Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke - Chairman

Cllr Mr G Verity – Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr M New

Cllr Mr N MacGinnis

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Borough Councillors Mrs P Mutton and Mr P Lashbrook

County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks

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:

PLAY AREA -

Levelling the uneven ground left when the Play Tower was moved still needs to be done and the new swings fitted, both jobs are in hand. The Lengthsman will be asked if he can put down new grass turf on the bare patch of about 40m2 and do any weeding and final levelling required. The path next to Triad 2/3 fencing needs to be weed killed. It was suggested that a site meeting be held.

The Chairman will propose a seating/picnic table to be located in the open space left in the play area.

VILLAGE GREEN.

- The Clerk has asked Lee the Tree Surgeon for a quote for work suggested in the recent survey.
- Mr Brian Pearce has installed the dog bin.
- The grass has not grown back after the work carried out by BT. The Lengthsman will be asked to repair this area.
- It was agreed to reinstate the staggered barrier across the village green to stop cars using the green as a short cut. Mr B Pearce will be asked to quote for the work.
- There is a lot of moss growing in the thatch of the Bus Shelter. The Chairman will ask a Thatcher to look at it and assess whether any action is required.
- The Chairman suggested that the refurbishment of the pump is tackled now the weather is improving.

HIGHWAYS -

Cllr Mr G Verity reported that the 3 potholes he reported to Highways have been marked waiting for repair by HCC Highways. The pothole outside Kimpton Cottage does not require action at present but will be monitored. Repairs in Snoddington/Water lane are progressing.

The Chairman reported that the trigger readings for the Flashing Speed Sign for the three weeks starting the 22nd February 2019 were: 2100, 2700 and 2500. The first reading was recorded during the School half term week.

The Chairman reported that the Flashing Speed Sign trigger readings are not exact as the equipment is not that sophisticated and can trigger twice with the same vehicle.

Comparing these data with previous actual data indicates that about 20% of cars are exceeding the 30 mile limit driving through the village.

For a more accurate traffic count HCC will need to be asked to lay their traffic tubes across the road that count volume.

FOOTPATHS – Cllr Mr M New reported that he has been talking to two parishioner who regularly walk the Village Footpaths and valued their input. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend this meeting so the discussion the replacement of the 15 stiles/gates will be deferred to a future meeting.

Cllr Mr M New reported that all the footpaths are clear and walkable although a bit muddy.

ENVIRONMENT – Cllr Mr M New reported that Fly Tipping in the area is still a problem.

DEFIBRILLATOR – The cabinet has not yet been fitted to the pub. Once fitted the Clerk will register the defibrillator with the Ambulance Service and put it in the cabinet.

LENGTHSMAN – A site visit will be organised to talk through the various jobs for the coming year.

PLANNING

19/00593/VARN – Vary condition 2 of 18/03282/FULLN (Replacement of conservatory with orangery) amendments to create a more traditional appearance – Kimpton Wood House, Down Road. – NO OBJECTION.

It was noted that the planning application for Manor Barn has been withdrawn and will be submitted in the future.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 25^{th} March 2018 After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £2,443.56

Payments made in February and March 2019		
R.N. Waterman	Wages - February	£180.00
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R.N. Waterman	Expenses & Office Allowance	£95.90
Mr B Pearce	Maintenance	£100.00
Michelle Shill	Years Web Site Fees	£157.50
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£179.40
Mr M New	Expenses Bus Shelter	£81.40
PGPC	Hire of Office	£55.00
		£1,029.20

TELEPHONE BOX

It has been noted that over the winter a lot of books have been dumped in the Telephone Library Box. With the damp weather over the winter the majority of the books have gone mouldy. Cllr Mr M New reported that he has cleared the large pile of books that had been dumped on the floor and has left the books on the shelves. The Clerk reported that in some of his parishes the books are cleared away at the end of the summer and the telephone box door screwed shut, re-opened and stocked in the spring. This was thought a good idea.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that the Hampshire County Council part of the Council Tax Bill is to increase by 2.99%. The increase is due to rising cost of looking after the Elderly and Children. Hampshire County Council are taking over reasponsability for on-street parking, currently under TVBC. HCC are working with the Police to try to bring down the high rate of Drink/Drug driving incidents in the County.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for all their hard work and that she had enjoyed working with them over the last four years. The Penton/Bellinger Ward is being split and there will only be one Borough Councillor. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mrs P Mutton for all that she has done for Kimpton and wished her well for the future.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook spoke about recent anti-social behaviour that had occurred in Thruxton Parish. There is suspicion that it was carried out by local youth. The Police are investigating. We have a new PCSO Lisa More. Residents are encouraged to report any incidents to the Police on 101. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook thanked Cllr Mrs P Mutton for the work and support she has given him over the last four years.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

29th April 2019 at 7pm in the Kimpton Village Hall.