

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March 2016 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr R Hart - Chairman
Cllr Mr G Verity – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr P Clements
Cllr Mr K Tamke
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Borough Councillors Mrs P Mutton and Mr P Lashbrook
Members of the Public - 10
Mark and Alexa from Cherrington Architecture

Apologies: Cllr Mr S Payne and Mrs Janet New – Village Hall

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mr K Tamke declared an interest in the planning application for the Old Bakery.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk read out the letter of resignation from Cllr Mr T Cotterill. Test Valley Borough Council have been informed of the resignation and will be issuing the appropriate paperwork.

CHERRINGTON ARCHITECTURE

Mr Mark Cherrington introduce himself and stated that he has been engaged by the Miller Family to investigate getting planning permission for a small development of 4-5 units, possibly affordable housing on the 2.5 Acres they own opposite Kimpton Church. Mr Cherrington stated that he would like to work with the community to see if this would be an acceptable development that would benefit the village.

Members of the public stated that they would be against this and the village did not want development on that area.

Cllr Mr P Clements stated that the Parish Council are looking at producing a Parish Plan and at present could not comment on future development. He felt that the comments made at this meeting were not acceptable and were not a representation of the village. Cllr Mr P Clements suggested that this proposal should be summited to the village at an appropriate time once the village is consulted on the Parish Plan. The Parish Council agreed.

Mr Cherrington was happy with this and stated that he would keep in touch with the Parish Council.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no issued raised by the members of the public that would not be raised later in the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

NOTICE BAORD – The Clerk reported that he has placed the order for the new notice board. Delivery should be within the next week. The quote for the sign writing for the optional top plaque was excessive and he was sure that he could get it done cheaper.

HEDGES – Mr and Mrs Clarkes hedge has been cut.

PLAY AREA – The Clerk report that he has contacted TVBC to ask if the 106 Development money (£12,017.57) allocated to Kimpton for Open Space can be diverted to the Play Area

The Application for a 50% Capital Grant from TVBC is ready to be submitted at the beginning of the 2016/2017 Financial Year.

FOOTPATH – Cllr K Tamke reported that the issue with the footpath from the Pub to the Village Hall has progressed, HCC have stated that they do not have the funding to take on a project, however the Parish Council could take over the project and there are grants available.

The Parish Council discussed this at length and it was decided that a site meeting would be held to look at the problem and that it would be put on the Agenda for the April meeting.

PLANNING

16/00552/FULLN – Construct new dwelling in residential garden – Old Bakery Kimpton.

The Chairman invited the members of the public to comment and stated that the Parish Council would then discuss this application and decide on their response. Cllr Mr K Tamke declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

APPLICANT: Stated that they have addressed every concern and issue raised with this new plan. TVBC commissioned an independent flood report done for the site. A further report on ground water levels has been completed and did not raise any issues. The foundations will have no effect on water displacement. The new roof is lower and the hedge will remain giving more privacy.

OBJECTORS: A letter of objection from Mr and Mrs Dent was read out and points from the floor included:

- The design has been kept the same and is a modern building in a conservation area.
- Yew Tree Cottage still looks onto a wall with no windows or door.
- The height of the building is still of concern.
- Although stated that the hedge will remain there is no guarantee that this will not be removed at a later date.
- There is no need for this development it's purely for financial gain.
- There is no provision for garaging or a shed to house garden equipment etc.
- There are still 3 windows overlooking Barn House.

- Flooding is still of concern to neighbours, ground water readings were taken by the Applicants survey during December 2015, which was a dry month with below average rainfall.
- A report shows that groundwater levels should be a minimum of 1 metre below the foundations.

PARISH COUNCIL.

Cllr Mr P Clements recommended Objection. He felt that there is still no firm evidence that there will not be a problem with groundwater flooding. Cllr Mr P Clements recommended that Percolation Tests are carried out this should give a precise report on the groundwater levels.

Cllr Mr G Verity agreed with Cllr P Clements and Objected.

Cllr Mr R Hart stated that after doing his own investigations had No Objections.

The Parish Council will OBJECT to this planning application on the groundwater flooding issues.

The members of the Public left the meeting.

EMERGENCY PLAN AND C.E.R.T. – Cllr K Tamke reported that he has been working with Cllr P Clements and Cllr G Verity on the CERT project. Work is being undertaken to compile a list of residents who have equipment or skills that could be used in an emergency. It is intended to send letter to the village residents to gauge the support. A risk assessment has been compiled.

Cllr Mr P Lashbrook reported that it is planned to hold further meetings to report on progress from the various parishes concerned.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Spoke about HCC and devolution, Government insist that if HCC go down this route they must have a Metro Mayor, HCC are not keen and are meeting with other Councils to discuss this issue.

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks asked if the parish Council would be attending the reported that she has organised an event for the Parish Councils to meet with the Highways Team on the 29th April? The Chairman stated that representatives from Kimpton would be attending. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks asked that a list of issues be forwarded to Andrew Pilley prior to the meeting.

Government has stated that they will be making all schools academy, this will be disastrous for Hampshire.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR P LASHBROOK

Reported that the Boundary Commission are looking at the electoral boundary and are proposing to move part of the Penton Bellinger Ward into the Southampton and Romsey constituency. Cllr Mr P Lashbrook stated that this would be disastrous and he would keep the Parish Council informed of any development.

