

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N New – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mrs J Hart
Cllr Mr G Michalczyk
Cllr Miss P Nelson
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr Jack Cook – Dalcour Maclaren
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Member of the Public - 7

Apologies: Cllr Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllrs Mr N MacGinnis, Mrs J Hart, Miss P Nelson and Mr G Michalczyk declared an interest in the land next to the Village Hall that was recently purchased by a limited company.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that Mr Ben Girling has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council will have an informal discussion with Mr Girling after the meeting.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook will submit his resignation. The process of advertising the vacancy can then be completed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the November meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

SOLAR FARM – Mrs C Bailey thanked the Parish Council for supplying all the documents relating to the Community Benefit regarding the Meadow View Solar Farm. After reviewing the information provided, the existing agreement cannot be re-negotiated. Mrs C Bailey stated that in her opinion:

- The Parish Council were let down by Test Valley Borough Council on the negotiation for the Community Benefit.
- The Parish Council should have consulted more with the various organisations in the village.
- It is hoped that any further Solar Farm sites will be discussed in more detail with the Community.
- Mrs C Bailey confirmed that she has offered to assist in reviewing and negotiating any future solar farm agreement.

Cllr Miss Paula Nelson suggested that in future it may be prudent for the Parish Council look at other proposed Solar Farms in Neighbouring Parishes to gather information. This was thought a good idea. **Action: Cllr Miss P Nelson –**

Planning Officer.

BUS SHELTER – No further up-date on the Bus Shelters repair.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN – The Clerk reported that unfortunately the brackets for the new flashing speed sign do not fit the Bus Stop post as it is triangular and the correct position for the solar panel cannot be achieved. It is now planned to position the F.S.S. on the adjacent post this will require an extension post that has been ordered. The Clerk will liaise with TVBC and HCC. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

HIGHWAYS – The village roads are in a bad state at the moment due to the large number of HGV movements due to the Southern Water over pumping. Potholes are continued to be reported to Highways. Southern Water are still trying to find a solution to repair Water Lane.

Highways have announced that they plan to road surface dress Water Lane through to Fyfield.

Mr T Morris reported that the problems with the Village Roads are not entirely down to Southern Water. There are other HGV's visiting sites in the village and there are many large horseboxes. These large HGVs are churning up the verges.

RESILIENCE PLAN – Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that Test Valley Borough Council have produced a new template for Community Resilience Plans. Cllr Mr G Michalczyk and Mr Peter Clement from the Village Hall will look at how the new plan could be implemented to make the Village Hall a 'Warm Hub'. **Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk.**

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – The Clerk asked the Parish Council to look at the Draft Parish Council Constitution and make comment so that this could be adopted at the beginning of the next financial year. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 29th January 2024

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £ 3,991.75
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£ 4,091.75

Payments made in December 2023 and January 2024.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£ 600.00
SBPC	Storage	£ 20.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£ 147.00
Mr M Pope	Village Green Grass Cutting	£ 540.00
		<u>£1,307.00</u>

FUNDING REQUESTS.

The Parish Council have been asked to contribute £500 towards the Three Village Sports Trust. This was discussed. The Clerk reported that the 'Fyfield Old School House Foundation' is willing to contribute to the Kimpton and Fyfield grant and has offered £250 to each Parish. The Parish Council thought this excellent news and agreed to give a grant of £250.

A request from the Pan Parish Forum for Kimpton Parish Council to contribute a share of a Water Monitoring Kit. Seven Parishes have been asked to contribute £92.14 each towards the cost. The Parish Council all agreed.

PLANNING.

Cllr Miss P Nelson reported that the planning application for a garage in Deacon Road has been withdrawn. There is a planning application for retention of a barn at Andover Lane Farm – NO OBJECTION.

Cllr Miss P Nelson noted that the recent Pre-planning application to change the location of the Village Hall was submitted in the Parish Council's name, there had been no prior discussion and agreement from the Parish Council members. This was noted and an oversight.

