

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th January 2016 in the Kimpton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr G Verity – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Cotterill
Cllr Mr S Payne
Cllr Mr K Tamke
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mrs Z Brooks
Mrs Janet New – Village Hall

Apologies: Cllr Mr R Hart – Chairman, Cllr Mr P Clements and Borough Councillors
Mr P Lashbrook and Mrs P Mutton.

WELCOME.

Cllr Mr G Verity welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs Janet New reported that the Kimpton Fete has a new Committee and it is hoped to put on a Fete this year on the 19th June. The Fete will return to the Playing Field and Village Hall. It is planned to combine the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations with the Fete. The Fete Committee ask for the Parish Council's permission to use the Village Green for overflow parking.

The Parish Council thought this excellent news and gave permission to use the Village Green for parking. A note was made to make sure that the footpath between the Pub and the Village Hall is cut before the Fete.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Cllr G Verity signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

DEFIBRILLATOR – The light in the Defibrillator cabinet is now working. The Clerk reported that he had added a First Aid kit to the cabinet.

FLOODING – Cllr Mrs Z Brooks apologised but she has not yet spoken to Highways about the drain pipe from the road to the ditch at Shipton Corner. It was noted that the water does drain away slowly and the problem should be resolved if the pipe is cleared.

The Parish Clerk suggested that the Parish Council employed Mr Brian Pearce to regularly clear the drainage pipe in addition to the annual clearance promised by Highways. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

It was noted that the three bridges out of Fyfield have all been flooded during the recent wet weather. The Clerk reported that Fyfield Parish Council are constantly reporting this to Highways. An investigation by Highways in 2013 found that a major engineering project is required to rectify the problem, unfortunately there is no funding. The short term measure is to pump out the soakaways. However as soon as this is done they fill up with silt again from the surrounding fields.

STREETLIGHT – The street light outside Fleetwood is now working.

NOTICE BOARD – The Clerk gave the Parish Councillors several brochures of Notice Boards to look at. The Parish Council chose a double sided, metal, lockable Notice Board in dark green. An optional top plaque with the wording KIMPTON was also chosen.

HEDGES – It was reported that Mr and Mrs Clarkes hedge has still not been cut back and is now becoming a problem encroaching into the width of the road.

POTHoles – Several additional potholes have been reported to Highways. It was noted that there are now a few potholes appeared between the two ends of the village towards the Village Hall.

MOWER – The Parish Council Mower has been serviced and delivered back to Cllr Mr G Verity.

PLAY AREA – The Clerk was pleased to report that there is £7,252.94 of 106 Development money allocated to Kimpton for Play Equipment. There is also a further £12,017.57 allocated for Open Space. The Clerk will be contacting TVBC to see if some of the Open Space money can be diverted to the Play Area project.

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

PLANNING

15/02762/FULLN – The Pump House, The Green, Kimpton – PERMMISION subject to conditions. The Parish Council discussed access to the property during construction, during previous building works at the Pump House access was used from the area of land adjacent to the Grave Yard. It was thought this must be clarified before work commences as the Parish Council have not been approached for access across the Village Green.

There were no new planning applications to discuss at this meeting.

VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council discussed the issue of car using the village green as a short cut and the tracks that have appeared over the winter. The issue of installing posts was briefly discussed. The Clerk was asked to put the Village Green on the agenda for the March meeting.

EMERGENCY PLAN AND C.E.R.T. – Cllr K Tamke reported that he had attended the first Penton Bellinger Ward CERT Meeting held in the Shipton Bellinger Village Centre. Cllr K Tamke gave the Councillors a copy of the information handed out at that meeting. Cllr K Tamke suggested that the Parish Council see where this goes and continue with the village emergency plan, compiling a list of residents who have equipment that could be used in an emergency and start to talk to residents to gauge the local support we could get for such a scheme.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS Z BROOKS

Cllr Mrs Z Brooks reported that she has organised an event for the Parish Councils under her charge to meet with Tim Lawton HCC Highways, Ray Alborough TVBC Highways and Cllr Woodwood Executive Member of HCC.

This will be held on Friday 29th April 2016 at the Fairground Hall 10am – 12.30pm, a working lunch will be provided. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk will be invited. Cllr Mrs Z Brooks proposed to write to each parish asking for a list of issues to raise with the Highways Team prior to the meeting so that an answer is available at that meeting.

Cllr Mrs Z Brookes reported that £95 Million of cuts have to be made by the County Council by the year 2020, this will have a knock on effect on the services provided.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS P MUTTON

Cllr Mrs P Mutton asked that the following be reported. On the 27th of February 2016 there is a Resilience Forum for Parish Councillors at Longstock Village Hall, 9.30am start.

This was noted but as Kimpton have joined the Penton Bellinger C.E.R.T. it was not thought it of any benefit.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE - 25th January 2016

After movements below Lloyds TSB Current Account = £ 4,591.87

Payments made in January 2016

R.N. Waterman	Wages - December and January	£340.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£40.10
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting	£33.00
Andover Garden Machinery	Service of Mower	£160.54
Mr B Pearce	Defibrillator Fitting and Grass	£80.00
TVBC	Election	£560.10
The Information Commission	Subscription	£35.00
		<u>£1,248.64</u>

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

CLLR MR R HART – Asked the Clerk to report the following:

Neighbourhood Plan. We have been invited by Thruxton to join in a Neighbourhood Plan for the 3 villages. I attended a meeting in Thruxton to kick off the process, I was amazed to see about 15 people at the meeting and most of them non PC members. They had a volunteer to chair this subcommittee and a promise of support from the other people in the room. The chair has send me 2 documents, the revised local plan and Neighbourhood planning guidance notes. I will start to go through them but if anyone would like to have a copy please email me. We have not committed ourselves to this process, we have shown interest but we should, I think, make an effort to be part of it.

Road exiting the village by the church. I have noticed the ruts on the side of the road as you exit Kimpton from the Church.

I think they have always been there but now the weather has removed the mud that was filling some of them up. This has now become dangerous for cars faced with oncoming cars and pedestrians and need action. This will be reported to Hampshire Highways asking that this is repaired on an urgent basis.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr K Tamke reported that he had received an email from a resident regarding the muddy state of the footpath from the Pub to the Village Hall, it has been suggested that wood bark is put down to make the surface easier to walk.

The Parish Council noted that the footpath is muddy and felt that it was due to the recent wet weather and that the footpath is used regularly. The Parish Council do not own the land and were not keen on the idea of putting down bark, this would soon look untidy if it were not contained and would make mowing difficult. It was felt that Kimpton is a rural village and footpaths do get muddy in the winter. However the Clerk would report this to the Hampshire Rights of Way to make them aware of the situation.

Cllr K Tamke will respond to the Parishioner suggesting that they take the matter up with Hampshire County Council Rights of Way

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

Cllr G Verity thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE 2016 MEETINGS.

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