

**Minutes of a meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at  
7. 30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Attendance.**

Cllr. S. Brunt, Chairman	1 member of the public
Cllr. R. Plumb	
Cllr. T. Rood	
Cllr. Mrs. D. Saxton	
Cllr. Ms. T. Hopcroft	
Cllr. D. Lovely	
Cllr. J. Dickman	
Borough Cllr. Miss M. Crow	
Cllr. S. Easom	
Cllr. I Campbell	
Borough Cllr. R. Robinson	
County Cllr. K. Rigby (apology for late arrival)	Clerk: D. M. Wheeldon

**1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr. I. Wilson, holiday  
Cllr. C. Shaw, family commitment

No apology from Cllr. D. Kirwan

**2. Declarations of interest.**

Cllr. Mrs. Saxton, staff salaries, Schoolhouse rent (item 8)  
Cllr. Miss Crow, correspondence 41

At this point the Chairman read out correspondence 42 which was a letter of resignation from Cllr. D. Lovely who, due to his other commitments was unable to continue in his role as Councillor. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution to the Council during his time in office and wished him well for the future.

**3. Reports from County and Borough Councillors.**

Cllr. Robinson reported on the following matters:-

- a) he advised that he had revamped his website and there was now a lot of information about Kimberley.
- b) he said that the Town Council would be consulted regarding the Awsworth Lane/Eastwood Road junction as a result of a complaints review panel investigation
- c) he reported that a new sub station was to be installed on James Street in an effort to resolve the problems with intermittent power cuts currently being experienced by some residents and businesses
- d) he said that the farmers markets were to commence on March 6<sup>th</sup> and carry on through to December
- e) he continued to receive complaints regarding the proposed car parking charges and investigations were continuing in respect of obtaining concessions or parking permits for residents.
- f) he said that enquiries with Barclays and RBS regarding banking in the Town had been unsuccessful but he had now asked NatWest about a mobile facility as advertised on the television

g) mention was made about George Spencer, Coatsby Road who had been selected for the England roller hockey team and it was hoped some financial support may be provided by the Council

In response to questions Cllr. Robinson confirmed that stall holders on the farmers market would be required to provide proof of insurance cover and he agreed that attempts would be made to ensure there was no conflict with local businesses over sale of goods.

The Chairman expressed continuing disappointment in respect of the Neighbourhood Pride money which had been obtained by Cllr. Robinson for Kimberley and yet had been used by BBC for improvements in Watnall. At the time of bidding the Town Council had asked for a number of things to be done with the £25,000 grant and subsequently the money had been spent elsewhere. Cllr. Robinson said he would try and arrange for Steve Fisher, BBC, to attend a Council meeting.

Cllr Plumb expressed his disappointment regarding literature circulated by BBC during the deepest recession being experienced by people for many years. He said that on the one hand they were advocating 'positive partnerships and positive people' etc., advising that they will help people with mediation services and the like, and then on the other hand were threatening people with prison, fines, bailiffs and Court action in respect of late payments of Council tax. He thought this was disgraceful, unwarranted and unhelpful when people were experiencing financial hardship.

Cllr. Miss Crow reported that there would be consultation with the Town Council regarding how BBC deals with the housing stock. She said that she had also submitted two motions to BBC, one for the Car parking issue which was unsuccessful and one for the removal of grant aid which had been amended by the ruling group and the amendment had been accepted. This had resulted in the loss of grant aid.

Cllr. Rigby advised that a) all was in place for the regeneration works to begin and it was just a matter of waiting for Severn Trent to complete their works.

b) He went on to say that he would be circulating letters to residents and businesses on James Street next week regarding the car parking situation.

In answer to questions he said that

c) in relation to the tree problem on the bank adjacent to The Sidings the next step would probably be to bring in the Tree Officers to examine the trees

d) in relation to market charges he said this was still being investigated

e) he advised that, subject to approval, James Street car park would be removed from the charging proposals.

f) he agreed to contact the Clerk in relation to the Sainsbury's car parking issue.

