

Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2019 in the studio of Kibworth Grammar School Hall at 7.00pm

Those attending were Cllrs. Steve Woodhouse, Caroline Pitcher, Andrew Munro, Pat Copson, Barbara Strevens, Mark Newcombe, Roger Garratt, John Hooley and Maria Smith as the Clerk.

County Cllr. Dr Kevin Feltham also attended as a member of the public together with Michael Preston from Fleckney Events. There was one additional member of the public.

The elected Chairman, Cllr. Woodhouse opened the meeting.

19/063 Public Participation.

Michael Preston from Fleckney events answered questions about the summer outdoor cinema proposal. He then gave a brief summary of the arrangements for the upcoming Christmas event.

19/064 Procedural Items

- (i) Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Simon Whelband, Ian Harrison and District Cllrs. Robin Hollick and Phil King
- (ii) Cllr. Caroline Pitcher declared a personal interest in agenda item 19/072 Planning: 19/01666/FUL – Kibworth Cricket club
- (iii) It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2019.

19/065 Summer Outdoor Cinema June 2019

The proposal received from Michael Preston, Fleckney Events was discussed.

It was resolved to review our Events Management Procedure and this item will now be on the next agenda in January.

19/066 Christmas Event, 4 December 2019

The clerk gave an update on the event arrangements. The Rotary Club are putting up the Christmas trees in the village on Sunday 1st December and the Roundabout lights will be put up on Friday 29th November.

It was resolved to approve the extra spending of £2100.00 for the Road Closure management and First Aid provision from MJB Support & First Aid Services. The Clerk will organise a rota for volunteer stewards to assist with the road closure.

19/067 Village Centre CCTV

All structural testing is now complete and the licence certificate from Highways has been issued. An engineer from BT will be performing a survey in the library with regards to the new Broadband installation.

19/068 Footpath on side of Hunny Hive Nursery, Smeeton Road

HDC are working with their legal team to take over responsibility of the footpath.

19/069 Reports

Leicestershire County Council

Dr Feltham was pleased to announce that Leicestershire County Council has been declared the most productive local authority in the UK for the third year in a row. The list of 149 councils compiled by consultancy firm IMPOWER evaluates council performance by measuring value for money and to what degree each pound spent is improving lives. By driving down costs and still maintaining services LCC have been able to continue providing good value.

Business e-bikes - The county council are currently offering to loan a limited number of electric bikes to businesses, with assistance from the Department for Transport, as part of a wider initiative to promote sustainable methods of transport which can help to save money, reduce personal contributions to carbon emissions and help with physical and mental health.

Branches on the grass verge on Smeeton Road – County Cllr. Feltham reported the problem to Highways immediately following the issue being raised at the last parish council meeting, and after following it up last week was told the work would be completed by Friday 22 November. County Cllr Feltham checked on Saturday, and the majority had been removed but there were still some branches which still appeared to be attached to the hedge so hadn't been removed. The hedge by the play area is in a bad state and it was suggested that it needs to be looked at by the JRC with a view to getting the contractor to cut it back and tidy it.

The Street Lamp, immediately opposite the play area, by Kibworth Court, has been reported as faulty to Highways indicating the location on the LCC Report webpage. However, County Cllr. Feltham had a response advising that it had been examined and found not faulty, but the address given was Old Dalby Road, Loughborough! After complaining, he was told a computer glitch had given the incorrect location. It has been re-reported together with a photograph and it is expected to be fixed very soon.

Car park sign on corner of School Road –this was first reported on 12 October and advice received that it would be fixed by 25 November.

It was resolved that if the above street lamp and sign issues has not been fixed by Friday 29 November, the clerk will write a letter of complaint to LCC Highways.

Joint Recreation Committee

Cllr Pat Copson reported that there had not been any further incidents of vandalism in the parks.

Further to the recent tree survey, the high-risk trees have now been felled, although not yet cleared away due to the recent weather conditions.

It was resolved at the last Joint Recreation meeting to install a MUGA on the site of the old Skatepark. A S106 application has now been submitted to HDC, however, planning permission is required.

S106 funds have now been received for the Warwick Road Park railings and furniture. Cllr. Copson and the Clerk are due to meet on-site with the contractor on Thursday 28th November.

The tree saplings are due to be planted on Saturday 30th November.

Grammar School Hall

Cllr. Newcome was absent from the recent KGSH meeting. However, he advised that the trust have reported drug dealing concerns in the carpark to the police.

Harborough District Council

There was no report available.

Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Garratt reported that the long-term plan is to ensure the protection of the Lychgate. In the short term, John Kemp from HDC is providing quotes for some necessary works, including a tree survey.

