

## **Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held at the Fairground Hall, Weyhill, Andover on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman  
Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs H Shaldon  
Cllr Mrs C Goddard  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis and County Councillor Mr C Donnally.

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.**

CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs S Goddard proposed Cllr Mr K Tamke as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr M New. There were no other nominations, all agreed. Cllr Mr K Tamke was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr K Tamke proposed Cllr Mr M New as Vice Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs H Shaldon. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mr M New was elected Vice Chairman.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

The year 2020/21 was a year overshadowed by the sad loss of 2 long serving members of our Parish Council Richard Hart and John Southern. Our thoughts are with their families.

The Covid Pandemic, the severe weather conditions during the first half of the year causing flooding of roads and more importantly our sewer system added to our 'normal' work as Parish Council.

#### Covid 19:

- We set up a 'Kimpton Covid Help Group' guided by Cllr Niall MacGinnes in order to help vulnerable Villagers during lock down. About 25 volunteers joined up which showed that we are still a caring village. A grant to support this work was received.
- Kimpton did have a number of 'positive' Covid cases, some suffering 'long' Covid but no death.
- Covid forced us to hold meetings at the Village Hall without the public being present due to limit of numbers to 6. We switched to Zoom meetings at the height of the pandemic in January. Not ideal but we were contacted by phone, e-mail re problems arising in Kimpton.
- We had to temporarily close our Village Playground due to stringent Covid guidelines. We opened up as soon as possible with Cllr Michael New carrying out regular inspections/cleaning/disinfection.
- Covid rules/working from home made communications with key departments/people much more time consuming and frustrating at times.

#### Bad Weather during Spring/Flooding of Sewers/Road damage:

- Due to extreme rainfall Southern Water had to pump out/over via trucks/stationary pump on the Green to keep houses from sewer flooding from

March to June. Groundwater pumps in the old houses near the Green pumped nearly 4 month for the houses not to be flooded.

- Severe road damage to Water Lane and the triangular island section of Down Road entering Green Lane.

- Ever since ongoing discussions with SW and Highways re repair of road and improvement of SW services and their sewer lines.

- Send letter of complaint through our MP Kit Malthouse to the Southern Water Chief Executive Officer Ian McAuley and received his promise of improved services/actions on 26/06/2021.

Note:

As SW Services did not improve the Parish Councils along the Pillhill Brook have joined up as 'Pan Parish Forum' early this year to jointly push Southern Water to solve our sewer problems 'long term'. A first high level meeting took place 7.06.2021 with follow up in September.

-Highways:

- Due to cut in budgets and communication issues it is a constant battle to get potholes and other repairs done. Trying to find a satisfactory Water Lane solution.

- Lengthman Work:

All our main ditches at Snoddington Lane/Thrupton Road, Deacon Road/Perham Road and Down Road have been all cleared. A telephone cable box had to be relocated by BT Open Reach at Snoddington Lane ditch as a result of it.

- Southern Electric:

HV Cable shortage near transformer station at cemetery for about 5 days. SE generator breakdown needed our involvement to get quick replacement unit.

- Hedge Fire/BT Telephone Line Meltdown

Got involved to get proper communication and action going between Open Reach and Highways as Highways blocked Open Reach to get access to carry out the urgent repair.

- Playground

No further investment in new equipment but put a new grass area down next to the main swings which is growing well and enhances safety.

Invested in a new Lawn mower (old one traded in) to cut the lawn around the play equipment and part of Village Hall lawn more efficiently.

We like to thank Gordon Verity for volunteering to continue the mowing job.

- Planning:

We dealt with 8 planning cases mainly conversion of properties, tree surgery.

-Footpath:

HCC and Highways carried out their yearly clearance and we dealt with some clearance jobs including broken branches/trees and high grass.

- Village Green:

For the first time we had a Christmas Tree on the Village Green and Carol Singing to which a good number attended.