**4.** The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were accepted as a true record.

#### **5. Matters arising.**

Item 6 – web site registration, the Clerk had enquired about this and had been informed the registration was for the 3 years which would expire this year

Item 6 – lighting at Sainsbury's and the Precinct – it was noted that no reply had been received from Sainsbury's and the clerk had not yet written to the owners of the Precinct.

Item 10 – planting at the Bowls Club, it was AGREED that a budget of £100 be allowed for shrubs

Item 11 – Sainsbury’s car parking – in view of the apparent stalemate on this issue it was AGREED to ask Cllr. Rigby to pursue this with the Planning Committee

Item 15 – proposed road works – it was AGREED that the Clerk write to NCC to seek clarification regarding operatives on site for traffic control

Item 12 – Staff handbook – the Clerk advised that he had condensed the previous document and had sent it, together with policy documents for Grievance, Discipline and Health and Safety to NALC for advice. A response had been received and he would incorporate suggestions into the relative documents and circulate to all for the next Recreation meeting.

Item 17 – Broomhill Lodge – Cllr. Dickman was asked to provide a schedule of works required at his earliest convenience.

8.14 pm Standing orders suspended

#### **6. Public question time.**

Mr. Rogers asked if the Council knew what had happened to the stones which were removed from the Cemetery Chapel bell tower when it was taken down for safety reasons.

The Chairman was unable to shed any light on this issue.

In light of this Mr. Rogers suggested it may be worthwhile asking members of the community through the local press if anyone was able to help with this.

8.16 pm Standing orders resumed

#### **7. Accounts for approval/signatories.**

The Chairman read through the list of accounts for approval which were accepted by the Council. Cllr. Campbell, Cllr. Mrs. Saxton and Cllr. Lovely were authorised to sign cheques.

**8.** The minutes of the Finance and Forward Planning meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were accepted as read.

#### **9. Recommendations.**

Item 11 it was AGREED to accept the proposals for the precept in accordance with the appendix to the minutes.

**10.** The minutes of the Recreation and Parish Hall Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were accepted as read.

#### **11. Recommendations.**

Item 11 – it was AGREED to hold joint Parish/Town Council meetings on a quarterly basis.

Item 9.2 – it was AGREED to allow a budget of £100 for planting along the fence between the Bowls Club and Football Club.

Item 18 – it was AGREED that Events Committee meetings should be held on a monthly basis and that these meetings be minuted by the Clerk as part of her duties.

8.40 pm Standing orders suspended for refreshments

8.48 Standing orders resumed

**12. Reports from representatives.**

Cllr. Miss Crow reported that she had attended the meeting at Notts. CC which was all about creating better relationships between the County Council and local Councils, which she thought seemed a good idea. This would include closer involvement with tree pruning, drain cleaning, grass cutting etc.

**13. Web site.**

It was suggested that pages could be included on the website for Businesses, a picture gallery for events held, a children's page, history reports, Police link, Volunteer days etc. The Clerk was asked to speak to the website manager.

**14. Garden of Remembrance.**

Correspondence 727 from Broxtowe BC was discussed and it was AGREED to write to Tim Crawford asking for an urgent response as to what progress was being made in implementing their proposals for improvements to the site and when would the work be completed. The Clerk was also asked to write to the resident who had written in the first instance.

**15. Local Transport Plan.**

In addition to suggestions already submitted by Cllr. Miss Crow it was agreed to suggest a pedestrian crossing on Nottingham Road outside Dr. Hama's surgery as this was regularly used on a daily basis by students attending Kimberley School and patients attending the surgery and also the dentist's surgery opposite Broomhill Road.

**16. Planning applications.**

- 391 97 High Street – no objections/observations
- 392 19 Westby Lane – no objections/observations

**17. Correspondence.**

- 31 – Woodlands site – Clerk to provide map to NCC
- 43- dog bins – BBC to investigate the need for dog bins at Church Hill and Millfield Road, the one adjacent to 48 Chilton Drive will be replaced

At this point the press and public were asked to leave the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

37 – email from the Clerk asking for alteration to working times on her return from maternity leave. After information had been provided by Cllr. Miss Crow and the Clerk a lengthy discussion ensued. It was AGREED to invite Mrs. Frost to a meeting with Councillors to discuss the matter at 7.30 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.55 pm

Signed:

Chairman

Date: