

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic Kimpton Parish Council have suspended Standing Orders and are not holding Public Meetings due to Social Distancing.

If you like to raise issues with the Council members or Clerk, please do it via our website or by telephone or email.

Minutes of the Close Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th October 2020 in the Kimpton Village Hall 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 Godard
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis and Cllr Mrs C Godard.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that unfortunately Cllr Mr P Lashbrook has contracted the Covid-19 Virus, despite taking all the recommended precautions. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook is self-isolating and will be contactable via email. The parish Council wished him well and a speedy recovery.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the Minutes of the September Meeting as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mr M New and seconded by Cllr Mrs H Shaldon. All agreed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES.

Cllr Mr M New reported that another tree had shed branches on the footpath between the Playing Field and the Pub, and that he had cleared the debris away.

TELEPHONE/LIBRARY BOX - The telephone box library has been cleared of its books and is locked in the winter.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mrs H Shaldon had no news to report on the repairs to the roads. Cllr Mrs H Shaldon reported that someone had put a bag of empty bottles in the Salt Bin opposite the Village Hall.

The Chairman voiced his concerns about Water Lane and suggested a site visit with Highways to discuss this. Reasons for concern are safety for pedestrians, cars/tyres as well as a good chance of sewage over pumping as last year using large trucks based on present high groundwater levels.

The Chairman will contact County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks to see if she could organise and site meeting.

PLANNING.

20/02517/TREEN – Fell Yew – St Peters and St Pauls Church, The Green, Kimpton. – NO OBJECTION

20/01409/FULLN – Amended Application - increase the roof height to the property to create a workshop and office area accessed by external stairs – Olivers Gate, Cow Lane, Kimpton. The basic design remained as per the last submission. OBJECTION.

The Parish Council still felt that it was over development of the site and that there would be a loss of light to the neighbouring property.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 26th October 2020

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £9,461.47

Payments made October

R.N. Waterman	Wages – October	£210.00
Mr B Pearce	Maintenance -	£90.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£37.50
Came & Company	Insurance	£569.61
		<u>£907.11</u>

Income.

Second half of precept = £4,750.00

LENGTHSMAN.

The Clerk confirmed that he has submitted a work sheet to the Lengthsman for the following jobs:

- Laying Turf in the Play Area.
- Cleaning the Village signs
- Clearing gullies and ditches.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

CLLR MR K TAMKE – Spoke about recent correspondence he had received regarding the Young Offenders Scheme to help with community projects.

Cllr Mr M New stated that there has been several changes to the rules and regulations relating to the Young Offenders Scheme and suggested that before any project is undertaken that the Parish Council are aware of what they can and cannot undertake. This was noted.

The Chairman spoke about the recent lengthy power cuts in Kimpton over a period of 5-6 days due to damage to the main Electricity Cable between Fyfield and Kimpton. The Electricity Company organised a generator, but this was faulty and had to be replaced.

CLLR MR M NEW – Reported that the Village Footpaths are all clear and walkable.

Cllr Mr M New suggested that the Parish Council undertake as a future project, a survey of all the stiles in the Parish with the view of replacing them with gates to make selected footpaths more accessible for the elderly and disabled.

Landowners will be contacted once the list has been completed to see if they would be willing to have a gate.

Hampshire Rights of Way will be contacted to see if there are any grants available. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Cllr Mr M New will speak to Cllr Mrs C Godard as she looks after Footpath issues and has established contacts with Hampshire Rights of Way.

Cllr Mr M New reported that he has been inspecting the Play Equipment and everything is in good order.

Cllr Mr M New also reported that he has sticking to the cleaning routine to allow the Play Area to remain open during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

30th November 2020 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.