



Kimberley Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Estates and Environment Committee**, Kimberley Town Council, held on **Thursday 11th July 2024** in the Committee Room, Kimberley Parish Hall, Newdigate Street, Kimberley, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 19.00.

Present: Cllr S Boneham - Chair Cllr N Doherty Cllr J Dymond
Cllr C Eyre Cllr M Morris Cllr T Rood
Cllr P Saunders - Vice Chair
Council Officers: J Darbyshire - Town Clerk
Members of the public: None

- EE/24/052 **Apologies for Absence**
No apologies received, all committee members present.
- EE/24/053 **Declarations of Interest**
Cllrs N Doherty, J Dymond and T Rood declared an interest in item EE/24/059 Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust.
- EE/24/054 **Minutes**
The Minutes of the Estates and Environment meeting held on Thursday 13th June 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/24/055 **Public Question Time**
None present.
- EE/24/056 **Advisory Groups**
Appointment to Advisory Groups:
Allotments - Cllr N Doherty and Cllr P Saunders
Buildings and Grounds - Cllr N Doherty, Cllr C Eyre, Cllr M Morris and Cllr T Rood
Playgrounds - Cllr S Boneham and Cllr N Doherty
Chapel and Cemetery - Cllr S Boneham, Cllr C Eyre, Cllr T Rood and Cllr P Saunders
- EE/24/057 **Allotments**
The tenant at plot 3a Knowle Hill will be sent a letter informing them their tenancy has ended with immediate effect as there has been no response to

a number of previous telephone calls and emails and no payment has been received for this year.

Plot 4 Knowle Hill will be offered to the next person on the waiting list from the end of July, when the current tenant will be leaving.

The Tenant at plot 9 Knowle Hill is giving the allotment up with immediate effect. It has apparently been emptied of soil right down to the core, approximately 2 feet, making it impossible to grow anything. This means that around 10 tonnes of soil/manure are needed to get started and they are not in a position to do that at this moment in time.

The new tenants at plot 15 Millfield have been in touch to say they still have all of the equipment the previous tenant left. The Kimberley Town Council Maintenance Officer will go and have a look to see what can be saved for the aforementioned tenant.

Following a complaint from a resident about bonfires it was agreed to add the following to the tenancy agreements with immediate effect: *“Not to burn any item except dried vegetation from their own allotment plot; to be considerate when lighting any bonfire; not to light a bonfire if smoke will blow towards fellow allotment holders working on their plot, or neighbouring houses; never to leave a bonfire unattended or smouldering.”*

EE/24/058

Chapel on the Hill

Using the scoring method provided by the Chapel Working Group, it was agreed to employ the services of Bonsers Building Restoration and Conversation for the repair work for the Chapel on the Hill. The Clerk to ask Bonsers if the quote will still be current in April 2025 when the work is scheduled to be done. This will be taken to Full Council for approval once the new Financial Regulations have been adopted.

EE/24/059

Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust

All bills are now in the name of the Kimberley Miners Recreation Ground Trust. User agreements are ready to go to the Clubs on the KMRG Trust Ground. The new water meter is going to be checked to confirm it is correctly installed as the water bills are currently very high.

EE/24/060

Playgrounds

Broxtowe Borough Council are still mowing the two mounds at the cycle track despite being asked not to as it has wildflowers on it. The Clerk to email a reminder.

EE/24/061

Grounds and Buildings Maintenance

Dates for the Grounds and Buildings Inspections still to be confirmed.

EE/24/062

Cemetery Land

Broxtowe Borough Council have said the report on the cemetery land is confidential so cannot be shared with Kimberley Town Council. We have been told it will be going to Cabinet for approval at the end of July with the recommendation to accept the purchase of the land from Kimberley Town

Council for just over £47,000, allow us to install temporary parking at the bottom of the cemetery and take over the maintenance of the roundabout.

EE/24/063

Biodiversity

Kimberley Town Council adopted a Biodiversity Policy on 22nd February 2024. The new Hub will include a green roof and bat boxes, a living wall and bird boxes are to be installed in the town centre. Cllr N Doherty will speak to the Green Spaces Officer at Broxtowe Borough Council to ask what measures they have installed and ask them to stop cutting the wildflowers at Knowle Park.

EE/24/064

Feedback to Full Council

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

EE/24/065

Dates of Next Meetings

Finance - Thursday 18th July 2024 (14.00)

Full - Thursday 25th July 2024

Events - Thursday 5th September 2024

Estates and Environment - Thursday 9th September 2024

EE/24/066

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 19.50.