

## **Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Mr N New – Acting Chairman  
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis  
Cllr Mrs J Hart  
Cllr Mr H Floyd  
Cllr Mr G Michalczyk  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Mrs Michalczyk – Kimpton Village Hall.  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Mr G Clark. Redenham Agricultural Ltd  
Rev Sarah Sharland  
Member of the Public – 4

Apologies: Cllr Mr P Lashbrook.

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

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

Mr Greg Michalczyk signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

### **PLANNING.**

The Chairman introduced Mr G Clark from Redenham Agricultural Ltd. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council could make no comment until a Planning Application has been submitted.

Mr G Clark thanked the Parish Council for giving him the opportunity to come and speak about his plans to expand the Egg Production Plant on the Redenham Estate prior to submitting a Planning Application to Test Valley Borough Council.

Mr G Clark spoke about the expansion:

- The site production of eggs is to supply Waitrose.
- At present the site has capacity for 32,000 chickens. The proposed expansion will take this up to 80,000.
- 3 additional sheds are proposed in the adjoining field. The sheds will be larger and designed to further improve the Chickens welfare.
- The necessary licence to expand has been obtained and the next stage is to submit a Planning Application.
- The necessary reports that are needed for the planning application are being done and it is hoped to submit the application in October/November.
- The existing entrance and Exit track will be used and the landscaping will shield the new sheds from the road.
- Drawings were distributed to the Parish Councillors to look at.
- Ammonia Scrubbers will be installed to help stop the spread of bacteria etc. The high standards of welfare required are monitored and adhered to.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clark for coming and informing the Parish Council of his plans for expansion.

There were no other new Planning Applications to discuss.

The Parish Council have been informed that work on the Meadow View Solar Farm is due to start in October 2023. Cllr Mr H Floyd stated that he will check the planning application approval for the position of the entrance gate to the site during construction. There seems to be vehicles accessing the site further down the Perham Road.

#### **VILLAGE HALL.**

The Chairman stated that the Village Hall Trustees have agreed to work with the Parish Council to investigate the possible potential for using the Solar Farm Community Payback towards building a new Village Hall.

The Clerk reported that Barclay Phillips Architects have been approached and they are willing to come and speak with the Parish Council and Village Hall Trustees to gather information on what they would like to achieve.

The Chairman suggested that a sub committee is set up consisting of two Parish Councillors and Two Village Hall Trustees who can relay information too and from both organisations.

Once a plan has been formulated it will be presented to the Village for their views.

**KIMPTON CHURCH** – The Chairman welcomed the Rev Sarah Sharland. Rev Sarah Sharland spoke about the current benefice arrangements. The church is open every day so that anyone can enter for private prayer or just for a reflective or solitary moment. Differing Sunday services are held every week. She welcomed any ideas from parishioners on how to improve the use of the church and support the community. The provision of a toilet and kitchen to further enhance the use of the church is a project under discussion. The Harvest Festival is to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and there will be a 'All Soles' Service later in the year.

Rev Sarah Sharland enquired if there would be any money from the Solar Farm Community Pay Back that could be used for the Church building project. At this stage the Chairman could not make comment but noted the request.

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

The Chairman signed the minutes of the July meeting as a true record.

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

**WEBSITE** – Cllr Mr N MacGinnis stated that he has not yet looked into the issue of the website menu not working on iPhones and iPads was raised.

**FLASHING SPEED SIGN** – It was discussed and confirmed that the Clerk will order one of the new Solar Flashing Speed Signs that indicate the speed a vehicle is travelling with a slow down message. This will be placed on the existing post on Deacon Road. The visiting speed sign that is shared with 3 other Parishes will be placed at the other end of the village at a site to be agreed.

The purchase of a second Solar Powered Sign will be considered if the first one is a success and helps slow down the speed. Hampshire County Council will be asked to put Kimpton on the waiting list for a Speed Survey (the rubber strips that are laid across the road).

Hampshire county council will be asked to put the lines back on the road through the village.

The Clerk will forward the ownership details of landowners to Cllr Mrs J Hart so she can approach them about cutting hedges to increase road widths.

THATACHED BUS SHELTER – Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that this in in hand and he should be able to confirm at the next meeting.

SOUTHERN WATER PAN PARISH FORUM – Cllr Mr G Michalczyk confirmed that he will attend the Pan Parish Forum. The Clerk will forward the details to Cllr Mr G Michalczyk.

HEDGE ADJACENT TO THE PAVEMENT TO THE SCHOOL – The Clerk reported that he has asked the Lengthsman to cut back the overhanging offending tree/bush blocking the footpath. The Owner of the field has been contacted as it is their responsibility to keep the hedge cut back.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT.**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £10,465.41
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	<b>£10,565.41</b>

INCOME.

½ Precept £4750.00

Payments made in August and September 2023.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£640.00
SBPC	Storage	£ 20.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£ 188.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£ 290.00
Playsafety Ltd	Play Area Inspection	£ 102.60
		<b><u>£1,240.60</u></b>

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLEY.**

County Councillor Mr C Donnelley reported:

- None of the schools in Hampshire had to shut as a result of the recent issue with concrete that was reported in the National Press.
- The Cango Bus service was recently put forward to be cancelled. Cllr Mr C Donnelley found out about it by chance. After several weeks of negotiating a limited service will still be provided and Hampshire have agreed that this will be backed up with a taxi scheme. More details will follow in due course.
- Covid Vaccinations are starting again, and details should be forwarded by the Doctors Surgeries.
- Hampshire County Council are facing a large deficit in the Budget as 85% of their budget goes on Adult and Children Social Care. There will be many cuts in the HCC Budget for the next financial year.
- HCC are looking at the litter problem that is escalating due to the use of single vape inhalers.
- Hampshire Police are looking at reintroducing Neighbourhood Policing to tackle the increase in rural crime.

The Perham Road has been closed for 7 weeks as repairs to the railway bridge are

carried out. Has Highways taken the opportunity to repair the potholes on the stretch of the road and reinstate the white lines, while that section of the road was closed to traffic? Cllr Mr C Donnelly noted this and will speak to the HCC Highways Officer.

#### **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

CLLR MR N MACGINNIS – gave a report from the Thruxton Preservation Meeting that he recently attended. Noise from the track, race days, testing and noise monitoring were some of the issues that were discussed. The 2024 race days will be posted on the Village Facebook.

CLLR MRS J HART – Reported that parishioners have requested that a dog bin is placed at the entrance to the footpath opposite Littleton Cottages. The Parish Council had no objections to this and asked the Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that she is in discussion with Hampshire Rights of Way to change the priority list for Footpath Cutting. Cllr Mrs J Hart stated that she would like to add a Hedge Cutter to her list of equipment for cutting the village footpaths and also attend a hedge cutter course.

The Parish Council agreed. Cllr Mr C Donnelly agreed to give a grant towards the purchase of the hedge cutter and the training course.

#### **MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.**

The following issues were raised and will be investigated:

- Residents cutting back their hedges along the narrow road through the village.
- The overgrown hedge belonging to Kimpton Manor and how it is encroaching onto the road making it near impossible for two vehicles to pass safely.
- Speeding through the village.

#### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

Cllr Mr M New thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

#### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

#### **DATE FOR THE REMAINING MEETINGS OF 2023.**

**30<sup>th</sup> October**

**27<sup>th</sup> November.**