### -Defibrillator

The defibrillator at the Village Hall has been used and it proves that it was a worthwhile investment to make.

So in all 2020/21 was an unusual and busy year for us and I hope that we soon have Covid under control to make life safer but also easier for all of us.

### **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS.**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021.

2019/2020		2020/2021
£	RECEIPTS	£
9,500.00	Precept	9,500.00
	VAT Refund	2,003.68
	Grants	1,200.00
	Cheque 104 written back in	40.00
<u>9,500.00</u>		<u>12,743.68</u>
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
1,634.98	Administration	950.77
2,280.00	Clerks Salary	2,520.00
554.48	Insurance	569.61
430.33	Play Area	94.80
120.00	Storage	120.00
157.85	Street Lighting	459.27
	Village Path Cutting/Maint	
4,217.75	Playing Field and Village Green	2,688.40
	Christmas Tree, Lights and Stand	
	On the Village Green	266.60
	Section 137 Payments	
Nil	Kimpton PCC	Nil
	Flashing Speed Sign	57.65
172.96	VAT on Payments	175.94
534.93	Dog Bin Emptying	403.60
	New Mower / Mower Service	138.30
262.50		
<u>10,365.78</u>		<u>8,444.94</u>
	<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY</b>	
2,327.69	Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2020	1,462.01
9,500.00	Add Receipts	12,743.68
<u>11,872.79</u>		<u>14,205.69</u>
10,365.78	Less Total Payments	8,444.94
<u>1,462.01</u>		<u>5,760.75</u>

### BANK RECONCILIATION 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021

Bank Account No 01194641      £ 6,892.37

Less Cheques not presented

No 151	100.00
No 144	675.00
No 152	244.32
No 153	57.30
No 154	55.00
	<u>£1,131.62</u>

£5,760.75

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2020/2021

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000. Proposed by Cllr Mr K Tamke and seconded by Cllr Mr M New. All agreed.

#### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/2021

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr K Tamke and seconded by Cllr Mr M New. All Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2020/2021

The Annual Accounting Statement 2020/2021 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr K Tamke and seconded by Cllr Mr M New. All agreed. The Chairman and Clerk will sign the relevant paperwork.

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting were signed as a true record.

#### **FINANCE.**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £7,995.44

Payments made May 2021

R.N. Waterman	Wages – May	£210.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£120.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£140.00
Mr G Verity	Waste Collection	£ 97.50
R. N. Waterman	Expenses	£145.00
		<b><u>£712.50</u></b>

#### **PLANNING.**

21/01335/FULLN – Installation of static stable block in paddock – Privet Side, Deacon Road, Kimpton – NO OBJECTION.

No news to report on the Manor Farm planning application.

SOLAR FARM – The Parish Council spoke about the online presentation from the Solar Farm Developer. The Parish Council agreed with the notes the Chairman had taken and Distributed to the Councillors.

The Chairman will now ask the Solar Farm Developer to organise an open day for the

Village so that any concerns can be addressed prior to final planning application date.

**FOOTPATHS.**

Cllr Mrs C Goddard reported that Hampshire County Council have confirmed that they will be cutting footpaths 1, 3, 13, 16 and 17.

**ENVIRONMENT**

The Chairman reported that the Ground Water levels are still high. Southern Water have agreed to meet with representatives from the Parishes along the length of the Pill Hill Brook to try and find a long-term solution to the sewer/over pumping/tinkering Problem.

Southern Water has repaired the road/kerb damage caused by their large tankers at the junction of Water Lane/ Snoddington Lane for the first time.

**HIGHWAYS.**

Cllr Mrs H Shaldon reported that she is still reporting potholes. The moving of the 'Littleton Cottages' name sign is ongoing and an incident of Fly Tipping at Littleton Cottages has been reported.

Discussion re the repair of Water Lane/Pillhill Brook embankment still ongoing with Highways.

**TELEPHONE BOX.**

Cllr Mr M New offered to make new bookshelves for the telephone box library.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.