

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 31st July 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N New – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mrs J Hart
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Mrs Kath Brasnett – Kimpton Village Hall Secretary.
Member of the Public – Mr Greg Michalczyk

Apologies: Cllr Mr H Floyd, Parish and Borough Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

Mr Greg Michalczyk and Mrs Paula Nelson have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Mr Greg Michalczyk who had come to meet the Parish Council and express his interest in becoming a Prish Councillor.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the June meeting as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

BENCH FOR THE PLAY AREA – The new bench has been installed.

AUDIT – The Clerk reported that the Audit paperwork is displayed on the Parish Council Website and had been sent to BDO LLP Auditors who have acknowledged receipt.

SOLAR FARM.

Cllr Mr M New, Cllr Mrs J Hart and the Clerk met with the Village Hall Trustees on Wednesday the 5th of July 2023 to discuss the possible potential for using the Solar Farm Community Payback towards building a new Village Hall.

Mrs Kath Brasnett reported that the Kimpton Village Hall Trustees had discussed the proposal put forward and with a majority vote would like to progress with the possibility of a new Village Hall. A letter confirming this was handed to the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman thought this excellent news. The Village Hall Trustees will be asked for their wish list and an initial meeting with an architect arranged.

Once a proposal has been agreed the project will go out to the village for comment. This is a long-term project and will not be possible with out the Solar Farm Community payment and additional Grant funding.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 31st July 2023

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £6,940.91
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£7,040.91

Payments made in July 2023.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£320.00
SBPC	Storage	£ 10.00
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£510.29
HS Slingsby	New Bench Play Area	£478.80
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£ 94.00
Mr G Verity	Petrol for Mower	£ 25.00
R.N. Waterman	Green Bin Subscription	£105.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£501.00
		<u>£2,044.09</u>

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

DAMAGE TO THATCHED BUS SHELTER.

Recent high winds brought down a large branch that fell onto the ridge of the thatched bus shelter. The ridge has been dented and although not seriously damaged will need repairing.

The Chairman suggested that now may be a good time to have the repair done and a re-thatch. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. The Clerk will get quotes and see if the damage is covered by the Parish Council's insurance policy.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR N MACGINNIS – Reported that Mr H Clarke has reported that his orchard was recently flooded by sewage, and this was reported to Southern Water. Mr H Clarke has raised concerns about the progress of a tanker parking station and feels that it would be more prudent for Southern Water to sort out the water ingress to the sewer system rather than continue with pumping. This was noted.

Cllr Mr N MacGinnis reported that there were a lot of photographs taken at the Coronation Party and it has been suggested that a collage is put together and displayed in the Village Hall. Would the Parish Council pay any expenses incurred? The Parish Council thought this a good idea and agreed to pay any expenses.

CLLR MRS J HART – Reported that she has been in contact with Cindy Godard and the Flail tractor donated by Hampshire County Council is beyond economical repair and is to be scrapped.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that she is meeting with Hampshire Countryside Services to walk the Kimpton Footpaths and Byways. It is hoped that a maintenance plan can be put together to keep them clear using a contractor. Cllr Mrs J Hart hoped that a working party could keep the smaller footpaths clear.

It was confirmed that overgrown hedges on the footpath between the Village Hall and the Welcome Stranger are the responsibility of the landowner. The landowners concerned will be contacted and given a gentle reminder.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Parish Councillors agreed that Mr Greg Michalczky be co-opted onto the Parish Council at the September Meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mr N MacGinnis and seconded by Cllr Mr M New. All agreed.

SOUTHERN WATER – PAN PARISH FORUM

The Chairman stated that Kimpton Parish Council need to appoint a person to be the contact with Southern Water and attend the Pan Parish Forum. Mr Greg Michalczky expressed an interest on taking on the role when he joins the Parish Council but would like more information on what it entails.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

25th of September 2023. Cllr Mr M New gave his apologies.

DATES FOR THE REMAINING MEETINGS OF 2023.

30th October

27th November.