

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd November 2015 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 Councillor Mrs P Mutton

Apologies: Cllr Mr T Cotterill, Cllr Mr S Payne and Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION 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:

DEFIBRILLATOR – It was noted that the light in the Defibrillator cabinet is not working. The Clerk reported that he had checked the cabinet the internal heater is working so there is power and that he will contact the supplier of the cabinet about the light.

FLOODING – It was noted that Highways had closed the road to dig out the ditch at Shipton Corner and have done a good job. However this seems a bit pointless as they have not cleared the drain and pipe from the road to the ditch. Cllr Tamke provided photographs of the blocked drain. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks noted this and will speak to Highways.

STREETLIGHT – The problem with the street light outside Fleetwood has still not been resolved.

BROADBAND – BT have been in the village doing some work. Some residents have reported that their Broadband Speed has improved.

PLAY AREA – The Clerk reported that Mr Brian Pearce has now removed the old rocking horse and roundabout from the Play Area. Once the Parish Council have agreed on their contribution to the Play Area, further match funding grants can be applied for.

EMERGENCY PLAN – Cllr K Tamke reported that Cllr Mr p Lashbrook has informed him that a CERT Meeting is being planned before the end of the year. He hoped to have more information to report at the next meeting.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks had nothing to report.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton reported that she and Cllr Mr P Lashbrook had met with Paul Jackson and Samantha Owen the Case Office to discuss the Old Bakery Planning Application.

It was agreed at that meeting that TVBC would commission an independent flood report for the site as this was the main issue of concern. Cllr Mrs P Mutton believes that this has now been done and the applicants have been informed.

Cllr Mr P Clements reported that the flooding report can be viewed on the Test Valley Borough Council Web Site – document No 71 on the Planning Application information.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR P CLEMENTS – Asked if there was any movement on the new Notice Board? The Clerk will bring details to the January Parish Council Meeting so the Parish Council can decide on the design.

CLLR MR K TAMKE – Reported that Mr and Mrs Clarke's hedge is very overgrown and is now growing into the road, he suggested that Mr and Mrs Clarke be contacted to ask them if they would please cut their hedge back.

Cllr Mr K Tamke spoke about a Walnut Tree that is growing in the road verge on Kimpton Lane, although not causing problems at the moment he envisaged problems as it matures. It is not known if the tree belongs to Highways or the Householder. Highways will be contacted on this issue to see who is responsible.

Cllr Mr K Tamke spoke about the missing reflective posts at the junction of Kimpton and Shoddesden. The reflective posts were demolished by a car some time ago and have not been replaced. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks noted this and will speak to Highways.

CLLR G VERITY – Reported that Andover Garden Machinery has picked up the mower for its annual service.

Cllr G Verity reported that the Low Bridge sign on the Tidworth to Andover Road just past the Kimpton junction is not visible due to an overgrown hedge. Again this will be reported to Highways.

CLLR MR R HART – Reported that a meeting has been held to try and get the Village Fete going again. Representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall and PCC were present, it has been agreed to move the Fete back to the Playing Field. A Village meeting has been arranged for 11th January 2016 to discuss the way forward. A flyer will be distributed around the village as well as using the Village emailing list.

Cllr Mr R Hart reported that Thruxton Parish Council have asked Fyfield and Kimpton parish Councils if they would be interested in doing a joint Parish Plan? This was briefly discussed and the parish Councillors felt that they needed more information before committing, however they thought it worth pursuing. Cllr Mr R Hart will request more information on the proposals.

PLANNING

15/02799/CLEN – Certificate of existing lawful use – Use of dwelling by persons not employed in agriculture. Condition 2 of TVN/02677/1 – Marazion, Andover Lane. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

15/02762/RDCAN – Part demolition of existing garage and east facade of dwelling – The Pump House, 5 The Green.

15/02761/FULLN – Two storey extension providing enlarged dining room with bedroom over; new porch and replacement two storey outbuilding – The Pump House, 5 The Green, Kimpton.

The Parish Council studied the plans. It was agreed that a site meeting would be necessary and that Cllrs Verity and Clements should arrange and do it and report back.

The Chairman reported that the applicant has emailed him to say that he would be happy to show the Parish Council around and answer any questions. Cllr Mr P Clements will speak to the neighbours.

FINANCE

Cheques issued in November 2016

Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£33.00
Mr B Pearce	Removal of Play Equipment	£357.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£43.10
H.C.C.	Street Lights – 2 Years	£678.06

PRECEPT 2016/2017

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2015/2016 and the budget for the year 2016/2017. Each item was explained. The Play Area fund stands at £2,500 (£1000 from HCC and £1500 from PC Funds). It was agreed that £3,000 will be set aside from the Precept over the next two years for the new Play Area. The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council kept the precept at the current level of £8,000.

The Chairman proposed that the Kimpton Parish Precept be set at £8,000 for the 2016/2017 year. This was seconded by Cllr Mr G Verity. All agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council have been asked by a resident for their views/support on placing a caravan on the front garden of their Aster property at Littleton Cottages. Aster have been contacted and they have stated that it is against their policy and permission will not be granted. The Parish Council decided not to make comment.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE 2016 MEETINGS.

25th January
21st March
25th April
23rd May – AGM
27th June
25th July
26th September
31st October
28th November.