

## **Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman

Cllr Mr N New

Cllr Mrs C Goddard

Cllr Mr H Floyd

Cllr Mr N MacGinnis

County Councillor Mr C Donnelly

Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Members of the Public – Mr G Field, Mr G Verity, Mr D Pakenham and Mr M Papps from BMC Rural Consultancy.

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **PLANNING.**

Mr D Pakenham and his Planning Consultant Mr M Papps gave a presentation on a privately owned affordable housing scheme proposed on the paddock north of the Hay Barn in Down Road, Kimpton.

- The Parish Council are being consulted at this early stage to ascertain if they would support such a project.
- Initial drawings showed three dwellings with associated parking.
- A further 10 car parking spaces would be provided for Village parking.
- There will be additional planting to screen the site.
- It is intended to offer the properties for rent to local residents.
- The immediate neighbours have been approached and made aware of the proposal.
- Questions were asked by the Parish Council on construction, sewage provision, surface water disposal and maintenance of the village car parking area.

The Parish Council made it clear that at this stage they would not make comment. They will make comment at the appropriate time when a planning application has been submitted.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pakenham and Mr Papps for coming and asked to be kept informed of progress.

Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that a Planning Application for the felling of a fir tree at 1 The Traid had been submitted. There were no concerns raised – SUPPORT.

A Planning Application for 2 Houses at the rear of Foyle Road with access for the road to Highview has been withdrawn.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

BRUSH CUTTER – The Clerk reported that unfortunately Andover Garden Machinery have still not been able to provide a delivery date for the Brush Cutter and have offered an alternative package. A Stihl AL500 machine has been offered this is a better specification and is lightweight. This equipment is in stock and ready for collection if the Parish Council would like to proceed. There is an additional £30 to pay.

The Parish Council discussed this, and all agreed to proceed. The Clerk will inform Andover Garden Machinery and will pick up the equipment and deliver it to Mrs Judy Hart.

## **FINANCE**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £6,700.00
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	<b>£6,800.00</b>

Payments made in November and December 2022. January 2023.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£690.00
SBPC	Storage	£30.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£90.00
INOIS	Website	£45.00
ICO	Safe Deposit Historic Files	£35.00
Mr M Pope	Village Green Grass Cutting	£550.00
PGPC	2 x Defibrillator Pads	£80.00
Andover Garden Machinery	Mower Service	£144.89
Christmas Tree		£130.00
		<b><u>£2,094.89</u></b>

## **2023/2024 PRECEPT.**

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the Year 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023 and the Budget for the year 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. Each item was explained.

Cllr Mrs C Goddard suggested that the Clerk, who does a lot of work behind the scenes for the Parish Council, gets a cost of living pay rise. The Clerk was content with his current pay but suggested that the Parish Councils spoke about this after the meeting when he was not present.

It was agreed that the Kimpton Parish Council Precept will not be increased and will remain at its current level of £9,500 for the year April 2023/24.

## **SOLAR FARM UP-DATE.**

The Chairman reported that he has submitted further questions to Beverly Rodbard-Hedderwick, the Stakeholder Manager at Low Carbon, regarding the Community Benefit contract. These questions have been addressed and the contract is now ready for final issue and signature. The Chairman will send a copy to the Parish Councillors in due course. The Community Benefit expected is in the region of £2,800x the installed Capacity in MWp.

## **FOOTPATHS.**

Cllr Mrs C Goddard reported that majority of the Parish Footpaths are clear and walkable. Problems with access to the field that the footpath to Fyfield were

reported. Cllr Mrs C Goddard will take a look and speak to the owner if necessary. She has also addressed queries received from Mr Tony Morris and Mr Peter Eadie re the footpath around Shoddesden and th Gallops areas.

### **ENVIRONMENT/HIGHWAYS/SOUTHERN WATER.**

ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Mr M New had nothing to report.

HIGHWAYS - The Chairman reported that the repair work Southern Water have agreed to do to the bank on Water Lane is still on-going. It is hoped that work will now start in April/May 2023.

SOUTHERN WATER - Have now completed all the planned work on sealing Private Sewers and explained the use of the new technology that has been used to seal the pipes. The Chairman gave the Parish Councillors a map supplied by Southern Water showing the work carried out in Kimpton. Southern Water are now starting work in Fyfield.

An area for Tanker parking is still on the cards and a site has been agreed as previously reported.

The Chairman reported that the Ground Water Levels have risen 10 metres over the last few months and current readings are 86 metres. Some properties now getting close to the point where their groundwater pumps will start pumping and having water in their cellars.

**LENGTHSMAN** – The Lengthsman is due in the village in February 2023 to carry out the work submitted including clearing grips and ditches were needed.

### **CHRISTMAS TREE.**

Cllr Mr M New and Cllr Mr N MacGinnis were thanked for arranging and stting up the Christmas Tree positioned on the Village Green again this year. The Cost was £130.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported the following:

- Hampshire County Council have received a letter from Government indicating that they are prepared to discuss a County Deal.
- Cllr C Donnelly hoped to confirm the date for the meeting for the Parish Council's to meet with the Hampshire County Council Transport Minister.
- The 20mph speed limit is gaining momentum within the County Council. Cllr Mr C Donnelley reported that he has a supply of 20mph stickers available for Wheely Bins and that he would bring some to the next meeting.
- At a recent Waste Meeting, the revised re-cycling collection was discussed, this will not come into force until 2024, as new vehicles, wheely bins etc need to be ordered and distributed before the scheme can start.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly stated that he will give a grant of £130 towards the cost of the Kimpton Christmas Tree.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly apologised that he had not yet progressed the issue of traffic going to the Distribution Centre in Down Road.

### **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

CLLR MR M NEW – Spoke about advertising that there will be Borough and Parish Council Elections in May 2023. This was thought a good idea, Cllr Mr N MacGinnis

will put this on the Village Facebook Page and the Website.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

Mr G Field spoke about the Council Tax and Kimpton being one of the highest Villages for Council Tax in Test Valley. The Chairman reported that this was down to the small number of houses in the Parish its population and the area to be covered and maintained. The precept for the running of the village is split between the number of properties – accounting for the higher percentage in Kimpton. The Chairman pointed out that the precept was kept the same for the last years in order to reduce the burden.

Mr G Fields spoke about increasing the size of the Conservation Area in Kimpton. The Parish Council would need to take advise on this.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.