

Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 in the studio of Kibworth Grammar School Hall at 7.00pm

Those attending were Cllrs Caroline Pitcher, Andrew Munro, Pat Copson, Ian Harrison, Mark Newcombe, Roger Garratt and Maria Smith as the Clerk.

County Cllr Dr Kevin Feltham and District Cllr Robin Hollick attended as members of the public together with Ian Bartlett and Gareth Rees from Harborough District Council who were present to discuss the Air Quality in Kibworth. There were two further members of the public, one of which was John Hooley who was subsequently co-opted to be a Councillor, taking one of the two vacancies.

The elected Chairman, Cllr Woodhouse had previously given his apologies and it was resolved that Cllr Munro would chair the meeting in his absence.

19/046

Public Participation.

Ian Bartlett and Gareth Rees gave an update on the monitoring done so far. Two new diffusion tubes/ monitoring systems were set up in Kibworth Harcourt near the New Road junction. Average monthly monitoring report reads at 42 which is just over the acceptable limit which is 40. There have been no hourly nitrogen dioxide levels above the EU Directive threshold of 200 since the A6 realtime monitor went live in April 2019. Discussions took place on air quality and issues on public health.

A new Zephyr monitor has now been purchased which is mobile and a presentation took place on how this works. The new monitor will be mounted on lamp posts, this machine also detects particulate matter. Various locations will be targeted on a 3-month rotation around Kibworth A6.

The annual report for 2018 data has recently been sent to cabinet.

The action plan was discussed. Proposed junction improvements were discussed and a timescale from Highways for consultation on the improvements is awaited. Additionally, it was confirmed that the negative impact of the air quality in Kibworth was a factor considered in the recent planning refusal decision of the Manor Oak Housing development. There would also be grounds to oppose any future development which may have an impact on the Air Quality Management area.

A member of the public spoke about some tree branches that have been cut down by Leicestershire County Council on Smeeton Road, but then left in the area. As a result of this, the grass has not been cut where the branches lie. The clerk will log a report to have them removed.

It was resolved to co-opt Mr John Hooley onto Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council.

19/047

Procedural Items

- (i) Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs Steven Woodhouse, Barbara Strevens, Zoe Macefield and Simon Whelband.
- (ii) Cllrs Mark Newcombe and Andrew Munro declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 19/060 as Governors of The Kibworth School
- (iii) It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019.

19/048

Christmas Event, 4 December 2019

The Clerk gave an update on the event organised by Michael Preston. Michael has formally applied for the road to be closed; however, it is up to the event organiser to put up the necessary signage and cones on the road and Michael has asked for our assistance in this matter. The clerk will contact the Scouts who normally organise the road closure for the Remembrance Parade for advice.

The clerk will put together a rota for Councillors to be present during the evening. The clerk will contact The Well as a suggested venue for this.

19/049

Summer Outdoor Cinema June 2019

It was resolved to agree the funding of this in principle, however, the clerk will invite Michael Preston of Fleckney Events to the next meeting to answer questions and give more details of the proposal before a final decision is made.

19/050

Village Centre CCTV

It was resolved to approve the cost of the lamp post structural survey that would be performed by Roch NDT Services.

Cllr Ian Harrison will make enquiries as to the cost of the necessary Fibre Optic Broadband system which will need to be installed in the library

19/051

Footpath on side of Hunny Hive Nursery, Smeeton Road

The footpath issue is being further investigated by HDC. It was resolved for the clerk to chase up this matter as it has been two months since the concerns were made by local residents.

19/052

Reports from local authorities and organisations:

Leicestershire County Council

County Councillor Dr. Kevin Feltham reported on the following items:

Planning: 19/01388 Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground proposed routing of car transporters to A6. County Cllr Feltham has asked LCC Highways to reject the blue route. District Cllr Hollick will speak to HDC planning officer Emma Baumber too as it is ultimately a planning authority (HDC) matter as LCC are only consultees.

