

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th November 2019 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 Mrs S Goddard
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks.

Apologies: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

The Parish Council still have one vacancy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – Nothing new to report.

VILLAGE GREEN TREES - The Clerk reported that weather permitting Lee the Tree Surgeon will commence work on the trees on the 11th December 2019.

The Chairman reported that he had a near accident at the village green, a white car had parked on the Village Green short term parking area next to the old pump, a BT Van had parked in front of the white car, half on the Village Green and half on the road. As the Chairman maneuvered to pass the BT Van a tractor came from Down Road around the blind corner. This shows that this area should only be used for short term parking buy delivery vans/locals to reduce risk of accident on this S-bend.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mrs H Shaldon reported that she has again reported to Highways the drainage problems at the Fyfield Road and Perham Down Road bridges but was not sure if the work has been done. The plastic barrier that had been dumped at the Perham Down/Ludgershall junction is still there.

The potholes in Down Road have not yet been repaired and are classed as low priority! Highways have been out to the village to look at the blocked drain outside Littleton Cottages.

LENGTHSMAN – The Lengthsman has yet to come back to finish the jobs on the submitted list. These include finishing cutting the vegetation from road signs and washing them.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mrs S Goddard reported that all the Footpaths are walkable. There is a tree down in Cow Lane, but it is not blocking the footpath.

ENVIRONMENT – The Chairman reported that the Ground Water levels are continuing to rise after the recent prolonged rainfall.

PLANNING

There were no planning applications to discuss.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – November 2019

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £7,242.19

Payments made in November 2019

R.N. Waterman	Wages – November	£190.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£40.00
Mr B Pearce	Maintenance	£120.00
		<u>£350.00</u>

2020/2021 PRECEPT.

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the Estimated Results for the Year 2019/2020 and a budget for the Year 2020/2021. Each item was explained. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk would receive a £10 a month pay increase and that there would be no increase in the precept. The Kimpton Parish Council Precept for the year 2020/2021 was set at £9,500.

The Parish Council discussed purchasing a new mower and agreed that based on preliminary information this would make sense. The Chairman will visit Andover Garden Machinery to select a suitable mower, it is possible that they will take the old mower in part exchange.

COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS.

County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook stated that they were in purdah leading up to the General Elections in December.

TVBC RESILIENCE

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook spoke about making the Kimpton Village Hall the primary rest centre for the village as the Thrupton facility is deemed not suitable anymore, Grants are available from Scottish and Southern Electricity. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council and Resilience Team need to get more background re this decision and then meet with the Village Hall Committee to discuss this.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

27th January 2020 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.