

# Kibworth Beauchamp Parish Council

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## The Minutes of the meeting via 'Zoom' on Tuesday 28 April 2020 at 7.00PM

### MEETING INFORMATION

In line with government requirements to reduce the transmission of the pandemic coronavirus (COVID-19), legislation has been made to enable local council meetings to be held by remote attendance.

Those attending were Cllrs. Steve Woodhouse, Simon Whelband, Caroline Pitcher, Mark Newcombe, Barbara Strevens, John Hooley, Andrew Munro, Pat Copson, Kevin Feltham and Maria Smith (Clerk)

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

20-048	Public Participation	No members of the public logged onto the session and no comments or questions were received in advance.		
20-049	Procedural	i	Apologies and Co-options	Apologies were received from Cllrs Roger Garratt and Ian Harrison.
		ii	Declarations	There were no declarations of pecuniary or personal interest.
		iii	Minutes	<b>It was resolved</b> to approve the Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 24 March 2020.
20-050	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>It was resolved</b> to approve payments due and Clerks Expenses</li> <li>• <b>It was resolved</b> to approve the Clerk's financial report and bank reconciliation.</li> <li>• <b>It was resolved</b> to agree the extra spend of £2360.00 + VAT to AllCourts for drainage works on the site of the Muga.</li> </ul>		
20-051	Clerks Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CCTV-</b> This has now been installed; however the cameras are still not live due to an issue with the IP address. This has now been rectified by BT Open Reach and we are now waiting for ACE to reset the system. After talking legal advice, HDC are unable to monitor the two cameras in the library. The library has agreed to monitor these cameras independently and the clerk is making the arrangements with Ace securities to obtain the relevant software.</li> <li>• <b>Muga-</b> Work is hoped to commence on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May (subject to confirmation). The deposit has been paid and the contract signed.</li> <li>• <b>Warwick Park Railings-</b> Work has been put on hold due to the Coronavirus. We are awaiting Fenland to advise a new start date.</li> </ul>		
20-052	Policies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>It was resolved</b> to adopt the revised Standing Orders Policy.</li> <li><b>It was resolved</b> to adopt the new Equal Opportunities Policy, however, amendments have been suggested and this will be reviewed again at the next meeting.</li> <li><b>It was resolved</b> to adopt the new Safeguarding Policy</li> </ol>		

20-053	Events	<p>VE Day- The £500 grant has been received from HDC and It was agreed that the Clerk will obtain some prices of commemorative benches / planters and present suggestions at the next meeting. Costs may be shared with KHPC depending on the price. The location of these will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>
20-054	Reports	<p><b>Leicestershire County Council</b></p> <p><b>Highways &amp; RHWS</b>  Major multi-staff projects are on hold primarily to maintain social distancing. However, there are plans to reopen 7 of the 14 tips across the County (1 in each district) but full details have not been released yet. The proposed opening date is 18 May.  Rural verge grass cutting is ongoing outside the Kibworths – already taken place north of Harcourt. Urban grass cutting has begun where carried out by HDC. Kibworth Harcourt employ their own contractor so A6 verges also cut. As white/yellow lining tends to be carried out by individuals, this is also being carried out while traffic volumes are reduced.</p> <p><b>Public Health, Social Care</b>  Provision of PPE to Care homes is the responsibility of each Local Resilience Forum (LRF). <b>LLR Prepared</b> is the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland LRF. There are 9,300 residents who have received Shielding letters in the county. 3,000 of these have registered to receive food and medicine deliveries. NHS and care home staff/patients are being sampled for covid-19 but currently the drive-in facility is in Nottingham. A new site in Leicester is about to be announced and this will make a difference to the staff being able to be sampled, plus army run sampling pop-ups starting. There is ample spare capacity in laboratories to test the samples.  As at 21<sup>st</sup> April there were 1,240 confirmed cases of covid-19 in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). 178 deaths at Leicester’s Hospitals have sadly been confirmed. Figures for deaths in the Harborough District as of 23<sup>rd</sup> April were: 8 out of 91 Leicestershire county people have very sadly died in hospital and 4 out of 26 Leicestershire county people died in care homes. No information about Kibworth addresses.</p> <p><b>Education</b>  159 schools out of 300 are open across the county providing teaching for about 400 children of all ages. No confirmation as to when schools will reopen.</p> <p><b>Trading Standards</b>  Wedding and birth registrations and citizenship ceremonies are stopped for now. Death registrations continue but by phone. Price gouging (artificially raising prices in times of emergency to increase profits) and covid scams are being followed up.</p> <p><b>County Cllr Kevin Feltham</b></p>

