

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 31st October 2022 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: County Councillor Mr C Donnelly and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

BRUSH CUTTER – The Clerk had no news to report on delivery of the Brush Cutter.

PLANNING – The Clerk reported that he had received an email as requested at the previous meeting on the issues raised at the September Meeting by Members of the Public. The Clerk has sent a letter to the Planning Department asking them to please investigate the issues raised.

Kimpton Down Farm Barns - The Chairman reported that he has spoken to the owner of the site and made him aware of Resident's concerns.

FINANCE

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 31st October 2022

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £9,411.04
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£9,511.04

Payments made in October 2022

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£230.00
SBPC	Storage	£10.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£45.00
INOIS	Website	£15.00
Mr B Pearce	Maintenance	£100.00
Flow Right	Reset Gate Posts	£111.25
TVBC (RNW)	2 x Green Wheely Bins for GV	£53.00
		£564.25

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT. (Not included in above figurers)

Balance £277.66

PLANNING.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to a planning application for the felling of a Norway Spruce at the Church.

Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that he had met with Mr Michael Papps from BCM LLP (Bays Curry McCowen LLP) regarding the proposal for the erection of three modest bungalows on the paddock north of the hay barn on Down Road.

Mr Michael Papps stated that the proposed development will meet the required shortfall in the housing stock locally, whilst offering up land for village parking on the site where the existing hay barn is situated. The brief is felt to offer planning gain through the provision of a community facility and a size of dwelling that is in short supply in the village.

BMC LLP would like to work with the Parish Council before taking this project forward with Test Valey Borough Council and at this stage would welcome any comments before they begin preparing the scheme. Mr Michael Papps would like to attend the January Parish Council Meeting to talk through the proposal and site layout plan.

Cllr Mr H Floyd emphasised that he made no comment at the site meeting. The Parish Council agreed that Mr Michael Papps could make his presentation at the January Parish Council meeting, but until a planning application has been submitted the Parish Council will make no comment.

The Clerk was asked to put this on the agenda for the January Meeting and to confirm with Mr Michael Papps.

SOLAR FARM UP-DATE.

MEADOW VIEW – To keep Councillors up to speed with proceedings. The plant is likely to be commissioned in 2024. The Chairman gave the Parish Councillors a copy of the email correspondence he has had with Beverley Rodbard-Hedderwick the Stakeholder Manager at Low Caron regarding the Community Benefit Deed.

ANDOVER LANE – There was no news to report.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mrs C Goddard reported that majority of the Parish Footpaths are clear and walkable. The Footpath alongside the Gallops still needs clearing and she is chasing the contractor to come back to carry out the work.

Replacing stiles with Kissing Gates was briefly discussed, Cllr Mr M New gave a brief summary on the issues and new legislation that has to be adhered to when this issue was looked at some time ago.

ENVIRONMENT/HIGHWAYS/SOUTHERN WATER.

HIGHWAYS – There have been some re-surfacing on Water Lane. Hampshire County Council, Southern Water and the Environment Agency have agreed on a scheme to repair and strengthen the Pillhill Brook bank and roadside in Water Lane. Work is due to start in December 2022 and a roadside closure of 2-3 days may be necessary.

Pothole reporting is ongoing. Highways do seem to be keeping up with repairs.

SOUTHERN WATER - Are continuing work on sealing Private Sewers, all the sewer pipes are to be relined along the route. Southern Water organised a visit to the

Sewage Treatment Plant at Fullerton for the Parish Liaison Group. This plant treats the sewage for Andover and selected villages including those along the Pillhill Brook, in summary for about 100000 people. It is a relative modern plant and one of the better performing ones operated by Southern Water.

The Chairman reported that the Ground Water Levels are still lower than this time last year, despite the amount of rain in recent weeks.

TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr Mr M New reported that the Telephone Box Library is still open due to the recent mild weather, and that he will monitor when it needs emptying and sealing up for the winter.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

28th November 2022 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.

Cllr Mr H Floyd gave his apologies for the November Meeting.