

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th June 2016 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr K Tamke - Chairman
Cllr Mr G Verity – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr P Clements
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Member of the Public – Mr David Winter and Mrs Lucinda McGinnis

Apologies: Cllr Mr S Payne

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mr David Winter reported that the Laurel hedge at Lain House is very overgrown making the road even narrower in this part of the village. The Chairman stated that he will speak to the property owners.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

PARISH COUNCIL VACANIES – The Clerk read out Mr Richard Harts resignation letter and reported that he has informed Test Valley Borough Council. Official notices will be issued to be displayed on the notice boards.

The Chairman was pleased to report that Mr Michael New, Mr Niall McGinnis and Yvonne McCann have expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

PLAY AREA FUNDING – The Clerk had no new news to report but envisage to go ahead in 2017. Till then the existing playground should be inspected on a monthly basis to make sure that it is safe for the children.

CERT – Cllr Mr P Clements reported that he had met with Jenny Hopkins from Appleshaw to discuss what they have done and to compare notes. Work on CERT is progressing and the overall idea of a ward group is still the overall plan, but it looks as though each individual parish is forging ahead with their own plan. He hoped that the letter would be sent out to the Kimpton residents by the end of July.

HIGHWAYS – Reporting pot holes is ongoing. Highways have been in the village and marked some of the potholes ready for repair. After reporting the very long grass at the Deacon Road/Shoddesden junction Highways came out and strimmed the verges at the junction. The HCC contractor has been in the village cutting the road verges. Pot holes in Andover Lane are thought to be in the neighbouring county and will be reported to Wiltshire County Council.

NOTICE BOARD – The Parish Council have approved plans to add a further notice board to the one outside the Village Hall. The Clerk reported that the name plate will be ready at the end of the week.

PLANNING

16/01389/FULLN – Addition of porch to holiday accommodation – Andover Lane Farm, Andover Road, Faberstown – NO OBJECTION.

16/01437/FULLN – Erection of timber greenhouse with tool store – Not The Old Rectory, Thruxton Road, Kimpton – NO OBJECTION.

16/01224/PDQN – Prior notification for conversion of an existing Hay Barn into 3 dwellings – Down Road, Kimpton. The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Planning Department as the Parish Council did not receive any notification or plans for this application. The Clerk was told by the planning officer that Parish Councils are not consulted on PDQN applications.

The Parish Council discussed this and felt that they would like this in writing and asked the Clerk to contact the Planning Department again.

FOOTPATHS

The Chairman stated that complaints have been received about the overgrown state of the Cow Lane bridle way. The Clerk contacted Hampshire Rights of Way and they have confirmed that they will be cutting this bridle way in July. The Chairman reported that a letter has been sent to all the landowners in the Parish asking them to identify their land. This will make it easier to identify who to contact when there are problems relating to their land with footpaths/animals etc.

PARKING ON THE GREEN

Before the specific discussion of the Pump House site/Green issue the Chairman outlined the Ground Rules applicable to the Village Green negotiated between Legal Authorities and Kimpton Parish Council in 2005:

- Ad hoc parking should be restricted to the grass-crete areas.
- Parking on the Green should be an exception, not the rule. Special occasion parking (for example, funerals and village events) may be allowed subject to prior approval from the Council. Permission should be subject to weather and ground conditions. Access should be arranged between the Clerk and the event organiser. The organiser would be responsible for restitution of any damage.

BUILDING WORKS AT THE PUMP HOUSE

The building work at the Pump House has started and there have been contractor's vehicles parking on the Green and lorries taking away spoil.

The Chairman reported that he has been in correspondence with Mr Niall McGinnis over the use of the Green by his builders for removal of the spoil from the site, damage was caused by a tipper truck getting stuck on the Green. The protection of trees at the entrance to the property, a condition of the planning approval has not helped the situation as it restricts access for deliveries by larger vehicles/trucks.

Mrs McGinnis apologised for the damage caused to the green by the grab truck and stated that any damage will be made good at the end of their building project. The Chairman helped to arrange that builder and contactors vehicles will now be parked in the Church Grave Yard with the kind permission of the Rector.

The Parish Council discussed the way forward at great length. As the builder advised that only 2 to 3 further Grab loads are to be taken out from the site over the next week and it was agreed that the removal of the spoil from the site will continue as the damage was done already. No truck will go on the Green after that. The delivery of materials to the site should not need trucks on the green according to the builders statement.

Mr and Mrs McGinnis will speak to the planners about the tree protection issue in the hope that the site entrance height restriction can be revised to get better access. The Chairman offered support from the Parish Council if needed.

A site meeting with Mr and Mrs McGinnis and their builder should be held in order to avoid any future misunderstandings.

Permission has been granted for parking on the Green to a resident for a party on the 22nd July.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks had nothing to report.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton reported that TVCS have packs for the vulnerable in the Borough and she will pass the information to the Clerk to forward to the Parish Councillors.

BT BOXES ON THE GRREN.

The Chairman spoke about the BT Boxes on the Green. A chance meeting with Paul Godwin, Network Field Co-ordinator for Openreach resulted in a discussion about the provision of broadband. BT propose to install a broadband cabinet on the edge of the village green.

The work involves the installation of a single green broadband cabinet. A fibre optic cable would be terminating in the cabinet, fed from Andover Telephone Exchange. The existing copper cable network, presently located in the underground box on the village green would be diverted into the cabinet via 2 underground ducts, and terminated. A power feed will be run underground from the new cabinet, to an existing power pole on the edge of the green. The two existing out of use cabinets will be removed.

The position of the cabinet will need to be agreed, at present it is proposed to place it adjacent to the Pump House Hedge. A wayleave payment will also need to be agreed. The Chairman stated that there is no time scale for the provision of the broadband but it was indicated that it could be next year.

FINANCE

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE - 27th June 2016

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account = £6,042.58

Payments made in June 2016

R.N. Waterman	Wages - June	£170.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£10.75
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£120.00
Mr B Pearce	Footpath and Field cutting	£145.00
		<u>£445.75</u>

COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR P CLEMENTS – Reported that the Fete was a great success and made £1856.32 net with raffle. Details will be posted on the notice board.

CLLR MR G VERITY -Gave his apologies for the July meeting.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE 2016 MEETINGS.

25th July, 26th September, 31st October, 28th November