

MINUTES OF KIMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 28th October 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Mr G Michalczyk – Chairman
Cllr Mr N MacGinnis
Cllr Mrs J Hart

In Attendance:

Rachel Seddon – Parish Clerk

24/032 Welcome and Apologies: Apologies from Cllr Miss P Nelson and Cllr Mr B Girilng

24/033 Declaration of Interests: No changes to declaration of interests.

24/034 Parish Council Vacancy: Vacancy for Cllr was noted.

24/035 Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th September 2024 were unanimously approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

24/036 Open Forum: No members of the public present.

24/037 Planning Applications:

- a. Application Number: 24/02227/TREEN - T3 - Walnut - Crown reduce by up to 2.5m, back to suitable growth point - Yew Tree Cottage, The Green, Kimpton - **No Objection**
- b. Application Number: 24/02271/OELN - Notification of proposed installation of a new point of connection substation compound exempted under The Overhead Lines(Exemption) (England And Wales) Regulations 2009 - Land South East Of Perham Down, Down Road, Kimpton Down, Hampshire – Discussed the lack of communication from the solar farm. **Action:** Cllr Mr N MacGinnis to contact again for update.
- c. Application Number: 24/02439/TPON - T1, T2 & T3 - Irish Yews & Holly - Reduce all trees by up to 2m and shape Holly, T4 - Hornbeam - Crown reduction by 2m deadwood - Chimney Cottage, Kimpton Lane, Kimpton – **No Objection**
- d. Application Number: PL/2024/07898 Land off Tidworth Road, Ludgershall, Andover - Vehicle storage and distribution premises (Use Class B8) with ancillary office building, wash bay unit, and motorcycle store together with access, parking, hard standing, landscaping, and other associated works. Kimpton Parish Council submitted the following comment:

No objection - Subject to condition stating the following: Kimpton Parish is located on the border of Ludgershall within the borough of Test Valley in Hampshire.

Kimpton Parish Council notes that the Transport Statement makes no attempt to assess the impact of any increased traffic flow on the A342 which runs across the north of the Parish before reaching Ludgershall and then joining the A3026 in the centre of Ludgershall, should this road be used by transporter drivers delivering and removing vehicles from the site.

Kimpton Parish Council expects that the applicant will instruct all transporter drivers that only main A roads are to be used to access the site from the A303 as the minor roads which join the A342 in the area are unsuitable for transporters.

Kimpton Parish Council ask that this instruction is made a condition of granting the planning application, with suitable fines for breaching the condition also specified in the consent.

- e. The council discussed a new process for planning applications that submitted in bordering parishes.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Cllr Miss P Nelson to finalise the process.

24/038 Maintenance: The Councillors discussed grass cutting quotes from Mr R Welch and Countrywide Grounds. Cllr Mr G Michalczyk informed the council that he had agreement from Mr M Pope about continuing cutting the village green for the foreseeable future.

Resolved: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk proposed we use Mr R Welch for the strimming and hedgecutting, the Councillors unanimously agree.

24/039 Village Green: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk informed the Councillors that there is a registered charity for the maintenance for the village green. The charity currently has one trustee as Mr K Tamke and the administration is run by Mr R Waterman. Hampshire County Council Legal Services view that the green itself is still owned by the charity and that the parish council should be the trustee. Cllr Mr G Michalczyk enquired whether the charity could be closed down and maintain the land as a village green however, it isn't registered at Land Registry and the Kimpton Parish Council are trustees not land owners.

Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk is awaiting a further reply from HCC Legal Services and will report at the next meeting.

24/040 Lengthsman: Cllr Mrs J Hart informed the Council how the lengthsman scheme works and that we are a part of a cluster which is under Shipton Bellinger Parish Council management; however, we can manage communications with the lengthsman directly.

24/041 Speed Signs: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk proposed that we move this item forward to the next meeting as Cllr Mr B Girling is not present, the Councillors unanimously agree.

24/042 Hampshire Archives: The Clerk informed the Council that Hampshire Archives can only store historic minutes with a donation for the upkeep of the archives.

Resolved: It was agreed that we would digitalise our records rather than storing them in the Hampshire Archives.

Action: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis agreed to start with the historic minutes.

24/043 Dog Waste Bin: Councillors discussed whether an additional bin is required.

