

Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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The MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2019 in the studio of Kibworth Grammar School Hall

Those attending were Cllrs Andrew Munro, Caroline Pitcher, Roger Garratt, Ian Harrison, Pat Copson and Mark Newcombe.

Also attending as members of the public were Barbara Strevens, Zoe Macefield, Steve Woodhouse and Simon Whelband, who were to be co-opted as councillors.

County Cllr Dr Kevin Feltham and District Cllr Robin Hollick were also present, as was Stephen Butt (Interim Parish Clerk) and Maria Smith (Parish Clerk).

The elected Chair, Cllr Munro opened the meeting.

19/015 Public Participation.

No matters were raised.

19/016 Co-option of Councillors

It was resolved unanimously to co-opt councillors Barbara Strevens, Steve Woodhouse, Zoe Macefield and Simon Whelband. (Simon Whelband attended later due to a District Council commitment).

The co-opted councillors each signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk.

The Chair, Cllr Munro proposed that he should stand down, and nominated Cllr Woodhouse to replace him. It was resolved unanimously to elect Cllr Woodhouse who then took the Chair.

19/017 Procedural Items

- (i) Apologies were accepted from Simon Whelband who arrived late.
- (ii) No declarations of personal or pecuniary interest were made.
- (iii) It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 as a true and complete record of the business transacted. These were signed by Cllr Munro as Chair of that meeting.

19/018 Appointment of Parish Clerk

It was resolved to appoint Maria Smith as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. A Contract of Employment was signed, and Maria was welcomed by the councillors.

19/019

Anti-social Behaviour Public Meeting (Wednesday 26th June 2019)

The Parish Council's approach to anti-social behaviour and related issues, including the installation of CCTV and potential s106 funding, was discussed at length.

It was resolved that Cllr Munro should be the Council's lead representative at the meeting. Six other councillors indicated that they would attend. It was noted that the meeting had been called by the Harborough District Community Safety Partnership and that Anne-Marie Hawkins, Head of Communities at Harborough District Council, would be the Chair.

19/020

Reports from local authorities and organisations

Leicestershire County Council

Cllr Dr Kevin Feltham spoke about the Arriva X3 bus service change of route from 30th June and proposals to re-route the Centrebus 44 service to cover High Street and Fleckney Road.

He also reported that Leicestershire County Council was introducing a Demand Responsive Transport Service serving the 'New Town' area from 1st July.

Harborough District Council

District Cllr Robin Hollick added his comments regarding anti-social behaviour and local policing.

District Cllr Simon Whelband informed the Council on recent developments including the appointment of Kibworth Ward Councillor Philip King as Leader, the adoption of a Climate Change Emergency Policy, the recent Neighbourhood Planning Conference, the installation of an EV Charging point at the School Road car park and that 21st Neighbourhood Plan referendum in Harborough was to take place shortly.

Joint Recreation Committee

Cllr Copson reported on the decision of the Committee to 'hand over' planning for a new skatepark to a community group. The Clerk had called a first meeting of the group for Thursday 27th June at Kibworth Grammar School Hall.

Cllr Copson also reported that new goalpost would be installed at the Warwick Road recreation ground, and on a proposal to convert the former skatepark site to a MUGA (multi-use games area), and that Cllr Chavda had secured a tree-planting package from the Woodland Trust which could assist in landscaping this area.

Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Harrison reported that at the last meeting of the Committee, the Clerk announced her resignation. Recruitment of her successor (along with recruitment of a new Clerk for the Joint Recreation Committee) was underway.

Cllr Harrison also underlined that Kibworth Beauchamp representation was still low and that at least two more members were needed.

Grammar School Hall

Cllr Newcombe reported that at the last meeting of the Trust, the continuing problem of squirrels damaging wiring, the general security of the building and the purchase of new stage curtains were discussed.

19/021

Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Regarding the 2018/19 Governance and Accountability Return and the Internal Auditor's report:

- (i) It was resolved to approve and sign off the Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) It was resolved to approve and sign off the Accounting Statements.

The documents were signed and dated by the Chair and the Clerk.

19/022 Finance

- (i) It was resolved to authorise the payments due this month totalling £3693.62.
- (ii) It was resolved to approve the Clerk's financial statement and bank reconciliation.
- (iii) It was resolved to approve and undertake payment of invoices on behalf of the Joint Recreation Committee until new bank signatories have been confirmed by HSBC. Expenditure to be deducted from the precept payment to KJRC in October 2019.

19/023 Ongoing plans and policies

Members noted the following projects and plans:

- Environmental & Sustainability Policy.
- Christmas Late Night event and decorations – Wednesday 4th December.
- Kibworth Community Library lease transfer.
- Display Boards Hire.
- New Community Facility on Fleckney Road development.
- Skatepark Group.
- Autism-friendly village.
- Outcomes of ASB Public Meeting.

The Meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.59pm.

(SIGNED)

(CHAIR)

(DATE)
