

# Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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## The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 in the studio of The Kibworth Grammar School Hall

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

Three members of the public attended, including County Cllr. Dr Kevin Feltham

The elected Chairman, Cllr. Woodhouse opened the meeting at 7.00PM.

20-001	Public Participation	No matters were raised		
20-002	Procedural	i	Apologies	Apologies were received from Cllr Roger Garratt
		ii	Declarations	There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interests.
		iii	Minutes	<b>It was resolved</b> to approve the Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 26 November 2019.
20-003	Finance	<b>It was resolved</b> to approve payments due, Clerks overtime and expenses <b>It was resolved</b> to approve the Clerk's financial report and bank reconciliation.		
20-004	Clerk's Report	<b>S106 Updates for the Joint Recreation Committee</b> Planning permission has been requested for the MUGA. It was agreed at the KJRC meeting to use Fenland Leisure for the Park Railings & furniture. <b>CCTV</b> The clerk met with Blaby Electrics at the library to check the electrical supply for the system. The electrician advised that the CCTV would draw very little power from the existing power supply and should not cause any issues. However, if it was agreed to install a separate ring main, this would be at a cost of £350.00. Cllr Harrison advised that the Library are also contacting an electrician for separate reasons but will also get another opinion. In the meantime, the clerk will speak to ACE Securities to see if a survey can be arranged to advise on the finer details of the installation. It was agreed that any camera additions to the CCTV system would be discussed at future meetings once installation has taken place. <b>New Parish Office</b> This has been painted and furniture and equipment are in place. <b>It was resolved</b> to get the electrical equipment PAT tested and the clerk will arrange this. There is an issue with the WIFI which is very slow. The GSH have been advised and are making enquiries about updating the router. <b>It was resolved</b> for the clerk to have a Parish Phone. The Clerk will organise this at a cost of around £15 per month for a SIM only contact to be used with an existing phone that the clerk is happy to donate to the PC. <b>Recruitment of Deputy Clerk &amp; Groundsperson</b>		

		<p>There has been quite a lot of interest in these two posts and the closing date is Sunday 19 January.</p> <p><b>Councillor Training</b> This has been arranged for Wednesday 5 February, 6-9 PM.</p> <p><b>Leicestershire Lieutenancy Office nominations</b> Unfortunately, the nomination that the Parish Council put forward was not selected by LRALC.</p> <p><b>Tennis Club Banner</b> As this is over 0.3 Square Metres, planning permission will be required. The Clerk will speak to the Tennis club to advise. County Cllr Feltham has made an enquiry with LCC regarding the possibility of a sign to be installed on an adjacent lamp post. He has not had a response yet.</p> <p><b>Christmas Trees &amp; Lights</b> Unanimous words of thanks were given to The Rotary Club for installing and removing the trees, to Mark Peberdy for taking the trees to the local refuse site and to the builders who put up the lights on the roundabout. The Clerk will write a formal letter to thank all those involved. <b>It was resolved</b> to have the lights on the roundabout PAT tested and the clerk will organise. <b>It was resolved</b> to replace the battery powered tree lights as quite a few were broken and not very bright.</p> <p><b>Tree outside the Striped Pole Barbers.</b> Concerns have been raised about the lower branches. The clerk to investigate further.</p>
20-005	Reports	<p>The following reports were received from local authorities and organisations:</p> <p><b>Leicestershire County Council</b> County Councillor Feltham spoke about the national news recently that has highlighted that government funding for roads maintenance, especially potholes, is at the least per mile for the East Midlands (three times less than London boroughs), with Leicestershire County at the very least. Leicestershire maintains over 2,750 miles of road and the County Council Network are lobbying the government to request a better balance of funding overall but using the pothole figures to emphasise the unfairness of the current funding. The government is undertaking a funding review of all Councils, but no date has been set for this being published. County Council are scrutinising the budget for the rest of January and it looks like the Full Council will be agreeing council tax at 4.99% (highest level that can be set without a referendum) on 19 February.</p> <p><b>Harborough District Council</b> District Cllr Simon Whelband advised that at a recent Cabinet meeting on 13 January, it was resolved that HDC will take over the freehold of the land at the side of Hunny Hive Nursery, enabling the pathway to remain open. HDC are currently in the process of planning their budgets. A 0% increase in Council tax has been proposed.</p> <p><b>Joint Recreation Committee</b> It was confirmed that Cllr Hooley has been co-opted onto the committee.</p>