Resolved: Unanimously agreed to put on hold for now due to the purchase, installation and service costs of adding another bin to the parish.

24/044 Website Management: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk proposes all Councillors should have access to update the latest news page on the website

Resolved: The Councillors unanimously agree

Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk to issue log ins for all Councillors and to ask the Village Hall Committee if/who they would like to update the village hall page on the website.

24/045 Phone Box: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk informed the Council that the phone box on the village green is a listed building. Kimpton Parish Council own and are responsible as it's situated on the village green. Cllr Mr N MacGinnis enquired whether the books were to be removed for the winter.

Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk would enquire if anybody was planning to do so.

24/046 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Mr N MacGinnis suggested that it could be beneficial to start communications within the village to give residents an opportunity to voice their opinions. There was agreement to proceed with communication, but the method needs to be determined.

Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk will draft some high-level questions, and the Clerk will consult with Thruxton Parish Council regarding the best approach.

24/047 Resilience Plan: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk attended the Test Valley Resilience Forum, where the focus is shifting from emergency response to proactive prevention. The expectation is that weather-related risks are the most likely to occur. In such situations the TVBC plan would focus on addressing issues in the areas of the borough with the greatest population, ie. Romsey and Andover, with rural areas such as Kimpton given a lower priority, and at least initially having little or no dedicated support. There is a Community Asset Fund available for grants aimed at resilience efforts, although we are not yet at the stage of requesting funding. The forum discussed three key areas:

- Actions to take before a disaster occurs.
- Procedures during an emergency.
- Planning for workers.

Action: Cllr Mr G Michalczyk will take the relevant documents from the forum and publish them on the website.

24/048 LCWIP (Local Walking Cycling Infrastructure Plan): Cllr Mr G Michalczyk proposes Council doesn't submit a comment but parishioners are encouraged to comment if they wish.

Resolved: The Councillors unanimously agree.

24/049 Finance

Bank Balance:

REPRESENTED BY: A/C	01194641 (18/10/24)	6,696.73	
	80852368 (18/10/24)	101.91	
	Unpresented Chqs	(58.40)	
		6,740.24	

Orders for Payment (All approved):

Mr. R. Welch	Grass Cutting	£50
Mrs R Seddon	Oct Wages	£300

The Parish Clerk presented the Council with an updated draft 2025/2026 budget, which was discussed by the Council. Budget costs were scrutinised and discussed.

Action: The Clerk will make changes based on the Councillors' feedback. Councillors should review the revised document and return to the next meeting, where the budget will be finalised, with any additional feedback.

24/050 County and Borough Councillors Report:

Cllr Lashbrook and Cllr Donnelly were not present to give their reports.

24/051 Parish Councillor Reports:

Cllr N MacGinnis:

Informed the council about Thruxton Race Course's new owner who is looking to develop the south side of the industrial estate however, race days should continue as normal.

Is the parish doing a Christmas Tree this year? **Action:** Cllr G Michalczyk will enquire about use of one for free. (Just to note: the previous year was 12ft.)

Cllr J Hart:

Gave update to the council regarding overgrown hedges in the parish. Would like to minute an apology for sending an official letter after a hedge was cut, land owner has been apologised to.

Wants to note that the Solar Farm has a high quantity of footpaths that they're responsible for.

Cllr G Michalczyk:

The Quarterly Pillhill Pan Parish Forum meeting was held, and the group is expanding. Southern Water shared their playbook outlining the procedures to follow in the event of an issue in the area. It was noted that the autumn maintenance schedule includes the jetting of the sewer between the Green and the Paddock. It was noted that the instructions for road closures were unreasonable and will be addressed in feedback. Regarding sewer levels, it was noted that the latest groundwater reading was 84.67m and Southern Water has no need to deploy tankers to manage the sewers. The trigger level for tanker deployment prior to the sewer relining work in winter 2023/24 was 84m so the work is so far proving successful.

HALC County Forum, 28th November – Cllr G Michalczyk will register.

Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils Meeting, 21st November

24/052 Correspondence: Councillors received report on any relevant correspondence, Cllr G Michalczyk received a phone call from a parishioner who had enquired of SSE with regard to the rerouting of the electricity cable from the rear gardens of properties on Kimpton Lane. SSE were not at that time able to advise him of any proposals with regard to addressing the issue.

24/053 Date of next meeting: 25th November 2024