## **Harborough District Council**

Like all levels of local government, the District Council has been affected by the coronavirus outbreak and has had to quickly adapt to deliver services to local residents in a very short space of time. In particular to deliver the Community Hub and deliver grants to local businesses.

### **Community Hub**

The District Council has put together the Community Hub for those who are unable to leave their homes and don't have a support network in place. Working with existing community groups and volunteers to fill in the gaps and help deliver services. The Community Hub is for those who:

- need immediate help with supplies of essential food;
- are feeling lonely or would like a friendly phone call or text message;
- would like to connect with a local community group;
- need transport to medical appointments; or
- would like advice about staying active and exercising

To refer yourself or someone you are concerned about please fill out a form here: [www.harborough.gov.uk/hd-community-hub](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/hd-community-hub)

If you cannot use the online forms please email:

communityhub@harborough.gov.uk including contact details and support required or call 01858 821 232 9am-5pm. At the time of writing over 500 residents and families have requested support through the Community Hub.

### **Business grants**

The Council is also continuing to provide urgent financial assistance to local businesses across the district. As of Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, we have paid 86% of the money provided by central government. There are still some businesses that are eligible, so please let us know if you hear of any businesses who haven't had support, but may be entitled to it.

These figures are positive, and we are the best performing council in Leicestershire, but we want to pay 100% out so that all businesses are supported through this tough time.

### **Other council updates**

- We're delighted to see CCTV now installed and that KBPC is the first parish in the district to take advantage of the HDC policy change re: monitoring.
- To date, a full waste collection is in operation, including green bins. Bulky waste collections can still be booked through the Council.
- You can still report fly-tipping to the Council and we will follow this up.
- HDC car parks are free to park in to ensure that car parking pay machines are not used in order to stop the spread of infection.
- Council offices remain closed, but the contact centre is still open on 01858 828282.

**Cllr Phil King & Cllr Simon Whelband**

		<p><b>Joint Recreation Board</b></p> <p>A 3 year contract has been agreed with BIFFA for grass cutting.</p> <p><b>Warwick Park</b></p> <p>The Warwick road recreation ground has been renamed as Warwick Park. The S106 application for the MUGA was successful and planning permission has been granted. The contractors plan to start work early May (weather permitting) Fenland Leisure have delayed the instillation of the new railings and benches in Warwick park until the lockdown restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>The Groundsman to look at reseeding the grass in the mouths of the goalposts in Warwick Park.</p> <p><b>Smeeton road recreation ground</b></p> <p>The committee will be exploring a comprehensive project for the park including new play equipment and the best options for dealing with the muddy entrances to the park.</p> <p><b>Rookery close</b></p> <p>The Groundsman will look at doing works to the pond late summer</p> <p><b>4 Skatepark</b></p> <p>There has been no progress on development of a new skateboard park but this is still being discussed.</p> <p><b>Cllr Pat Copson</b></p> <p><b>Joint Burial Board</b></p> <p>There was nothing to report</p> <p><b>Grammar School Hall</b></p> <p>This is currently closed due to the Coronavirus. No further reports available</p>
20-055	Planning	<p><b>It was resolved</b> to approve the recommendations made by the planning committee as detailed below:</p> <p><b>20/00482/FUL</b> - Erection of a single storey rear/side extension and porch to front, 6 Welton Close</p> <p><b>Object</b> due to inconsistencies in the plans (drawing titled as loft conversion, large dormer shown on some elevations)</p> <p><b>20/00485/FUL</b> -Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of a replacement dwelling and erection of a new dwelling (Revised Scheme of 19/01114/FUL), 6A Fleckney Road</p> <p><b>Object</b> for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the windows and the accessible Garage Roof on House 2 overlook the neighbouring York House garden.</li> <li>2. We also ask for proof of turning provision on site so that all vehicles always egress onto Fleckney Road in a forward direction.</li> </ol>

