

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 30th October 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr N New – Acting Chairman
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mr H Floyd
Cllr Mr G Michalczyk
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Rev Sarah Sharland
Member of the Public – Rev Sarah Sharland, Mr E Bailey, Mrs C Bailey, Mr G Field, Mr R Manners, Mrs P Nelson, Mr A Scott, Mr A Roberts, Mr G Verity, Mrs J Verity, Mr M Valencia, Mr T Morris and Mr Peter Clements.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs J Hart, Cllr Mr P Lashbrook and County Councillor Mr C Donnelley.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

Cllr Mr Micheal New introduced himself and stated that he is currently the acting Chairman of Kimpton Parish Council. Cllr Mr M New read out the following statement:

I have been made aware that there are a number of social media conversations circulating in the village concerning Monies that will come to the Parish Council from the proposed Solar Farm. As a lot of these conversations seem to contain either false or misleading information, I make this statement to set the matter straight.

- 1) Whilst any monies will eventually come to the Parish Council, we, the council have not yet received a penny, nor are we expecting it for, possible a year. Therefore any rumours that say differently are completely false
- 2) One conversation is asking why the Parish Council cannot bid for the area of land, adjac. to the hall that is coming up for auction at the end of November. The answer to this is simply that we do not have any money to do this are not we going to have any in time for the auction. The results of that action therefore have no bearing on the issue at hand.
- 3) The future. Nothing can be done until such times as the expected money is allocated to the Council. Once that happens and only at such a time will we be able to move to the next stage. At that time applications for access to some or all of that money will be welcome by village organisations. We are told that we will only be able to consider applications from an organisation that represents ALL parts of the community. Once all the applications are in, they will be checked to see that they conform to the community criteria. At that stage we MUST then send out a questionnaire to every house in the village asking for residents to vote for one of the applications. A committee can then be set up to take things to the next step.

4). It may be that there will be more than one valid application and in which case, depending on how much each application is asking for, the committee will make their decision.

5) as a footnote to the previous point it cannot be stressed enough that any application must be for a project that benefits the whole of the village, not just one section. Nor can it be for a project that involves work or people outside of the village.

6) In light of all the above. This meeting will not be drawn into discussions about the land coming up for auction not the merits of any possible future applications.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Parish Council now have a full compliment. Mrs Paula Nelson has confirmed that she would like to join the Parish Council.

In June 2023 Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook was co-opted onto the Parish Council as there were only 3 councillors with the view that he would step down when the Parish Council reached its full complement of 6. Once Cllr Mr P Lashbrook has resigned the Clerk will inform Test Valley Borough Council. The process of advertising the vacancy will need to be completed. If there is no election requested, it is hoped to Co-opt Mrs P Nelson at the January meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The following statement was added to the September Minutes:

SOLAR FARM – The Parish Council discussed canvassing the village for bids/ideas for the Community Benefit Payment from the Meadow View Solar Farm.

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

SOLAR FARM – Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that he had checked the Planning Application for the Meadowview Solar Farm, and he could confirm that the entrance to the site is in the right position.

BUS SHELTER – Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that the original Thatcher, which did the work on the Bus Shelter, has looked at the damage caused during the recent storm and will do the repairs needed for £100.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN – The Clerk confirmed that the price of the Solar Flashing Speed Sign had increased to £2,500. The Clerk has placed the order and is waiting for conformation of delivery. **Action: Clerk**

WEBSITE – Cllr Mr N MacGinnis reported that he had contacted the Webmaster regarding the website menu not working on iPhones and iPads. Cllr Mr N MacGinnis and Cllr Mr G Michalczyk will liaise with the Webmaster as the Platform needs updating. **ACTION: Cllr N MacGinnis and Cllr G Michalczyk**

PLANNING.

23/02653/FULLN – Demolish Garage and replace with larger garage with pitched. Roof – 15 Deacon Road, Kimpton. NO OBJECTION.

VILLAGE HALL – No Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 30th October 2023

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £ 8,976.28
Deposit Account	= £ 100.00
	£ 9,076.28

Payments made in October 2023.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£ 320.00
SBPC	Storage	£ 10.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£ 47.00
Gallagher Insurance Brokers – Insurance		£ 719.53
		<u>£1,096.53</u>

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR G MICHALCZYK - Reported that he has now been registered as the Kimpton Representative on the Pan Parish Forum. He will attend the Quarterly meetings and will receive weekly up-dates.

