

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic Kimpton Parish Council have suspended Standing Orders and are not holding Public Meetings due to Social Distancing.

If you like to raise issues with the Council members or Clerk, please do it via our website or by telephone or email.

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held via the Zoom App on Monday 25th January 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman
Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs H Shaldon
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mrs C Goddard
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks

Apologies: Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

WELCOME LETTER – Cllr N MacGinnis reported that the Welcome Letter has been up-dated and distributed to new residents in the Parish. The Chairman asked if a copy of the final draft be distributed to the Parish Councillors. Cllr N MacGinnis said that he would.

COVID-19 LOCKDOWN – To date there have been no requests for help in the current Covid-19 Lockdown.

PLAY AREA – The cleaning of the play area is being continued by Cllr M New. The Parish Council all agreed to keep the play area open. A letter of thanks has been received from a Parishioner for keeping the Play Area open and safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

BROADBAND – Cllr N MacGinnis reported that 35 people have so far expressed an interest in the Government GIGABITE Grant Scheme to improve rural broadband speeds and that he would keep the Parish Council informed of progress. Any Villager interested should contact the Parish Council.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 25th January 2021

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £7,991.69

Payments made January 2021.

R.N. Waterman	Wages – January	£210.00
Mr M New	Materials for stile repair	£ 44.88
Mr N MacGinnis	Christmas Tree	£266.60
		<u>£521.48</u>

Income

3 Village Trust Grant £200

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

LENGTHSMAN.

The Lengthsman has dug out the ditch at the junction of Water/Snoddington Lane, it was noted that the bank has eroded so much that a BT telephone cable and junction box had fallen into the ditch, BT have rectified the problem.

The ditch in Deacon Road has also been dug out under planned works. There was a lot of silt cleared from the ditches, this has been piled up in the area around the ditches and it is hoped that it will compact down after time.

The Lengthsman was asked to sort out the ditch in Down Road while he was in the Parish with equipment. This was done but it was not possible to clear the overflow pipe passing the surface water under the road to the meadow. This has been reported to Highways with a request for the pipe to be cleared.

The Clerk reported that he hoped to finance the additional work through the Lengthsman Scheme but that the Parish Council must be prepared for the possibility of being billed.

The ditch in Water Lane was discussed, the ditch is full of silt and the banks are eroding away at an alarming rate. Concerns have been raised that the road will soon collapse or there be a bad accident. The Chairman will speak to Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and Cllr Mrs Z Brooks as it is felt that Highways need to act.

VILLAGE GREEN.

The Christmas Tree on the Village Green was a great success, and it was hoped that this would be repeated in 2021.

It was noted that there are deep ruts in the Village Green caused by the tankers. It was felt that the tankers would soon return and that any repairs to the green could wait until over pumping ceases.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr C Godard reported that the Village Footpaths are all clear and walkable. Cllr C Goddard reported that she will put together the list of footpaths that need cutting by HCC some time in February.

ENVIRONMENT/HIGHWAYS.

The Chairman reported that Groundwater Levels are still high. There has been further contact from the SSE Liaison Officer.

The Pillhill Brook along Water Lane was discussed. Its banks were/are pushed down by heavy trucks and are eroding away at an alarming rate thus reducing

the groundwater flow the brook can take away. With the Southern Water heavy trucks starting to pump out our main sewage line this will only get worse. Concerns have been raised that there might be a bad accident due to the steep drop at the sharp tarmac edge. Despite requests for action to Highways and Southern Water no response.

The Chairman will speak to Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and Cllr Mrs Z Brooks as it is felt that Highways/Southern Water need to act.

Cllr Mrs H Shaldon has reported the potholes needing repair in the Parish.

BUS SHELTERS

On request from TVBC the Parish Clerk confirmed that the bus shelters are owned by Kimpton Parish Council.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

29th March 2021 – The nature of the meeting will be confirmed nearer the time depending on the latest Government Rules on Social Distancing.