19/01474/PCD – application to change wine shop into restaurant. Information has been received from the company owners to advise that the proposal is to change the use of the establishment to a deli/café. However, as there are already three similar establishments nearby, the response from County Cllr Feltham was to reconsider a different type of service. The proposed opening times are for 7 days a week; 8-5 during weekdays but open until 10pm on Saturdays and 10-4 on Sundays.

The Business case to ask the government to abolish the 7 District Councils and the County Council and replace with a new Unitary authority was approved by County Cabinet on 21 October. However, this is going back to Scrutiny next week before going back to Cabinet in November and then to full County Council meeting in December. If not supported, it will be put on hold until the government decides to legislate for simplification of two tier areas. 7 district leaders and MPs are all opposing despite the fact it would save £30m every year avoiding duplication.

As chairman of Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, County Cllr Feltham is proposing to put questions to East Leicestershire & Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group (ELRCCG) to ask why it is difficult to get an urgent GP appointment without visiting the surgery and why online appointments are so far in future – online appointments are only available at Kibworth from December onwards.

There has been drug dealing witnessed on Warwick Road Recreation land car park. It has been reported to 101.

Harborough District Council

District Cllr Robin Hollick reported that the recent planning refusal of the Manor Oak Housing Development was pleasing.

It was noted that HDC are planning to strongly oppose the decision to abolish the 7 District Councils and County Council.

District Cllr Hollick has requested a meeting with the planning department regarding the Bruntingthorpe re-routing of transporters and will be objecting to this proposal.

Joint Recreation Committee

Cllr Pat Copson reported that there had been more vandalism in the Warwick Road park, including to the picnic bench which appears to have been set fire to. There is also suspected drug use. It was resolved for the clerk to write to Inspector Siobhan Gorman to advise of this and seek advice/assistance.

S106 funds have been received for the installation of new benches and railings in Warwick Road Play area. An application for S106 funds is to me made in respect of the new MUGA to be installed on the site of the old skate park.

A tree assessment has been recently undertaken and identified 3 high risk trees with a recommendation of removal.

Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Harrison advised that the Burial Committee are pursuing quotes for having new lights on the Lychgate, due to be funded by the Betty Ward legacy fund. The group are seeking new ways to advertise and promote the lychgate and it was resolved to include the protection of this in the new Neighbourhood Plan which is currently in the process of being updated.

The committee is enquiring as to whether there are S106 funds available to install a fence along the Northern boundary of the cemetery. Whilst there are currently no livestock in the adjoining field, this could present as an issue in the future.

Cllr Harrison advised that the committee is still short of members, particularly from Kibworth Harcourt.

Grammar School Hall

Cllr. Newcome advised that the squirrel problem is under control.

New curtains have been installed and the ceilings have been painted. The trust is aware that there is a drug dealing issue in the carpark and have already expressed their interest in having CCTV, possibly by adding to the village CCTV system due to be installed on High Street. There was a recent fire evacuation during a performance in the hall. The alarm was raised due to a smell of burning although no source of this was identified. An electrician has been called to carry out an inspection. The fire evacuation ran smoothly and the theatre show continued in the carpark!

19/053

Finance Report

- (i) It was resolved to authorise payments due including KJRC payments.
- (ii) It was resolved to approve the Clerk's financial statement and bank reconciliation.
- (iii) Financial Regulations. The clerk advised that these need to be updated, specifically to include the recent resolution of the use of online banking. This will be added to the next agenda.
- (iv) Budget – Preliminary discussions took place, and this will be a continued item on the agenda until the new budget is set in January.

