

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 25th of March 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mrs J Hart
Cllr Mr B Girling
Cllr Miss P Nelson
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mr Jack Cook – Dalcour Maclaren
Member of the Public - 5

Apologies: Cllr Mr M New.

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 Clerk reported that TVBC have confirmed that the vacancy can be filled by co-option. The Chairman proposed that Mr Ben Girling be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Miss P Nelson. All agreed.

Mr Ben Girling signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Mr B Girling onto the Parish Council.

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 reported:

- Following on from the January Parish Council meeting he had met with the Church and Parish Council on site to discuss how best to proceed regarding a cable that needs to be laid across the Village Green.
- There are issues with using the current substation and his client would prefer not to have the substation sited in the graveyard. The preferred site for the substation would be closer to the road and on the Village Green. The size of the new substation is 4m X 4m and 1.8m in height.

The Parish Councils initial thoughts were that the Village Green in an important open space and a large substation would spoil this area of the village. The Deeds for the Village Green will also need to be checked.

The Parish Council asked if the substation could be sited further up the village? Mr Jack Cook stated that this would not be ideal as there would be a drop in power to homes in the lower part of the village.

Mr T Morris felt that alternative sites for the substation need to be explored further. If a suitable site could not be found the cable could be left in its current position and wayleaves negotiated for the properties who's land it crosses.

Mr Jack Cook stated that this would not be possible as Mr T Morris had served notice to SSE regarding potential safety concerns on the shallow depth of the Electricity Cable. SSE have spent a considerable amount of money on investigating this and finding a solution and they are to far down the line to just stop. Therefore, to leave the cable in situ is not an option but he will relay this to his client.

- Mr Jack Cook will continue to liaise with the Church and Parish Council and will report back to the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Mr Jack Cook for coming and giving the update.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

SOLAR FARM – No further news to report.

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

FLASHING SPEED SIGN – The Clerk reported that Hampshire County Council have insisted that the Parish Council follow procedure for the new positioning of posts for the Flashing Speed Sign and the £250 fee must be paid for each additional post.

This was discussed and it was agreed that modifying the bracket for the new speed sign for the existing triangular post will be explored. Additional sites in the village will be looked when finances allow. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

The Parish Council discussed finding locations for the other speed sign. Councillors were tasked with coming up with suggestions.

HIGHWAYS – Southern Water are beginning to address the mess left in the village after the recent continued over pumping. Potholes are continued to be reported to Highways. Southern Water are still trying to find a solution to the degrading of the road edge in Water Lane.

RESILIENCE PLAN – Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that he has not yet started work on the Kimpton Resilience Plan **Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk.**

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – The Clerk thanked the Councillors for their comments and that he would make alterations to the document and re-distribute. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 25th March 2024

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £ 2,194.64
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£ 3,014.64

INCOME.

Hampshire County Council – Hedge Cutter Grant = £500

Payments made in February and March 2024.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£ 600.00
SBPC	Storage	£ 20.00
Andover Garden Machinery	- Mower Service	£ 156.19
Hampshire County Council	- Street Lighting	£ 210.12
Thruxton Parish Council	- 3 Village Sports Trust	£ 250.00
Bulpitt Print	Village Signs	£ 340.80
		<u>£1,577.11</u>

VAT Refund of £878.24 submitted.

(Carry forward Balance to next financial year including VAT Refund = £3,892.88)

PLANNING.

Planning Permission has been granted for:

- The felling of a Silver Birch Tree behind the Village Hall
- The erection of 2 Dwellings behind No 9 Foyle Road.

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

Cllr Miss P Nelson reported on the two large scale developments, one in Wiltshire and one in Hampshire that will have an effect on the Parish of Kimpton. The Parish Council will be making comment. The comment document is attached to these minutes.

Mrs C Bailey made some valid addition comments that will be taken into account when submitting comment.

Cllr Miss P Nelson was thanked for her comprehensive report and for the work involved putting it together.

VILLAGE HALL.

No Report was given.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that the Lengthsman has cleared the growth off the pavement along Deacon Road and will be asked to come back to clear footpath 3 at the Wiltshire end. It was also noted that the Lengthsman will also come back to clear out the ditch at the bottom of the school lane.

SOUTHERN WATER.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that Southern Water have nearly completed the lining of the sewers in Kimpton and that they still have several manhole covers to seal. The tankers have been reduced to 2 in number and it has been noted that they are taking longer to fill.

PAN PARISH FORUM.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that Southern Water completed their work in Monxton some time ago and they have had no tankers over pumping for 2 years.

The repairs to the roads as a result of the large number of tankers is a long-term project. As a result of the success for the Pill Hill Brook Pan Parish Forum it is believed that other Parishes are looking as forming a Pan Parish Forum. The Pillhill Brook Association are starting to monitor the water quality.

H.A.L.C AND N.A.L.C. MEMBERSHIP.

The Parish Council discussed and agreed to join the Hampshire Association of Local Councils and the National Association of Local Councils. The annual fee for both organisations is £236.00.

Proposed by Cllr Mr G Michalczyk and seconded by Cllr Mrs J Hart.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

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

CLLR MRS J HART – Reported that she was pleased that the funding for the Hedge Cutter Training had been received. The course organiser has recommended that two people are trained and asked if anyone would like to join her on the training course?

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr Graham Field raised the following points:

- Clearance of the ditch opposite the Village Hall – Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that this was dug out by a working party and on inspection does not need any further work at the moment.
- The stream flowing out of the village along Water Lane is not flowing properly. Mr G Field suggested that a working party take a look, this was though a good idea, and it was suggested that it might be prudent to look at the pipe under the bridge to make sure there is no obstruction.
- County Councillor Mr C Donnelly stated at a meeting some time ago that he would speak to Hampshire County Council Highways about concerns raised from residents about traffic levels on Down Road regarding the Distribution Centre – Cllr Mr C Donnelly stated that he would report back to the Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk**
- The Nettles on the bank by the stream outside Manor Cottage have not been cleared. This was reported to the owner of the property who said it was not his land. Cllr Mrs J Hart offered to investigate. **ACTION: Cllr Mrs J Hart.**
- Mr G Field reported that he had contacted Thruxton Race Circuit regarding the noise from recent testing held at the circuit. On taking readings he felt that the Circuit are breaching the Agreement for noise levels. Ben Taylor from the Thruxton Circuit replied that the noise level was within the guidelines and suggested that Mr Field contacted the Thruxton Preservation Society. Mr Field felt that this was not very helpful. A lengthy discussion followed with Mr E Bailey giving a background to the Noise Agreement and his and Mrs Baileys' involvement with the legal agreement. Mr Bailey suggested that he spoke to Thruxton Preservation Society and tries to get Mr Graham Field onto the Society if he would be willing to join. Mr G Field said he would be prepared to join the Truxton Preservation Society.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that he has received the Clerks letter of resignation. The Clerk wishes to relinquish his post at the end of August, but will assist in any way he can for a smooth handover beyond that date. The Clerk was thanked for his 25 years of service to the Parish and the Village.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. Monday 29th April 2024.