

## **Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held via the Zoom App on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman  
Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs H Shaldon  
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr C Donnally  
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook  
Members of the Public - 6

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Goddard.

**WELCOME.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **SOLAR FARM.**

Planning Application 21/01749/FULLN Meadow Solar Farm for the Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm was discussed at length. The Chairman invited the members of the public present to make comments. Points raised included:

- Where will the connection to the grid be and will the capacity be adequate. Will the overhead cables be able to take the capacity? How close to full capacity is the proposed solar farm? The Chairman stated that the Solar Farm Company have confirmed that they will connect into the existing overhead power lines near a Pylon. Max power input agreed with SSE.
- The information given to the public and planning application is vague on precis planting for re-wilding the area. The mature coppice is mentioned in the paperwork but there are concerns about the immature coppice which seems to be fenced in excluding the area from wildlife. Wildlife corridors should part of the design in the design.
- Kimpton Wood House will be affected visually if the planning application is permitted. Mature screening has been discussed with the developer, but they have not committed themselves in writing.
- There is an over saturation of solar parks in the area. This site is a beauty spot well used by walkers, cyclists and riders and will be spoilt, future solar parks should be placed alongside the A303.
- A Village investment and pay back scheme in a Wind Farm instead of a solar plant was suggested and discussed to avoid a solar plant and farming land loss. Unfortunately, it would not be possible in this case.
- It was felt that the Government should insist that solar panels are put on brown sites, near major roads, on roofs on large buildings on Industrial Estates and give more incentives to private houses to put up solar panels. This would not spoil the countryside.

The Parish Council discussed the Solar Farm and with a majority agreed to OBJECT to this Planning Application. The Chairman will put together an objection letter taking note of the comments made. Cllr Mr M New urged the members of the public to put forward their own views to TVBC re the planned Solar Plant as parishioners.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

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

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.**

MEMORIAL TREE FOR RICHARD HART – The Chairman and Mrs Judy Hart have agreed on a position for the memorial tree.

TELEPHONE BOX – Cllr Mr M New reported that he hoped to fit the new shelves in the telephone box library early the following week.

FOOTPATHS – Highways have started cutting the footpaths. The stile between Deacon Road and Andover Lane needs clearing/cut free.

ENVIRONMENT – The representatives from the Parishes along the Pill Hill Brook have met with Southern Water. Southern Water will provide an action and time plan to stop sewer flooding. There will be a follow up meeting in September.

HIGHWAYS – The junction of Deacon Road and the Perham Road has been strimmed. It was noted that Ivy is beginning to grow on both bus shelters.

## **FINANCE.**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £7,785.44

Payments made June 2021.

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|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| R.N. Waterman | Wages – June | £210.00               |
|               |              | <b><u>£210.00</u></b> |

## **PLANNING.**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK**

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that a third wave of the Covid-19 is expected in the Autumn. Test Valley Borough Council were the first Borough to get to grips with the Covid-19 Pandemic and must be congratulated on the way they handled the situation.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNALLY**

Cllr Mr C Donnally reported that everything is quite at Hampshire County Council at The moment. The County Re-cycling Centres are still operating via a booking service but this might be changed back to the old 'free' system soon.

## **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Mr Ian Field has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.
- A complaint has been received about the state of the highways.
- There is a webinar on High-Speed Fibre. Cllr Mr N MacGinnis will attend.
- Notification from the Police on thefts of Catalytic Convertors from cars has been received.

## **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

26<sup>th</sup> July 2021.