The ground water levels in the village are rising. The lining of the sewers in Kimpton has now been completed and Southern Water have now moved onto Thruxton. Temperature monitoring of the sewage pipes is continuing, there are two sensors in Kimpton monitoring the temperature. **Cllr M Michalczyk.**

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk spoke about the website one. network that gives all the Nationwide Road closures.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT.

The Parish Council had received emails prior to the meeting from Mr G Field and Mr and Mrs Bailey regarding the Meadowview Solar Farm Community Benefit.

Mr and Mrs Bailey gave facts and figures and felt that the Parish Council could have negotiated a far bigger sum of money over the 40-year period of the life of the Solar Farm. There are people in the community with expertise in areas where the PC has none, who would have been willing, if asked, to give their help in negotiating with Low Carbon Solar Park 10 Limited.

Mr and Mrs Bailey asked if the Parish Council would please undertake to follow the Government guidelines, and to conduct negotiations jointly with all interested local groups, in relation to pre-planning consultation and the negotiation of a CBA for the second proposed solar farm (Great Shoddesden/Bodman) in the expectation that this will lead to far greater sums being available to the community over a longer period of time?

Will the PC undertake to seek out and engage with these people and to take professional advice where appropriate in relation to the Great Shoddesden solar farm. Mrs C Bailey offered her professional assistance.

Also, in relation to the second proposed solar farm, will the PC undertake to share the details with the PCC and other local community groups (including the school), immediately any such information becomes available?

Mr Field made a request to have access to the recorded minutes of meetings between the former Chairman, TVBC and MeadowView Solar Farm. **ACTION: Clerk.**

Mr T Morris asked if the CBA for the Solar Farm under construction could be broken or renegotiated and whether any lessons learnt from the negotiations have been documented.

Mr M Valencia suggested that a register of villagers with skills to assist the Council could be put together. This was thought a good idea. **ACTION: Parish Council.**

It was reported that Solar Farm traffic has been seen driving through the village. Cllr Mr H Floyd reported that there is an agreed route for Solar Farm Traffic, and it is not through the village. The Solar Farm Company will be contacted to ask that they put 'NO SOLAR FARM TRAFFIC' signs at either end of the Village.

The Chairman thanked the Members of the Public for their comments, and these will be noted. The Chairman also thanked Mrs C Bailey for the offer of help, which the Parish Council would like to accept. **Action: Parish Council.**

SOLAR FAFM COMMITTEE – The Parish Council agreed to set up a Solar Farm Committee to monitor and liaise with the builders during the Solar Farm construction. Cllr MacGinnis agreed to chair the committee.

MINUTES.

Mr G Field asked if Parish Council Minutes could be published as Draft minutes as soon as possible after the meeting. The Clerk agreed to do this. **Action: Clerk"**

SPEEDING.

Speeding through the village was discussed. The Parish Council have ordered a Flashing Speed Sign that will flash up the Vehicle Speed, the sign will be permanent in Deacon Road and is Solar Powered. The Sign is also capable of providing downloadable data to assist in getting evidence of speeding.

The Flashing Speed Sign that we share with three other Parishes will be moved further down in the village to a site to be agreed. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

The Parish Council have asked to be put on the list for a Speed Survey/Count with Hampshire County Council. The Parish Council have also asked Hampshire County Council to look at Traffic Calming measures. Interest was expressed about having a speed Watch Group in the village.

It was noted that there is less traffic through the village since the Perham Road has been re-opened following work to the bridge.

OVERGROWN HEDGES.

The Overgrown Hedges on the Highway and Footpaths were raised. Overgrown Hedges in Kimpton and Snoddington Lane were reported. The relevant Landowners are being contacted to ask them to cut back their hedges. **Action: Cllr J Hart.** It was noted that the hedge leading to the school has been cut back.

SSE CABLE.

Mr P Clements reported that he has been approached by the SSE Land Agent. SSE after much negotiation has at long last agreed to move the cable from behind the Cemetery and the properties on the Village Green to his field.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

The Clerk reported that work is in progress on producing a Draft Constitution.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that at his first meeting with the Pan Parish Forum he was asked if Kimpton Parish has a Resilience Officer. The Chairman and Mr P Clements spoke briefly about the problems with insurance cover for individuals volunteering with the Community Resilience. The liability aspect proved the stumbling block. This was noted and will be looked at again. **ACTION: Cllr G Michalczyk.**"

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

Cllr Mr M New thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

27th November 2023.