		<p>3. The plan shows 3 car parking spaces for House 1, it would appear that there is room for the correct number, but it must be shown on the plans. 4 spaces are required for a 5-bedroom house in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>4. We would also request that the Architect indicates how privacy will be achieved between bedroom windows in House 1 and the old people's home.</p> <p>5. The Neighbourhood Plan sets out in its Design Principles that the overall aim is to "protect Kibworth so that it retains its character," it goes on later to say that, "new ...schemes should be designed to ensure that new buildings ... are respectful of their surroundings, " We would also point to Neighbourhood Plan Building Design Principle Policy H4 which repeats much of the above. It is our view that these elevations have a rather grim prison like appearance and that they are out of place in Kibworth.</p> <p><b>20/00502/FUL</b> - Erection of a greenhouse- 37 Smeeton Road  <b>Support</b> as there are no Planning or Neighbourhood Plan reasons to refuse.</p> <p><b>20/00509/PCD</b> -Discharge of condition 7 (layout) of 15/01153/OUT, Land South East Of, Warwick Road. Miller Homes  <b>Strongly Object</b>- The proposed knee rail boundary fencing is completely inadequate. It won't keep out dogs or cats but more importantly it won't keep kids in; there's a road on both sides.  The bollards at the southern wide entrance are also not great; they lead to a turning head i.e where cars are reversing. Kids will see these bollards as something else to play on especially with the limited amount of equipment being provided.  Proper safety gates are needed at all three entrances and a boundary fence similar to the ones in the original proposals.  As agreed with HDC Green Spaces officer that there must be a minimum 20m between edge of LEAP and nearest house.  The parish council want what was promised not some second best cut down substitute. We therefore object very strongly on the basis that this does not comply with their planning approval and is not an acceptable substitute.</p> <p><b>20/00519/FUL</b>- Erection of a two-storey side extension, installation of dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes and erection of a front porch (revised scheme of 19/01669/FUL to alter the porch) Ainsworth House 1 New Town Close  <b>No Comment</b></p>
20-056	Coronavirus	<p><b>Three FaceBook groups</b> for the Kibworths area were started as voluntary community action groups soon after the coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown were confirmed in March by the UK government.</p> <p><b>Kibworth Coronavirus Support</b> provide some wellbeing support and advice as well as a site for residents to sell or give away equipment and toys. <b>306 members.</b></p>

	<p><b>Kibworth Isolation Relief Team.</b> Some 80 volunteers have provided leaflets to the community offering to help with shopping, collecting prescriptions etc. They also issue weekly information sheets giving details of shops and High Street businesses opening hours, where to get fresh food, and information about doctor's surgery and pharmacy. They now operate a central landline contact number (24/7) courtesy of the Kibworth Community Library where calls are forwarded to one of the administrators' mobile phones. <b>874 members.</b></p> <p><b>I'm not alright Jack. Helping each other-Kibworth and surrounding villages –</b> another availability of help public group with less emphasis on street contacting, more on sharing resources. <b>864 members.</b></p> <p><b>The Well –</b> is now solely a Pop-up food bank on High Street. The food bank service can be accessed by referral only through schools, local surgeries, church referee or a family member. Volunteers are distributing 150-200 hot meals generously cooked by <b>The Railway Arms.</b></p> <p><b>KHPC</b> have set up an information page on their website <a href="http://www.khpc.org.uk">www.khpc.org.uk</a> website. There have been nearly <b>2,000 views</b> in April alone.</p> <p><b>Funding applications</b> have been made to two grant bodies. Funds have been requested for some IT equipment to support the Facebook groups and for iPads to lend to vulnerable lonely people so they could communicate with friends and family. We hope to hear this week about whether we have been successful.</p> <p><b>Legal Position –</b> If we are awarded a grant to help any of the voluntary groups, the parish council will have the responsibility to ensure the funds are managed and all expenditure recorded in the same way as it would be for parish council finances.</p>
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The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 7.50 PM.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_