resolved** to adopt the Biodiversity Policy submitted by the Estates and Environments Committee.

TC/24/678

**Playday Contribution**

It was **resolved** to give Broxtowe Borough Council a £1000 contribution towards the Kimberley Playday on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024, from the grants budget.

TC/24/679

**Month End Finance Reports**

Income and Expenditure Report, Balance Sheet and Actual payments for January 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

TC/24/680

**Accounts for Payment**

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of accounts received since the last meeting of Kimberley Town Council. This list was received, noted and approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

TC/24/681

**Planning Applications**

Circulated with the agenda papers for this meeting was a list of planning applications received since the last meeting of Kimberley Town Council. This list was received and noted by the meeting.

TC/24/682

**Dates of Next Meetings**

Events - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Estates and Environment - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Full Council - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

TC/24/683

**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 20.34.