The Test Valley Borough Council Draft Borough Plan is out for consultation and is available to view on the Test Valley Website.

VILLAGE HALL.

Mr Peter Clement reported that the Village Hall had submitted (the application was submitted in the Parish Councils name) a pre-planning application as a feasibility study if the village decided to re-site the village hall. A very comprehensive reply has been received that is being investigated.

The Kimpton Village Fete is to be held on the Playing Field on the 4th of May 2024.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that the Lengthsman is to clear the growth off the pavement along Deacon Road and has been asked to cut back the footpath opposite Littleton Cottages.

PAN PARISH FORUM.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that Southern Water have returned to Kimpton to carry out work on re-lining the sewers. The ground water levels rose dramatically after the heavy rain that started on the 4th of January 2024. This has resulted in the tankers coming back to pump in the village. Many complaints were received by residents regarding noise and Southern Water have tried hard to move to a site that is less intrusive. Pumping will continue until the ground water level drops.

MR JACK COOK – Dalcour Maclaren.

Mr Jack Cook introduced himself and stated that he works for Dalcour Maclaren who work as appointed agents and surveyors of SSEN (SSE).

Mr Jack Cook explained that he has been in discussions with local residents on how best to proceed regarding a cable that needs to be laid across the Village Green. The cable is directly required to ensure the continued electricity supply to the residents of Kimpton. Mr Cook stated that he is also in negotiations with the Church, being the adjoining landowner where the cable is located and will be reaching an agreement on term and route.

Thereafter the client SSE will need to cross the Village Green to the Public Highway, where they will be laying cables in the road. This scheme benefits a number of residents as it will see an old cable under their gardens be abandoned. This is a very brief overview of the scheme. Mr Cook handed out a map showing the planned route over the Village Green and a draft terms and conditions in respect of a

proposed Easement.

The Parish Council had concerns that Hampshire Highways plan to dress the road through the village and carry out repairs. It would be a shame if this was done before the road was dug up for the laying of the cable. Mr Cook noted this and will report back to his client.

Mr Cook stated that as compensation for the works SSE would, at their own cost, register the ownership of The Green to the Parish Council at The Land Registry.

Mr Cook confirmed that he was meeting the PCC on site and the Parish Council would be welcome to attend. Mrs C Bailey and Cllr Mrs J Hart will attend.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported:

- Hampshire Highways have been busy coping with the aftermath of the recent January Storms.
- Hampshire County Council have confirmed their budget and that there will be a 4.99% increase in the Council Tax.
- Test Valley Borough Council are to increase their part of the Council Tax Bill by £5 per household.
- The charge for tipping DIY waste at the Hampshire County Council Recycling centres is to be dropped.
- Hampshire County Council have now invited Parish Councils to apply for a 20mph speed limit. It was noted that all expenses would be met by the Parish Council. It was noted that Hampshire Constabulary have confirmed that they do not have the officers to enable this to be enforced. The Parish Council briefly discussed 20mph and will discuss this further at a future meeting.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly wished to bring to the Parish Councils attention a massive housing development at Shoddesden, over 2,400 homes leading onto the A342, plus a few hundred behind the Faberstown lay-by.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

CLLR MR G MICHALCZYK – Reported that he is still looking at a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The members of the public present raised the following issues:

- The recent working party to dig out ditches in Cow Lane was discussed. Mr Field Reported that he was not happy to return home that day to find that the mud had been put on the bank that he has kept clear and maintained for the last 6 years. Mr Field felt that residents should have been contacted before work started, if residents maintained the ditches outside their properties the issue of blocked ditches would not arise.
- Mr T Morris stated that he hoped the Parish Council have learnt a lesson from the recent issue with the acceptance of the Community Benefit from the Meadow View Solar Farm. The Chairman repeated his statement that he made at the September Parish Council Meeting.
- Mrs Clare Bailey confirmed that a lesson has been learnt and there is now a

proposed agreement for any future discussions regarding Solar Farm Community Benefit payments.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

Cllr Mr M New thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. 25th March 2024.