

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 27th September 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 Mr C Donnelly
Members of the Public – Mr G Verity and Mr H Floyd

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. County Councillor Mr C Donnelly introduced himself and was pleased to meet the Parish Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Mr Howard Floyd and Mr Ian Field inviting them to the September Parish Council meeting. Mr H Floyd was present but not Mr Ian Field. The Chairman stated that the introductions will take place after the Parish Council Meeting when it was hoped that Mr Field would be in attendance.

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 – There was no news to report on the Meadow Solar Farm Planning Application.

The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from Tom Cooper a representative from Renewable Connections. Renewable Connections will shortly be submitting the application for the proposed solar farm at South Park Farm which will be 1/3 of the size of the Meadow Solar Farm applied for earlier this year.

Tom Cooper would be happy to arrange a meeting with the Parish either at the next meeting, or separately via teams / Zoom. The Clerk will forward the contact details to the Chairman.

PLAYING FIELD – The Clerk confirmed that the wording for the memorial plaque for Richard Hart has been agreed with Mrs Judy Hart. The Chairman reported that a Prunus Tree will be ordered.

VILLAGE GREEN – Cllr Mr M New reported that he has sanded and re-varnishing the notice board. New cork has been purchased and he hoped to get this installed soon.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mrs C Goddard reported that she has been dealing with Hampshire County Council regarding the cutting of the footpaths. Hampshire CC have new contractors and things have not gone according to plan, and the work has been

shoddy. A complaint was received from a horse rider re the Ox Drove and HCC sent their own workmen in to make sure the Ox Drove was suitable for riders. There is still one footpath to be cut and HCC will be reminded

Cllr Mrs C Goddard spoke about a report of a fallen tree in an inaccessible position on one of the outreaching footpaths. Mr Rob Beckett has kindly removed the tree free of charge.

Complaints have been received about the overgrown hedge on the footpath from the Playing Field to the Welcome Stranger. The Chairman has spoken to the landowner who has already cut this back once this year.

ENVIRONMENT – The Chairman reported that the ditches need cutting and the road signs are disappearing into the hedges. The Clerk will submit a job sheet to the Lengthsman.

The Chairman reported that Southern Water have started working in the village to seal the sewage pipe joints and reline the line where necessary according to their recent inspection. Extensive work is also being carried out to the pipework between the Pumping Station at Fyfield and Kimpton. This will mean some disruption to local traffic.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mrs H Shaldon reported that nothing has been done and there are still reported faults outstanding. The poor state of the road between Kimpton and Fyfield was discussed at length. County Councillor Mr C Donnelly stated that he will take a look at the problems and try to escalate its repair with Hampshire Highways.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly was asked if he could do anything about the Kimpton School Road. The road was resurfaced last year but the contractor never came back to re-instate the passing places. With no passing places the situation has become intolerable. Cllr Mr C Donnelly will see what can be done.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 27th September 2021

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £9,851.54

Income: 2nd half of Precept £4,750.00

Payments made September 2021

R.N. Waterman	Wages – August and September	£420.00
R.N. Waterman	½ Year Expenses - OA and Website	£155.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£240.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£80.00
KPCC	3 Year Grant	£750.00
		<u>£1,645.00</u>

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that Hampshire County Council are looking at the Budget for 2022/2023. Cut of £40 Million have been made this financial year and a further £40 Million the next financial year. The increase in Adult Social Care costs is a big drain on the County Councils resources.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly spoke about his Councillor Portfolio in Children's Services and life after the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that the HCC Recycling Centre is still operating on a booking basis, but the once-a-week slot has now been removed. The booking system will be reviewed again in March 2022. Cllr C Donnelly asked the Parish Council for their thoughts on the booking system. The Parish Council felt that first of all we should see how the 'revised' system works but felt that most likely the booking system should be scrapped now that Covid-19 restrictions are starting to be eased.

Cllr Mr C Donnelly reported that he has funds available for Parish Projects in this County Councillors Devolved Budget.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr G Verity reported that the No Dogs in the Field sign has dropped off the gate. Cllr Mr M New stated that he will take a look and re-position the sign.

Mr H Floyd reported that there is to be a Coffee Morning on the 16th October on the Village Hall to raise funds for Charity. A flyer is due to go to every house in the parish with full details.

Mr H Floyd reported that the 'Folk in the Field' event postponed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic will now go ahead on the 25th June 2022. Full details will be available in due course.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

Mr Ian Field did not attend the meeting and did not send apologies.

Mr Howard Floyd – After some discussion Cllr Mr C Goddard proposed that Mr H Floyd be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs H Shaldon. All agreed.

Mr H Floyd will sign the Declaration of Office at the October Parish Council Meeting.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

25th October 2021.