19/070

Finance Report

- (i) It was resolved to authorise payments due including Clerks expenses and overtime.
- (ii) It was resolved to approve the Clerk's financial statement and bank reconciliation.
- (iii) Budget 2020/21 – The initial draft budget was presented by the clerk and discussed.
- (iv) LRALC Clerk Evaluation. It was resolved to approve the £100 cost
- (v) It was resolved to confirm the ratio split for Kibworth Parish Councils as agreed on 19th November (70% KB:30% KH)

The clerk reported that funds have now been repaid from the Joint Recreation committee and they can now issue their own cheques.

19/071

Clerks Report

Section 106 Funding

Monies have been received from HDC for the Warwick Road Park railings & furniture and the contractor (Procter Contracts) has been advised. A meeting has been arranged with the contractor on site for Thursday 28th November. The MUGA application has been submitted, however planning permission is required and the Clerk will action.

In House Councillor Training – It was confirmed that this will take place on Wednesday 5th February at the Grammar School hall between 6-9PM.

Feasibility Study – The Clerk is gathering quotes for this and so far, Nortoft and Lungfish have been approached. There is a grant available for up to £5000.00.

Tennis Courts – The Clerk will contact the club to request that they remove the banner which is hanging over the Smeeton Road Park gate and suggest they move it to their clubhouse.

19/072

Planning Applications

19/01620/TCA – 20 Weir Road, to remove a tree in a conservation area and replant a new tree.
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01665/FUL – 3 Peel Close, extension to include a store, WC, Utility and playroom.
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01647/FUL – 12 Peel Close, single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01666/FUL – Kibworth Cricket club, extension of single storey cricket pavilion and re-clad existing pavilion to match in timber cladding. Erection of outfield electronic scoreboard.
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01669/FUL - Ainsworth House, Newtown Close, Two storey side extension, 4 new dormer windows and front porch.

It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01722/TCA – 9 Stations Street, reduction of tree in a conservation area
It was resolved to make no comments.

19/01806/ADV - Installation of 3 non-illuminated free-standing post and board signs and 1 non-illuminated fascia sign (retrospective)- The Hunny Hive, Smeeton Road
It was resolved to make comments as follows: *KBPC object to this application as there are too many signs and they are too large and out of character for the area. KBPC have been tolerant of the signs during the initial opening phase of the nursery but these are no longer appropriate.*

19/073 **Joint Parish Council Environmental and Sustainability Policy**
An update has been posted on Kibworth Harcourt's Parish Council website and will be in the next edition of the Kibworth Chronicle

19/074 **Community Governance Review.** It was resolved to approve the proposal of moving the Parish Boundary as discussed at the joint meeting on 19th November.

19/075 **Office in Kibworth Grammar School**
It was resolved to approve a budget of £1500 (Shared 70/30 with KHPC) for some minor maintenance works and essential equipment. It was resolved to start rental of the office from 1 December 2019.

19/076 **Future of Joint Committees**
It was resolved to agree new structure as discussed at the joint meeting of 19th November. A new Groundsman (10 hours per week) and Deputy Clerk (15 hours per week) to be appointed.
It was resolved to approve the cost of £625.00 + VAT from Wellers Hedley Law Group (split 70/30 with KHPC) to produce a Memorandum of Understanding for both Parish Councils.

19/077 **Leicestershire Lieutenancy Office - Royal Garden Party invitation**
It was resolved to nominate ex Cllr. Chris Holyoak. Cllrs. Roger Garratt and John Hooley will send the suggested wording to the Clerk to submit before the deadline of 31 December.

19/078 **Skateboard park**
The Chairman of the Skateboard group has resigned. Cllr. Feltham will approach local landowner Mr Briggs to discuss possible sites and this will also be included in the feasibility study.

19/079 **Street Orderly**
It was resolved to revise the employment contract and pay of the street orderly, to bring it in line with the recommendations of NALC.

19/080 **Cricket Club S106 Application**
It was resolved to support their S106 application up to a total of 40% of the total cost of the project. This is the standard percentage that has been used in previous similar S106 applications.

19/081 **Vice Chairman**
It was resolved to appoint a vice chair and Cllr Munro was nominated and seconded.

19/082 **Ongoing plans, policies and topics for future meeting**
Autism-friendly village project.
Kibworth Community Library lease transfer.
Fleckney Road new community facility.

There were no updates or comments made regarding these items

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 9.05PM

(SIGNED)

These Minutes were agreed by The Council and signed by the Chairman at the meeting of 14 January 2020. The signed copy is available for inspection by contacting the Clerk.

_____ (CHAIRMAN)

14 January 2020

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