		<p>Cllr Pat Copson advised that the Warwick Road Recreation Ground MUGA and Park Railings projects are both moving forwards, with contractors agreed and instructed.</p> <p>The entrances to the Smeeton Road Recreation Ground are very muddy and the clerk is enquiring about having the areas tarmacked.</p> <p>The High-Risk trees in Warwick Road Recreation Ground have been dealt with and quotes for the Medium-Risk trees have been obtained and agreed. The hedges in Smeeton Road Recreation Ground are also going to be trimmed and levelled and quotes have been received and agreed. It was noted that there is a lack of lighting along the pathway of the Warwick Road Recreation Ground, but no further action has been agreed at this stage.</p> <p>Discussions are taking place about the possible renaming of the Warwick Road Recreation Ground.</p> <p><b>Joint Burial Committee</b> Quotes have been received for works to the trees in the cemetery</p> <p><b>Grammar School Hall</b> There are still ongoing concerns with squirrels. The carpark wooden railings have been damaged. District Cllr Simon Whelband will advise HDC and enquire as to why the two disabled parking bays have not been re-marked.</p>
20-006	<b>New Structure of the Kibworth Parishes</b>	County Cllr Kevin Feltham advised that the first draft copy of the Memorandum of Understanding has been received. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.
20-007	<b>Events</b>	<p><b>Christmas event 2019</b> Positive feedback has been received although there were a few minor issues which will need to be addressed before this year's event. The clerk met with Michael Preston and Gerrard Brooks to discuss the timeline of actions for this year's event in respect of the road closure. This item will be put on a future agenda for further discussion.</p> <p><b>75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day- Event on 8<sup>th</sup> May.</b> Cllr Simon Whelband will lead this event and coordinate with HDC. Cllr John Hooley will provide a proposal at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Cinema proposal – June 2019</b> <b>It was resolved</b> that whilst the Parish Council is supportive of this event, it will not lead or offer any financial backing.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Sunday</b> <b>It was resolved</b> that the Parish Council will take more of an active role in the proceedings and this item will be discussed again at a future meeting.</p>

20-008	Budget 2020	<p>The 2020/21 budget was discussed at length and <b>It was resolved</b> to agree the budget proposal and Precept request of £84,266.</p> <p>Various objectives of the Council were discussed, and it was agreed that focus should be in the following areas:</p> <p><b>To do what is required well</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To continue to offer quality resolutions in the day to day running of the Parish</li> <li>• To support local businesses along the High Street, keeping it alive and vibrant</li> <li>• To support local Community Centres and the Library.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Cohesion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bring a sense of community to the village and support local events, such as Christmas Late Night Shopping, VE Day Anniversary and Remembrance Sunday.</li> <li>• To focus on the youth provision, particularly addressing the concerns around antisocial behaviour. John Mulholland from Fiesta Sports Coaching has been invited to the next meeting to discuss the possibility of providing some sporting and recreational activities to offer to young people.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure traffic parking and issues are supported and addressed where possible, including roads, pollution and access to the A6.</li> <li>• To ensure new housing developments are in line with the Neighbourhood Plan (currently being updated).</li> </ul>
20-009	Planning Applications	<p><b>19/01925/VAC</b> - Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of 18/00268/REM for the substitution of 32 plots to hipped-roof variations of the same house types, Land North Of, Fleckney Road Kibworth Beauchamp <b>It was resolved</b> to make no comments.</p> <p><b>19/01940/FUL</b> - Erection of one detached dwelling with associated parking and hard and soft landscaping (revised scheme of 19/00010/FUL), 26 New Road, Kibworth Beauchamp <b>It was resolved</b> to submit comments opposing this based on concerns around the access to the development.</p> <p><b>19/01388/VAC</b> – Variation of condition 1 (transport movement) of 98/01130/FUL to include operational plan for transport movement. Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground. This item is going to the Planning Committee on 14 January 2020 for a decision.</p>

<b>20-010</b>	<b>Warwick Road Car Park</b>	The Council is aware of the ongoing problems around drug use and antisocial behaviour and is advising the public to report any incidents to the Police.
<b>20-011</b>	<b>Feasibility Study</b>	A Community Grant application of £5000 has been submitted to HDC to fund this study which will be provided by Nortoft.
<b>20-012</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	Meetings have taken place and the policies which need updating have been identified. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 16 January.
<b>20-013</b>	<b>New Skatepark site</b>	No updates available.
<b>20-014</b>	<b>Hunny Hive Nursery</b>	The footpath- HDC have resolved to take over responsibility of this. The signage- has now been removed
<b>20-015</b>	<b>Year of the High Street</b>	To carry forward to the next agenda
<b>20-016</b>	<b>Bins</b>	The environmental officer from HDC has offered to patrol Longbreach Road, Dairy Way, Hillcrest avenue and surrounding areas to enforce the correct use of the dog Bins. Additionally, they can provide a report to confirm there are enough bins in the area. The clerk will arrange this free service with HDC.
<b>20-017</b>	<b>Citizens Advice support</b>	<b>It was resolved</b> to donate £100 to this charity.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.42 PM.

These minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman at the meeting on 25/2/2020

The signed copy is available for inspection by request to the Clerk.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Date – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020