ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held at St Wilfrids Church Hall, Kibworth on Tuesday 7 April 2009 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllr Mrs L Beesley-Reynolds (Chair)
	Cllr Mrs F Peberdy (Vice Chair)
	Cllr P J Knott
	Cllr M G Bladon
	Cllr Mrs B F Freestone
Apologies for absence:	Cllr B Moffat
In Attendance	County Cllr K Feltham
Parishioners present:	2

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1. Joint Burial Committee: Cllr Knott presented his report, a copy of which is attached.

2. Joint Recreation Committee: Cllr Bladon presented his report, a copy of which is attached.

3. Village Hall Committee: The Clerk presented her report, a copy of which is attached.

4. Grammar School Hall Trustees: There was no report from the Grammar School Hall Trustees

5. S106 Working Party: Cllr Peberdy presented her report, a copy of which is attached.

6. Financial Report: The Responsible Financial Officer presented her report, a copy of which is attached.

7. The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 6 April 2010.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.49pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

Joint Burial Committee Annual Report

- Membership comprises four Cllrs from KB and three from KH. There have been changes in KH representatives in last 12 months - now Cllrs Beesley-Reynolds, Bladon and Knott. Clive Kirkland serves as 'consultant'. Chair is Juliet Mortimer of KBPC.

- Change in regular meeting date from last Tuesday to second Tuesday in month. Done to accommodate KBPC requirement.

- Precept figure for the year just ended was £12k. That for the new year is £13k.

- Increase due to uplifts in wages and salary and higher maintenance costs.

- All cemetery fees were raised by 15% during the year – a three year cycle.

- JBC operates satisfactorily within budget and the regular routine work runs smoothly.

- A notable development in the past year has been the introduction of a natural burial area (degradable coffins and no memorial stones)

- Special tasks to be undertaken in the new year are repointing of the lychgate roof, purchase of more flower tubs for placement to discourage casual visiting vehicles.

- Plan to take part in Kibworth Open Gardens event (now possibly in some doubt and a go-it-alone Cemetery Open Day may take place instead)

- Interesting liaison between the clerk and Kibworth History Society which has recently completed a publication listing Memorial Inscriptions.

Cllr Peter Knott
April 2009

Joint Recreation Committee Annual Report

In March workers were employed from Care Shangton to clear the litter on Warwick Road Recreation Ground. A major hedge-laying project has been completed at Warwick Road Recreation Ground part-funded by a Shires Grant from LCC.

Vandalism at the Skate Park cost in excess of £1700 this year and replacing the kissing gate which was sawn off by persons unknown, a further £430. This money could have been better spent on a much requested BMX track.

The re-location of a bench currently situated alongside the primary school fence and B1 footpath is being considered. The local Police Constable reported that this bench is used as a focal point for youths to gather causing disturbance to local residents.

The Rookery Close Mini Wetland is now complete and working well. Any further work required will be steered towards the Primary School and other voluntary groups.

Spending was within budget for the year.

Cllr M G Bladon
April 2009

Village Hall Committee Report

At the AGM the accounts for year ending 31 Dec 2008 were presented and showed that rental income had fallen by 10% on 2007. It was also noted that income exceeded expenditure by approximately £200 and it was felt by the Committee that this amount did not give enough leeway for future utility price increases. It was agreed that hall rental charges needed to be rationalized as there are major inconsistencies in what was being currently charged. This alone would increase the overall rental figure.

Over the year the sub-committee formed to put together a programme for major renovation had presented their 3 stage plan and were now at the stage of obtaining quotes. It is believed that the total cost will exceed £100,000. The Committee agreed that replacing the heating system must be the priority. The Committee had a duty to respond to the user groups' needs and updating the heating had been identified as a priority by the users.

A s106 application had recently been submitted, together with a Grass Roots application for £5000. Also looking at Lottery Funding together with 4 further possible grant areas.

Various fund-raising events over the year raised £1774.00 for the renovations. Extra, new ideas were being planned for 2009.

Lesley Gill – Parish Clerk
7 April 2009

Section 106 Working Party Annual Report.

A lot of our efforts earlier this year was spent promoting the existence of S106 funding. We have had several articles published in the Chronicle and a very successful open evening held at KHS.

We are very grateful to Chris Etherington for her advice and assistance at that time and wish her well in her retirement.

We were delighted that two of the applications supported by ourselves (KHPC) have been successful with the JRC getting money towards the cost of improving the Warwick Road recreation area and U3A getting money to purchase equipment. Sadly two further applications have now reached the Executive level without the support of the Grant Panel.
The next meeting of the Executive is on 20th April and we will know the outcome of the applications at that time. I feel quite frustrated that the "goal posts" keep being moved; the application form was redrafted without consultation and the new form seriously curtails future applications. HDC's procedures are constantly changing.

The S106 working party will be meeting with an officer from HDC soon.

Cllr Felicity Peberdy
April 2009

Financial Report

Overall the budget was adhered to, with the final figures showing expenditure for the year was marginally over budget by a little over ½%.

The major variance being repairs to the safety surfacing in Jubilee Green Play Area which cost nearly double the budgeted amount. However this is balanced by the Capital Fund Village Project figure which was used to cover the excess expenditure.

The key areas of expenditure continue to be:

Precepts to KJRC and KJBC
Jubilee Green – play area and ground maintenance
Clerk's salary
Grass mowing

The draft accounts to be presented at the Parish Council Meeting following on from this meeting, show a deficit for the year which is due to the release of the Capital Replacement Fund to the KJRC of £5165.00.

The reduction in interest paid on banked funds made a considerable difference to projected income and will affect next year's also.

However the amount of available Parish Council funds remains relatively constant.

Lesley Gill
Responsible Financial Officer
7 April 2009