

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 27th June 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman
Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr H Floyd
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Goddard, Cllr Mr N MacGinnis and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

The election of Chairman and Vice Chairman will carry over to the July Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations went well and everyone who attended had a good day.

BRUSH CUTTER – The Clerk reported that the Brush Cutter was ordered from Andover Garden Machinery in early May, unfortunately there is no delivery date.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 27th June 2022

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £6,381.89

Payments made May and June 2022

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£460.00
SBPC	Storage	£20.00
Mr B Pearce	Maintenance	£265.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£90.00
		<u>£835.00</u>

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT. (Not included in above figures)

HCC Grant - Re Judy Hart - £1,500.00

Less Training Course Fee £210.00

Less First Aid Course £174.00

Less Brush Cutter £838.34

Balance £277.66

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

SOLAR FARM UP-DATE.

The Northern Planning Committee could not agree and have deferred the decision on the Meadow View Solar Farm until they have had a site meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

County Councillor Mr C Donnelly reported that he had not received any correspondence from Cllr Mrs C Goddard regarding the footpaths so has not been able to speak to the relevant department. The Chairman thought this may be an oversight and would speak to Cllr Mrs C Goddard.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that he now sits on the Country Access Forum so he can now push forward the issues in his Rural Parishes.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly stated that he will send a report to the Parish Councillors updating them on Hampshire County Council issues which also gives important HCC website links to report a variety of problem issues with roads, trees etc..

FOOTPATHS.

Some clearance work has been done in Cow Lane; it was thought that this has been done by TVBC on behalf of Hampshire County Council.

The footpath clearance by HCC is normally taking place in July and we have been promised that the Ox Drove will be done. We will keep pushing.

ENVIRONMENT/HIGHWAYS/SOUTHERN WATER.

Cllr Mr H Floyd spoke about the state of the hedges in the area, many are overgrown and spreading out into the road. The overgrown hedges are reducing the width of the road and making it difficult for cars to pass safely.

The footpath to the school is also very overgrown, in some areas pedestrians have to walk in the road as the hedge is completely covering the path.

The grass at the junction with Shoddesden Road is very long and obscuring the vision of oncoming traffic.

Many of the Parish Road Signs are disappearing into the hedge.

The Parish Council discussed these issues. The Lengthsman will be asked to cut back the vegetation around the Road Signs and to cut back the grass at the Shoddesden Road junction.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly suggested that the overgrown hedges are reported on the Hampshire County Council Highways Website. Many of the hedges are the responsibility of Landowners and can only be cut at certain times of the year to protect wildlife during the breeding season. Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that Hampshire now have a new head of Highways and he has asked for a site meeting to look at the roads in his ward.

Southern Water have sent letters to householders in Kimpton, Fyfield and Thruxton to explain why and how they wish to inspect all private sewer lines and invited house holders to 'drop inn sessions' at Thruxton Memorial Hall. They have started the inspection of the private sewers.

SW will also carry out more work on the main SW sewer lines likely to start in September.

PARISH COUNCILLORS RPEORTS.

CLLR MR M NEW – Reported that he attended a meeting at Andover Guild Hall for an up-date on Policing in Hampshire organised by Kit Malthouse MP:

- 35 people attended the meeting, 20 were reports and associated police

- personnel. There were only 10 members of the public present.
- Speeding on the A338 was discussed. The Police will be taking no action as there is no cash to enforce speeding.
 - The proposed 20MPH speed limit across Hampshire will not happen due to lack of funding.
 - "Cooking" – issues with Drugs across the County Line were discussed.
 - Members of the Public who have been the victim of crime will no longer be able to make a statement face to face with a Police Officer. This will now be done via the Zoom App.
 - The increase in Rural Theft was discussed at length. The Police urge members of the public to mark all equipment.
 - There is also an increase in Hare Coursing spreading across several counties. Police asks the public to report suspicious activity but not to approach people involved.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An invite to a meeting of the TVAPTC on the 6th of July 2022 has been received. The meeting will give an up-date on the change to the recycling service TVBC provide to residents. Cllr Mr M New will attend.

WEBSITE.

Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that several administration items on the website need updating. The Clerk apologised and will send the correct information to Michelle Shill the Website Administrator.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

25th July 2022 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.