

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 31st January 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman
Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mr H Floyd
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Member of the Public – Mrs Judy Hart

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Goddard, County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

CLLR MRS H SHALDON.

The Chairman was sad to report the death of Mrs H Shaldon on the 8th of January 2022. Helen had lived in the village for 20 Years and got involved in many village activities over the years. Helen also worked for many years with the Red Cross in Andover. A Minutes silence was held in Helen's memory.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

MEMORIAL TREE AND PLAQUE - PLAYING FIELD – The Chairman confirmed that the Prunus Tree has been planted and the plaque and stand installed. The unveiling ceremony will take place on Sunday 27th February 2022 at 2pm.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – Cllr Mr N MacGinnis had no news to report on the proposed celebrations. The 3 Village event was briefly discussed, and it was agreed that Kimpton are happy to get involved. It was agreed that a £300 donation will be made to the event.

Cllr Mr N MacGinnis will put something on the Village Facebook page to see if there is any interest in a village get together to celebrate the Jubilee.

CHRISTMAS TREE – The Parish Council thought the 2021 Christmas Tree was a great improvement on the 2020 one. Cllr's Mr M New and Mr N MacGinnis were thanked for organising the tree.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 31st January 2022

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £6,485.63

Payments made December 2021 and January 2022

R.N. Waterman	Wages – Dec and Jan	£420.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£120.00
Mr N MacGinnis	Christmas Tree and Lights	£224.56

SBPC	Storage	£20.00
HCC	Street Lighting	£194.39
Mr K Tamke	Tree Planting and Plaque	£156.96
Playsafety	Play Area Inspection	£94.80
		<u>£1,230.71</u>

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that the South Park Farm Solar Farm has not received any further comments and the majority of comments lodged are NO OBJECTIONS.

The Meadowview Solar Farm has received 5 more responses. Natural England have made comments on the possibility of nesting Stone Curlew. RSPB have been asked for guidance. The condition of the soil on the site when it is returned to agricultural has also been raised. These questions could result in up to a two-year delay while they are investigated.

COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE TRAINING COURSE.

A discussion with Mrs Judy Hart and correspondence forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting from Countryside Services Officer Gemma and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly resulted in the following:

- Mrs Judy Hart will attend a Countryside Services training course to enable her to work on the footpaths.
- A Brush Cutter will be purchased, and Mrs Judy Hart will be trained to use the equipment.
- The Parish Council will apply to Cllr Mr C Donnelly for a £1,500 Grant to cover the cost of training and the purchase of the equipment.
- The Parish Council will undertake the servicing and running cost of the equipment.

20 IS PLENTY

Further correspondence has been received regarding the 20 is plenty scheme that is being proposed for Hampshire. The Parish Council briefly discussed this and agreed to wait for more information before making further comment.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr M New reported that work has been undertaken on the dangerous trees that needed attention to make them safe. It was noted that they did not do a good job and it was thought that they were engaged by the landowner. Cllr Mr M New will consult with Cllr Mrs C Goddard to agree a way forward.

ENVIRONMENT – The Chairman reported:

- The ditches have been cleared.
- The problem tree on an Aster property at Littleton Cottages had been dealt with.
- Fir Trees on a piece of land adjacent to the Old Bakery and Jersey House are growing into the electricity cables and after recent storms one of the trees is leaning over towards the cables. It is not known who owns this land. It was suggested that SSE are contacted and that the house holders are spoken to see if they own the land.
- Southern Water has to wait for the groundwater levels to rise before further 'leak inspections' can take place.

They are now actively trying to find an alternative 'off road' parking area for sewage tankers outside the village. The Village Green proposal has been shelved unless no other solution can be found.

- It was reported that the road name sign on the Snoddington Road/ School Lane Corner has been knocked over. The Lengthsman will be asked to reinstate the sign.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

28th March 2022