

## **Minutes of the Annual Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke – Chairman  
Cllr Mrs C Goddard  
Cllr Mr H Floyd  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
County Councillor Mr C Donnelly  
Member of the Public – Mr G Verity

Apologies: Cllr Mr M New – Vice Chairman, Cllr Mr N MacGinnis and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

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

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT.**

The Year 2021/2022 was again not without its challenges and was overshadowed by the loss of long-standing member Helen Shaldon who died unexpectedly on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

We did welcome County Councillor Chris Donnelly at the beginning of 2021, and he was able to help us on urgent matters with HCC and Highways.

Cllr Howard Floyd joined the Parish Council last September and has taken on Planning Applications.

A tree was planted on Kimpton Playing Field, and a plaque positioned in the memory of Richard Hart who served the village for many years. A dedication ceremony was held with many villagers attending.

The Parish Council have sent congratulations to Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook on his recently gained position of Deputy Mayor of Test Valley.

COVID-19 although still around has not affected as much as during the previous year as restrictions were less horrendous and we were able to hold all of our meetings in person. However with Test Valley/HCC/etc. staff working from home it was harder to get to the right people and get quick responses.

The 'Kimpton Covid Help Group' guided by Cllr Mr N MacGinnis kept being active.

The Chairman gave an up-date on issues tackled and those ongoing over the last year. These included:

- The bad weather at the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. Flooding and the damage to the road surface, Power Cuts, fallen trees and blocked footpaths. Michael New, Cindy and Peter Goddard along with other residents cleared the majority of the fallen trees and bushes. A Big Thank You to all concerned. Also a Big Thank You to Rory Lucas and Michael Pope who responded to a call of help straight away after a large beech tree came down in the strong wind blocking our main through road, to Ralf Beckett from Kimpton Down Stables

who took on to clear away a fallen tree from the footpath near Kimpton Down Woods and to all those who helped the council.

- Defaults with the roads are regularly reported to Hampshire Highways.
- The Lengthsman has also done a lot of work in Kimpton, clearing ditches and cutting back vegetation from road signs.
- Southern Electric had to deal with many issues in the village following the storms.
- Southern Water- Due to the ongoing sewer problems along the Pill Hill Brook from Kimpton to Fullerton the 8 Councils linked to this sewer line have joined up as the PPF Pan Parish Forum to push Southern Water to get the sewer problems solved. There are regular meetings PPF/SW (project team and management) and significant repair work has been carried out. In Kimpton most of the main sewer line repair/lining has been done. Further actions will involve inspecting/repairing private sewer feeder lines. The various issues and up-dates are available to read in the monthly minutes on the website.
- Playing Field – A new seat and table have been installed.
- Village Green – Cllr Mr M New refurbished the Notice Board and installed new shelving in the Telephone Library. The Telephone box was repainted.
- A larger Christmas Tree was placed on the Green at Christmas and received very positive comments from residents.
- Footpaths are looked after by Cllr Mrs C Goddard, and I would like to thank her for doing such a good job with little help from HCC.
- The Parish Council received a grant from Cllr C Donnelly of £1,500 to enable Mrs Judy Hart to train to use a Brush Cutter, attend a first aid course and to purchase the Brush Cutter. Mrs Judy Hart is one of the Countryside Service Volunteers who are helping to keep footpath tidy.
- The last year has been busy with Planning Applications – 2 for Solar Farms within the Parish.
- The Parish Council have financially supported the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations £300. The Tree Village Sports Trust £300 and the Kimpton Church to maintain the cemetery £750 (3 Years of £250).

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their support.

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

The Clerk produced a financial report showing the results for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and the previous financial year, The Clerk explained each item:

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#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022.

2020/2021		2021/2022
£	RECEIPTS	£
9,500.00	Precept	9,500.00
2,003.68	VAT Refund	Nil
1,200.00	Grants	1,500.00
40.00	Cheque 104 written back in	
<u>12,743.68</u>		<u>11,000.00</u>
	PAYMENTS	
950.77	Administration	996.50

2,520.00	Clerks Salary	2,730.00
569.61	Insurance	585.20
94.80	Play Area	250.00
120.00	Storage	120.00
459.27	Street Lighting	349.96
2,688.40	Village Path Cutting/Maintenance, Playing Field, Village Green and General Maintenance	2,660.49
266.60	Christman Tree on the Village Green	224.56
	Training Courses – Mrs J Hart	384.00
	Memorial Tree and Plaque	253.31
Nil	Section 137 Payments (3 Years Grant to the Church)	1,350.00
57.65	Flashing Speed Sign	Nil
175.94	VAT on Payments	211.61
403.60	Dog Bin Emptying	410.86
138.30	New Mower / Mower Service	Nil
<u>8,444.94</u>		<u>10,526.49</u>

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY

1,462.01	Balance Brought Forward 1 April 2021	5,760.75
12,743.68	Add Receipts	11,000.00
<u>14,205.69</u>		<u>16,760.75</u>
8,444.94	Less Total Payments	10,526.49
<u>5,760.75</u>		<u>6,234.26</u>

#### CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2021/2022

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000. Proposed by Cllr Mr H Floyd and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Goddard. All agreed.

#### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/2022

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 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 Mrs C Goddard and seconded by Cllr Mr H Floyd. All Agreed. The Chairman and the Clerk signed the relevant paperwork.

#### ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2021/2022

The Annual Accounting Statement 2021/2022 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mr h Floyd and seconded by Cllr Mrs C Goddard. All agreed. The Chairman and Clerk signed the relevant paperwork.

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR C DONNELLY.**

Cllr Mr C Donnelly stated that he found it very frustrating the time it takes Hampshire County Council to get things done, this is mainly down to a dire shortage of staff.

Cllr Rob Humby is the new leader of HCC and Mr Nick Adams has been appointed Head of Highways.

Hampshire County Council still have a £40 Million short fall in funding and have an annual deficit of £97 Million.

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

Mr G Verity raised the following points that were answered to the best of the Parish Councils knowledge.

- Fly Tipping.
- Trees across Footpaths
- The Meadowview Solar Farm Planning Application.
- Updating the Website.

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

The Chairman suggested that this item be deferred to the June meeting. All agreed.

#### **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2022 MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the April Meeting as a true record.

#### **PLANNING.**

Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that there had been some minor planning applications for works on trees in the parish that required NO COMMENT.

22/01409/TPON – Fell 1 Beech and 1 Elm – Kimpton House – NO OBJECTION.

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

CLLR MR N MACGINNIS – Had sent an email from the Queens Jubilee Committee asking for volunteers to help on the day.

CLLR MRS C GODARD – Reported that the footpaths are getting very overgrown and that she is not getting any response from HCC. Cllr Mr C Donnelly stated that he will try to help get things moving.

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

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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

27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.