

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 26th July 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
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Goddard and County Councillor Mr C Donnelly.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that Mr Howard Floyd and Mr Ian Field have expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. Both will be invited to the September Parish Council meeting to introduce themselves, outline why they feel they would like to join and then observe our meeting. The Parish Council will discuss and agree who would be the preferred candidate to fill the vacancy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

SOLAR FARM – The Parish Councils OBJECTION for Planning Application 21/01749/FULLN Meadow Solar Farm for the Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm has been lodged with TVBC.

The Chairman reported that Low Carbon-Meadow Solar Farm are still doing more detailed work on their proposal in response to the comments received including our objection. For various reasons the webinar did not take place but if there is still keen interest by our villagers to have a presentation they would do so. The Chairman stated that our next Council meeting will show whether there is keen interest to do so and will let her know.

There has been no member of the public or councillor asking for such meeting and Low Carbon will be informed accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Borough Councillor P. Lashbrook and the Parish Clerk have been approached by another Solar Farm Company who are intending to site a Solar Farm between Little Shoddesden and the Andover Road, the site has not yet been confirmed. They intend to send a leaflet to every household in the Parish.

This was discussed and it was agreed that this application will be treated the same as the current one to level the playing field.

E-GEN have published a 35 Year plan for renewable energy.

TELEPHONE BOX – Cllr Mr M New reported that he has fitted the new shelves in the telephone box library. Mr B Pearce has painted the telephone box.

PLAYING FIELD – Mr M New reported that the Play Equipment has been inspected and is in good condition. The new swing seats have been fitted. The memorial tree for Richard Hart will be ordered and a plaque commissioned.

VILLAGE GREEN – Cllr Mr M New reported that he has looked at the Notice Board and feels that it is sturdy and fit for purpose. The Notice Board needs sanding, re-varnishing and possibly new cork and varnishing inside. Cllr Mr M New stated that he was happy to undertake this task. The Chairman thanked him for his kind offer.

The Chairman reported that he has received correspondence from Mr Clarke regarding the state of the Popular Tree and suggested work that needs to be undertaken. Lee Hibbs from Tree Technique was contacted to inspect the tree after the work he carried out two years ago. Lee had confirmed that the tree is healthy and requires no further work at the moment.

FOOTPATHS – The majority of the footpaths are overgrown. Highways have started cutting the footpaths. TVBC have not yet started on Cow Lane. Cllr Mr M New stated that he has cleared and inspected a number of the stiles. The finger post at Shoddesden Farm is rotten and needs replacing. Cllr Mrs C Goddard will see whether Hampshire Countryside Services can let us have a replacement.

ENVIRONMENT – The representatives from the Parishes along the Pill Hill Brook are due to meet Southern Water in September 9th again in order to follow up the agreed action plan re repair of the sewer lines. Southern Water have stated that they will reline the sewage pipes rather than replace but with an improved lining method. Over pumping with tankers is on-going.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mrs H Shaldon gave an up-date on Highways. The many potholes on the road between Kimpton and Fyfield have been reported. The School Hill between Kimpton and Thruxton has been re-surfaced again.

BROADBAND WEBINAR – Cllr Mr N MacGinnis reported that unfortunately did not attend the Broadband Seminar but has asked for the notes to be forwarded to him.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 26th July 2021

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £6,956.54

Payments made July 2021

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| R.N. Waterman | Wages – July | £210.00 |
| R.N. Waterman | Expenses including: Windows, Website, Swing Seats and Expenses | £158.90 |
| Mr B Pearce | Village Maintenance | £380.00 |
| Mr R Welch | Grass Cutting | £80.00 |
| | | <u>£828.90</u> |

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that there is a Test Valley Resilience Forum in

October. It is planned to distribute a bigger resilience map showing the areas likely to flood. With the prolonged increase in rainfall forecast over future years we need to be ready.

Test Valley are ready for further action if needed regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

27th September 2021.