

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 27th March 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
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

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 he collected the Brush Cutter and delivered it to Mrs J Hart the day after the last meeting. Andover Garden Machinery made no additional charge.

SOLAR FARM – The Chairman reported that he has been in further correspondence with the Meadow Solar Company regarding the wording of the Community Payback Agreement. If the Solar Farm is sold prior to being operative the Community Payback will be transferred to a new owner. The Village should receive in the region of £140,000 20 days after Energisation Date of the solar plant.

A representative from the Meadow Solar Company is willing to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss construction procedures, the Parish Council though this a good idea.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 27th March 2023

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £6,473.00
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£6,573.00

Income. VAT Refund £1,013.13

Payments made in January, February and March 2023.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£540.00
SBPC	Storage	£20.00
Mr B Pearce	Ditches	£165.00
Kimpton village Hall	Hire of Hall	£28.00
R.N. Waterman	2022/2023 office Allowance	£100.00
HCC	Street Lighting	£238.31
Penton Grafton PC	Hire of Office 2022/23	£65.00
Mr K Tamke	Printing Costs	£83.49
		<u>£1,239.80</u>

THE KINGS CORONATION.

Cllr Mr N MacGinnis reported that the Kings Coronation Celebration Committee have been planning an event to be held in the village:

- It is planned to hold a Steet Party on Sunday the 7th May 2023.
- The outline plan is to hold the Street Party on the road outside the Village Hall. The Parish Clerk has applied for a Road Closure.
- The event is to be billed as a "bring and Share Buffet" so that people are encouraged to mingle and not just sit on their own.
- There will be entertainment and some Village Fete games.
- A wet weather plan has been put together just in case!
- Test Valley Borough Council are offering a £500 Grant and the Clerk has applied.
- Flyers are to be sent out with more information nearer the time.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mrs C Goddard reported that majority of the Parish Footpaths are muddy but clear and walkable.

The muddy area under the Kissing Gate on the footpath from the Village Hall to the Pub was discussed. It was suggested that gravel is laid to stop this area from getting muddy. Cllrs Mr M New and Mr N MacGinnis will take a look and organise a working party.

A branch from the Walnut Tree on Village Green/Cemetery has come down and has been removed.

ENVIRONMENT/HIGHWAYS/SOUTHERN WATER.

Southern Water have had machinery on the Village Green to filter and clean sewage with an Ultra Violet Filter. After much correspondence the equipment has now been taken away and Southern Water have agreed to make good damage caused to the Village Green. The remote sewage temperature monitoring system testing is still on-going. This system will help to locate ingress of groundwater more precisely. Ground Water levels are still high for the time of year.

The Chairman reported that Southern Water are now trying a 3rd attempt to find a suitable site for a sewer tanker parking area.

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.

Cllr Mr M New reported that he, the Clerk and the Chairman had attended a meeting with Nick Adam-King the Head of HCC Highways to discuss the state of the rural roads. Cllr Mr M New stated that he felt that nothing was achieved, the topic of the meeting was more about how Hampshire do not have the money to repair the roads to a good standard and that there is no major planned resurfacing works. Nick Adam-King also confirmed that Hampshire County Council at the moment do not have a policy in place for the '20 MPH' scheme.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported the following:

- Hampshire County Council have received £6 Million of extra funding to help

- repair the Counties roads.
- The Hampshire County Council part of the Council Tax bill has increased by 4.99%.
- Cllr Mr C Donnelly apologised that he had not yet progressed the issue of traffic going to the Distribution Centre in Down Road.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS – MAY 2023

The Clerk reminded the Parish Councillors that if they wished to stand again that they needed to get there forms to him by the close of business on Wednesday the 29th March 2023, with a proposer, seconder and signed by a witness.

The Clerk has an appointment to take in all his Parish Council forms on Friday 31st March 2023. All forms have to be submitted to Test Valley by the close of business 4th April 2023.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

24th April 2023 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.