

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 27th November 2023 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
Member of the Public - 5

Apologies: Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelley.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that Cllr Mr Howard Floyd tendered his resignation after the October meeting. The Chairman wished to thank Mr Howard Floyd for all that he did while on the Parish Council. Mr Howard Floyd has also given an extraordinary amount of time volunteering on other village organisations at events etc.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook will stay on the Parish Council until someone comes forward who is interested in joining the Parish Council. The Clerk had informed TVBC of Mr Howard Floyd's resignation. The process of advertising the vacancy has been completed and the Parish Council have been informed that they can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

The Chairman proposed that Miss Paula Nelson is Co-opt on to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mr N MacGinnis. All Agreed.

Miss Paula Nelson signed the Declaration of Office. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Miss Paula Nelson onto the Parish Council.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

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

FLASHING SPEED SIGN – The Clerk reported that the new Flashing Speed Sign has been delivered and that he will liaise with Simon Nightingale from TVBC to get it installed. Simon Nightingale has been asked to suggest suitable sites for the Parish Council to consider for the original Flashing Speed Sign when it visits the village.

Action: Clerk

WEBSITE – Cllr Mr G Michalczyk has been liaising with the Webmaster to up-date the Website Platform. **ACTION: Cllr N MacGinnis and Cllr G Michalczyk**

HIGHWAYS - Mr Brian Pearce has been asked to trim along water lane to make the

edge more visible. High Visibility tape will also be strung between the fence posts.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that she has written to Mr and Mrs Clarke asking them to please cut back their hedge as it is now restricting the width of the road. A letter has been sent out to home and landowners asking them to address their overgrown hedges. It was suggested that a letter is sent to the local Farms asking that they drive with care when moving Farm Machinery.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that a statement is being put together regarding homeowners' responsibilities for hedges and trees for the Website. **Action: Cllr Mrs J Hart.**

The Parish Council have received a reply from Mandy Ware the HCC Assistant Highways Manager. The Chairman read out the following text from the letter:

It is important to consider the impact that traffic calming measures can have on a community such as localised congestion, increased traffic noise, delays to the emergency services, reduced on street parking availability and reduced access to premises and access for deliveries. Road humps in particular are subject to legislation and can only be considered where specific criteria are met and would not be a suitable option for Kimpton. The road casualty collision history for this site has been examined and with no significant history the location is low priority for funding through the County Council's programme of work.

It was noted that the County Council does offer an initiative where Parish Councils or Community Groups can fund minor highways improvements where they are high priority locally. Crowd Funding was mentioned and will be discussed if an improvement scheme is agreed and costed through HCC.

RESILIENCE PLAN – Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that he has been looking at Resilience Plans. Kimpton did investigate putting a Resilience Plan together some time ago. Mr Peter Clements stated that the liability insurance was the stumbling block at the time. Cllr Mr G Michalczyk felt that things have moved on since then and many Parish Councils now seem to have the liability insurance covered. Cllr Mr G Michalczyk will investigate further. **Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk.**

SOLAR FARM – There was no further news to report on the Community Benefit Payment raised at the October Meeting.

Cllr Mr N MacGinnis agreed to chairing the Sub Committee to negotiate future payments for Community Benefit from Solar Farms in the Parish. **Action: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis.**

FINANCIAL REPORT.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 27th November 2023

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £ 5,298.75
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£ 5,398.75

Payments made in November 2023.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£ 300.00
SBPC	Storage	£ 10.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£ 94.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£ 186.00
Elancity Limited	Flashing Speed Sign	£2,807.99

Wel Medical

Defibrillator Battery

£ 279.54

£3,677.53

PLANNING.

There were no new Planning Application to discuss.

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING OFFICER.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council now needed a Planning Officer as Mr Howard Floyd has resigned. Cllr Miss P Nelson offered to take on the role. The Chairman thanked Cllr Miss P Nelson for taking on this role.

PAN PARISH FORUM.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that work is still ongoing on lining the sewers in Thruxton. Southern Water will than move to the meadow between Kimpton and Fyfield to finish off sewer lining before continuing work in Fyfield. The next Pan Parish Forum will be held in December.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR G MICHALCZYK – Reported that the Draft Local Borough Plan up to 2040 is soon to be published and will go out for consultation.

Many Villages are undertaking a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Mr G Michalczyk will investigate the types of plan a village could create and will report back at the next meeting.

CLLR MRS J HART – Asked if there was any news on an additional Dog Bin opposite Littleton Cottages? The Clerk reported that he had requested a price from TVBC. TVBC are restructuring their Refuse Collection over the next year and have yet to confirm how dog bins will be dealt with. The Clerk will chase this up. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that several homeowners have cut their hedges after receiving the letter. A member of the Public voiced their appreciation for the hedges being cut back, especially from Dog Walkers.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

The members of the public present raised the following issues:

- It was mentioned that the pile driving for the Meadowview Solar Farm can be heard in the village.
- Lorries visiting/exiting the Meadowview Solar Farm are still coming through the village. The Parish Council will continue monitoring the situation and will contact the Solar Farm Contractor.
- A complaint about Mr and Mrs Clarks hedge was voiced and what action will be taken if the recent letter about hedge cutting is ignored. Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that Hampshire Highways will be contacted, they have the power to escalate the cutting of the hedge.
- The Parish Council were thanked for organising the cutting of the hedge leading up to Kimpton School.

VILLAGE HALL – No Report.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

29th January 2024.