19/054

Clerks Report

KJRC & S106 funding. The KBPC Clerk Maria Smith will be temporarily handling the urgent matters following the resignation of the existing clerk from the Joint Recreation Committee until a replacement clerk is in place. Maria (the clerk) had a meeting at HDC regarding S106 applications and reported the procedure back to the Councillors. Three quotes will be required for the installation of the MUGA and for the replacement of play equipment in the Smeeton Road recreation ground. Evidence of need will need to be provided to support the applications. It was resolved that the clerk contacts the two schools and other local groups to request a letter of support to submit with the paperwork, together with the results of the recent young person survey carried out by Cllr Newnes. The application needs to be completed by mid-November to claim against the funds available from the Weir Road development which is due to expire in April 2020.

Feasibility Study - It was resolved to apply to HDC for a community grant to pay for a Feasibility Study which will look at the use and management of existing community buildings. The clerk will liaise with HDC to complete the application.

Councillor Training- It was resolved to arrange 'in house' Councillor training, to be provided by LRALC after Christmas at a cost of £200 plus travel expenses. The Clerk to organise.

The Joint Parish Meeting will take place on Tuesday 19 November at 7.00PM in the Grammar School Studio.

19/055 Planning Applications

19/01463/FUL –Kibworth Court, Smeeton Road. Front extension to Dining Room.
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01537/ADV & 19/01537/LBC – Coach & Horses Inn, 2 Leicester Road. Installation of externally illuminated signs, non-illuminated poster signs, 1 timber neighbour panel, 2 hanging lanterns, 1 internally illuminated brass menu unit, 8 low energy LED flood lights and existing masonry fascial to be repainted.
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/056 Kibworth Neighbourhood Plan

County Cllr Dr. Kevin Feltham advised that a meeting had taken place on the 14th October and the grant is being applied for from Locality. The funding does not cover the cost of the clerk. Not all policies will be updated and members of the original group have been invited to be part of the new group.

19/057 Joint Parish Council Environmental and Sustainability Policy

No update available.

19/058 Office in Kibworth Grammar School

Cllr Newcombe advised that the downstairs office is available for a monthly rent of around £50. There are desks available to use in addition to the WIFI belonging to KGSH. However, there is no phone line available so it was suggested that the clerk could be provided with a mobile phone.
It was resolved to take on the office and to keep the garage for storage until the rent comes up for renewal in March / April. This will be reviewed again at that time.

19/059 Snow Warden

It was resolved to continue the use of the Street Orderly as the Snow Warden for the village.

19/060 The Kibworth Beauchamp High School Foundation and The Thomas Goodman Exhibition Trust

A decision has been made by Leicestershire County Council, the current charity trustees, to transfer this important local charity to an unconnected third-party organisation, the Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation (LRCF). Request for KBPC to express an objection to this decision which has been made without due consultation with the school or local community and does not, the High School governors believe, represent the most appropriate outcome for the charity. It is important that this charity is run locally and that there is a dedicated board of experienced trustees established to manage the land and investments

and to liaise closely with potential beneficiaries. It was resolved for the clerk to write a letter, based on the draft sample given. The same request is going to KHPC for similar letter, and County Councillor.

There has been a Freedom of Information (Fol) request on 11 October to LCC Director of Law & Governance (Lauren Haslam) for an explanation about where the income over the years from the Trust, especially some £714,000 that has been spent. A response is awaited.

19/061

Street Orderly & HR

It was resolved to check and revise the contract of the Street Orderly as necessary, ensuring it reflects the correct salary and terms of work. The clerk and Cllr Munro to meet with the orderly to ensure all parties are happy with any changes that may need to be made.

9/045

Ongoing plans, policies and topics for future meeting

Autism-friendly village project. The Clerk gave an update, mainly that HFM would like to run an article. It was acknowledged that The Well have worked incredibly hard in organising the Autism trail and other events.

Members noted the following plans with no further comment:
Kibworth Community Library lease transfer.
Fleckney Road new community facility.

The meeting was closed by the acting Chairman at 9.20 PM

(SIGNED)

This document was signed by the Chairman at the meeting on 26 November 2019. The signed copy is available for inspection on the Parish Council Notice Board or by contacting the Clerk

_____ (CHAIRMAN)

26/11/19

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