

Minutes of the Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held in Kimpton Village Hall on Monday 24th of June 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk - Chairman
Cllr Mrs J Hart
Cllr Mr B Girling
Cllr Miss P Nelson
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Rachel Seddon – New Parish Clerk
Member of the Public – Mr Gordon Verity

Apologies: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis.

WELCOME. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Rachel Seddon who is taking over the role of Clerk as from the 1st of July 2024.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllrs Mrs J Hart, Miss P Nelson and Mr G Michalczyk declared an interest in the land next to the Village Hall that was recently purchased by a limited company.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Clerk reported that Test Valley Borough Council have confirmed that the Parish Council can co-opt to fill the vacancy.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

SOLAR FARM – No further news to report.

BUS SHELTER – No further up-date on the Bus Shelters repair.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr B Girling had no news to report on the road surface dressing planned by Hampshire County Council.

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN – The Chairman reported that due to other issues he has not yet had the time to progress the Community Resilience Plan. The Clerk reported that he believed that SSE are no longer giving grants for Generators for Community Buildings. SSE are now embracing green energy and are giving grants for solar panels and batteries.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN – Cllr Mr B Girling has taken over the data collecting from the Flashing Speed sign. The most recent data has been analysed with the following results:

- The highest speed recorded was 65MPH by a vehicle leaving the village at 21.30pm.
- A vehicle was logged doing 53MPH at 3.30am coming into the village.
- The average speed recorded was 27.3 MPH.
- The worst times recorded for speeding was between 7pm and 11pm with 24% of vehicles doing over 30mph.
- The best time for vehicles driving below the 30mph limit is in the morning

- during the school run.
- It was noted that there was a 50% increase in traffic recorded during the Weyhill to Ludgershall Road closure.

Finding alternative sites for the visiting speed sign are on-going. Cllr Mr B Girling reported that there has been some discussion with Thruxton Parish Council regarding sharing the cost for HCC to look at sites if a 'Cross Parish Speed Aware Group' is formed.

PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – The Clerk was asked to re-distribute the Draft Constitution and it will be discussed at the July Meeting. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

PLANNING.

Cllr Miss P Nelson reported:

A planning application for a garage/carport in Deacon Road has been approved. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

A planning application to fell a tree at Fleetwood, The Triad was approved, and the work has been carried out. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.

Cllr Mr B Girling spoke about the complaints received about a change of use of the Manor Farm Barns in Down Road and the increase in traffic movements. Test Valley Borough Council Enforcement are investigating.

VILLAGE HALL.

There was no report from the village hall.

FINANCE.

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE – 23rd June 2024

After movements below - Lloyds TSB Current Account	= £ 5,397.11
Deposit Account	= £ 101.31
	£ 5,498.42

INCOME.

Bank Interest = **£1.31**

Payments made in May and June 2024.

R.N. Waterman	Wages	£ 600.00
Mr B Pearce	Village Maintenance	£ 170.00
Kimpton Village Hall	- Hire 2 Years	£ 180.00
Mr R Welch	Grass Cutting April and May	£ 100.00
Michelle Shill	Website	£ 216.00
P Reynolds	Audit	£ 285.00
Playsafety Ltd	Play Ground Inspection	£ 108.00
Amport Parish Council	- Water Testing Kit	£ 19.54
Mr G Michalczyk	FSS Expenses	£ 23.99
		<u>£1,702.53</u>

VAT Refund submitted for £984.65 to end of June 2024 ready for Hand Over.

The Clerk will get Paul Reynolds the internal Auditor to carry out a mini audit for the handover of the accounts to the new Clerk. The Parish Council agreed.

FOOTPATHS.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that the nettles on the bank by the stream outside Manor Cottage are on the list of HCC to cut but no time scale has been given.

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that she has spoken to Hampshire Countryside Services About the cutting of the footpaths. Hampshire Countryside Services will come to the village and give training to volunteers to safely cut the footpaths. The volunteers once trained would only be able to use hand tools and would be covered under the HCS insurance. Only Cllr Mrs J Hart would be able to use Power Tools under the HCS insurance as she has the certificates. This was noted.

It was suggested that training to cut the footpaths be advertised in the village to gauge response. **ACTION: Cllr Mrs J Hart.**

Cllr Mrs J Hart reported that she had taken delivery of the Hedge Cutter and is booked on a training course.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR B GIRLING – Briefly spoke about the are of re-wilding in Cow Lane. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council moving forward could put together a 'Biodiversity' Policy to cover areas put forward by residents. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. **Action: Parish Council.**

CLLR MISS P NELSON – Asked if there was any news on the issue of the white lines through the narrow part of the village, Cllr Mr C Donnelly said he would investigate? No update has been received from Cllr Mr C Donnelly. **Action: Cllr Mr C Donnelly.**

CLLR MR G MICHALCZYK – Reported that he had attended a HALC County Forum Meeting and reported that it was very informative:

- It is planned to hold two meetings a year.
- It was a good networking event.
- Proposed changes to NALC rules were discussed.
- A Planning Consultant gave a presentation and spoke about Neighbourhood Plans.

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk reported that the Parish Councillors now have a generic email address on the website. The Village Hall have agreed that the Parish Council can use the Village Hall as a Postal address.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr G Verity reported that a new net is required for the Goal Post on the Playing Field. This was noted.

Mr G Verity reported that in the past Mr Brian Pearce strimed around the edge of the Playing Field and Play Equipment. Could this please be re-instated as the edge of the playing field looks very untidy and cutting around the play equipment is too big a job for Mr Verity to continue. The Parish Council agreed. The Clerk will instruct Mr Brian Pearce. **Action: Parish Clerk.**

CORRESPONDENCE.

There was no Correspondence.

PRESENTATION TO RICHARD WATERMAN.

The Chairman wished to thank Richard Waterman on behalf of the current and past Parish Councillors for his 21 years of service as Parish Clerk to Kimpton. Richard was wished all the best in his retirement.

Richard was presented with a card and a gift from the Parish Council for his years of service.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

Cllr Mr M Michalczyk thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

29th July 2024.