Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th March 2018 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke - Chairman

Cllr Mr G Verity - Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr P Clements Cllr Mr N MacGinnis Cllr Mr M New Cllr Mr D Winter

Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mr D Winter declared an interest in Planning Application 18/00781/TREEN Cllr Mr N MacGinnis declared an interest in Planning Application 18/00619/TREEN

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 – The Clerk reported that 106 funding Application is still with Test Valley Borough Council and he had no up-date to report. The Clerk suggested that when the money comes through that the Parish Council meet with the fencing contractor for a final briefing before work commences.

The Clerk was disappointed that the blue token box had not been situated in the Tidworth Tesco store at the end of February. The Clerk has contacted the Tesco Bag for Life Team and they have confirmed that the Kimpton Scheme blue token collection box will be in the next changeover.

Mr Brian Pearce will start painting the existing play area as soon as the weather improves, and the new swing seats can be installed.

The Parish Council held a working party to cut back hedging in the Play Area.

VILLAGE GREEN – The Chairman stated that the ground is still very soft and that the Green will need to dry out before any repair work takes place, the temporary fencing has helped keep vehicles off the Green. Cllr N MacGinnis confirmed that he will re-seed the track adjacent to the Lytch Gate as soon as the ground dries. BT have now finished working on the Green.

The Clerk reported that Dave Hagger has paid his first visit to sort out the moles.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Mr M Pope to ask if he could quote to Scarify the Village Green and whether he has the tools/means to level out parts of the Green particularly near the BT junction box/pump.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr G Verity reported on the current Highway issues. This included all the potholes that have been reported, a blocked drain at Littleton

Cottages and the various abandoned temporary road signs left by contractors all of which have also been reported.

Highways/TVBC did their best to clear out roads during snowfall caused by 'the beat from the East' We intend to investigate whether there might be a chance to upgrade our main road to a higher snow clearance priority.

FOOTPATHS - The footpaths are all muddy but walkable.

The Parish Council discussed the Ox Drove at length. There is a concern on the amount of rubbish on the Ox Drove and the number of caravans on site (18 to 20 including 2 abandoned).

The Chairman reported that Hampshire County Council and Test Valley Borough Council representatives have visited the site and neither authority are keen to act.

Cllr M New suggested that he will visit the site to speak to the inhabitants putting forward the concerns on the rubbish and see whether there is a way to solve the problem 'locally' by forming a working relationship with the travellers thus avoiding any future unpleasantness. The Parish Council thought this worth a try and Cllr M New will report back in order to agree the KPC's future approach.

ENVIRONMENT – Cllr M New reported that most of the Village hedges have now been cut. The Chairman reported that the Ground Water Levels are slightly higher than normal but there is no threat to flooding now.

LENGTHSMAN – The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council meet with the Lengthsman once he has finished the jobs on the current list, to formulate a programme of works for 2018.

WEB SITE – Cllr P Clement and Cllr N MacGinnis spoke about the web site and the difficult process for them to up-date its content. The Clerk was asked to contact Michelle Shill to ask what she would charge to add the minutes each month and up-date the Web Site when needed. This is the way it works well with Over Wallop Parish Council.

PLANNING

18/00781/TREEN – Field Maple – Reduce crown up to 1.5m, thin out crossing and dead branches – Church View, 2 The Green, Kimpton. NO OBJECTION.

18/00619/TREEN – Fell Horse Chestnut and Ornamental Cherry – The Pumphouse, 5 The Green, Kimpton – NO OBJECTION.

NOTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE

17/02957/FULLN – Erection of 2 No. linked agricultural buildings for free range egg production, with associated hardstanding, access road and highways access. – Land East of Andover Road, Redenham. 29th March 2018, Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Andover.

Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that the Planners are recommending PERMISSION.

Cllr M New suggested that if any of the Parish Councillors attend the Planning Committee Meeting that they do not speak, the Parish Council have made their comment. This was noted.

Cllr Mr P Clements reported that the Planning Application for Dugdale has been withdrawn.

FINANCE

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £9,025.66

		£1,186.80
TVBC	Dog Bin Emptying	£173.16
Andover Garden Machinery Service of Mower		£150.64
Fairground Hall 1/4	Share of FSS Maintenance (2 years)	£100.00
Kimpton Village Hall	Hire of Hall	£81.00
Penton Grafton PC	Hire of Office	£55.00
Mr B Peace	Maintenance	£160.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£127.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - February and March	£340.00
Payments made in February and March 2018		

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that Hampshire County Council wished to thank Hampshire Residents and the Farmers for their efforts to keep pavements and roads clear during the recent snow. The Grit Bins will be re-filled. The recent bad weather has had a bad effect on the roads, Hampshire have been given another £3 Million to assist with the repairs to the potholes, HCC estimate that the total cost of pothole repairs in the County is nearer £10 Million.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton stated that she would be happy to give a grant towards the replacement cost of the Bus Shelter in Deacon Road. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Mrs P Mutton for this generous offer.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR G VERITY – Spoke about home owners who have utility cables crossing their property and Wayleaves.

CLLR MR N MACGINNIS - Reported that he has received comments from residents that the Council Tax in Kimpton is the second most expensive in Test Valley. Kimpton Parish Council had increased the Precept over the last few years in order to accumulate enough money to upgrade/improve the Kimpton Playground this summer. This will not be necessary in the future

BROADBAND

Superfast Broadband is now available in the village. So please talk to your broadband provider.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN

The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors a copy of the Flashing Speed Sign Rota for 2018. It was noted that the Flashing Speed Sign is not scheduled to visit Kimpton as often as the other three parishes in the scheme.

The Clerk was asked to check this and report back.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

30th April 2018 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7pm.