

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 19th July 2017
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr I Corbett, Cllr D Hardstaff (Chairman), Cllr J Marsh, Cllr J Palmer (late arrival), Cllr D Pirola, Cllr D Reavell

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

17/091 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr S O'Brien due to family reasons, Cllr L Hawke due to illness, District Cllr J Bishop and County Cllr R Thake.

17/092 Declarations of interest and dispensations

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
None.

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
None.

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
None.

17/093 To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th June 2017

Resolved that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.

17/094 To consider planning applications listed below

17/01597/1 Cottage Farm, Kimpton Bottom

Erection of detached double garage with double carport. Erection of triple stable block including tack room and two home offices following demolition existing timber stables.

Recommend refusal as inappropriate development in Green Belt.

17/095 To consider planning applications received between 13th July and 19th July 2017
None received

17/096 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, working parties, local authorities and agencies

Mr B Finch reported that the Kimpton Bench Working Party had installed 9 new Neighbourhood Watch signs and that membership of the WP had risen to 20.

Cllr D Reavell reported that there were 2 vacancies on Kimpton Primary School Governing Board for which a candidate who has come forward for one of the positions. The summer term will finish on Friday 21st July. SATS results have seen an improvement over 2016.

Cllr I Corbett had attended a meeting regarding Katherine Warington School, Harpenden <https://kwschool.co.uk/>. The plans are for the school to be partially opened in September 2018 with the Year 7 pupils being taught within the Sports Hall to be fitted out with modular classrooms. This year group will go through their schooling as being the oldest in the school. The build will be completed and the school fully operational in September 2019.

The portable goal posts located at Recreation Ground are being very well used; the Clerk to put on some additional cable ties.

Cllr Pirola shared her concern about the poor state of the flooring in the Men's toilets. A new joist has perished making the floor unsafe to walk on so the toilets have been closed. Hirers will be able to use the disabled toilets instead. A second issue is that the hall committee has lost two members who have left Peters Green so there is concern about how the hall will be managed with the lack of interest from residents. Cllr Pirola will circulate articles within the parish promoting the hall and asking for support and also contact the Charity Commission for information on how to wind up the charity. The Parish Council will consider the future of Peters Green Village Hall in the autumn.

Cllr Palmer arrived at 20.05.

17/097 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public

A resident commented that the 'Kimpton' sign at Kimpton Bottom is missing. This has been reported several times to Herts County Council without a replacement forthcoming.

17/098 To receive an update on arrangements for the Christmas Market being held on Saturday 2nd December 2017

See Appendix A. The council discussed the impact of many people walking on The Green and will explore providing protection for the grass area.

17/099 Allotments

a) To agree allotment rents for 1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018

Resolved: proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded Cllr Palmer to keep the allotment rents at the same level as 2016/17. Unanimously agreed.

b) To consider improvements to the allotment site

The condition of the bonfire site was discussed with differences explored on the actions, or otherwise, to be taken regarding the build-up of excess earth and bonfire residue. Kimpton Bench Working Party offered to flatten the site and the council will then review.

The Clerk will seek professional advice and a quote regarding the height of the hedging and trees on the southern boundary.

17/100 Finance

a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget

Resolved, proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Hardstaff to approve payments listed in Appendix B. Unanimously agreed.

b) To note receipt of income

£7.45 bank interest was received.

c) To receive bank statements, bank reconciliation and budget report

These were received by the council and found to be satisfactory, see Appendix C and Appendix D.

d) To consider price quotations, charges and grant requests as listed below

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1. CDA for Herts annual membership
Resolved, proposed Cllr Corbett, seconded Cllr Hardstaff to approve annual subscription of £36.00.

17/101 To review the effectiveness of the Internal Auditor
Resolved, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded by Cllr Pirola to approve the review of the effectiveness of the Internal Auditor. Unanimously approved. Appendix E.

17/102 To receive the Clerk's report (for information only)
None.

17/103 To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 27th September

- To receive an update on the preparations for the Christmas Market

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman..... **Date**.....