

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020  
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Cllr N Burns (Chairman), Cllr A Firth, Cllr L Hawke, Cllr J Marsh, Cllr C Procter, Cllr D Reavell

**In attendance:** Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, County Cllr R Thake, District Cllr J Bishop and 21 members of the public.

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- 20/001 Apologies**  
To receive and accept apologies for absence  
Received from Cllr Corbett due to a business engagement and Cllr O'Brien due to illness.
- 20/002 Interests**  
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.
- 20/003 Minutes**  
To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings  
**Resolved**, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Firth that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.
- 20/004 Public Issues**  
Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern  
See agenda item 20/008.
- 20/005 Planning**  
a) To note planning applications received during the period 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020  
**19/02962/FPH 11 Lime Avenue, Blackmore End**  
Single storey rear extensions, detached carport including garden store and widening of existing porch.  
No comment  
b) To consider planning applications below:  
**19/02878/FP Corner Stores, 1a Claggy Road**  
Single storey extension to existing shop front  
Kimpton Parish Council is supportive of initiatives that help to ensure a sustainable and improved facility within the Parish. Councillors supported this planning application with a comment that the inclusion of 7 marked parking bays may be beneficial.

- c) To consider planning applications received during the period 16<sup>th</sup> January and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020  
None.

**20/006**

**Reports from Working Parties and Committees**

**a) Christmas Market Working Party – Cllr D Reavell/Parish Clerk**

Report attached.

**Resolved**, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Marsh to approve a grant of £650 each to Kimpton Primary School and Kimpton Pre-School from the surplus arising from Kimpton Christmas Market 2019. Unanimously agreed.

The Council is minded to organise a Christmas Market on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December; suggested venue being Kimpton Memorial Hall. This item will be placed on the agenda for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February for further discussion.

**b) Kimpton Bench Working Party – Mr B Finch**

The report was noted, see attached. Council continue to appreciate the work completed on behalf of the community.

**c) Public Spaces and Playgrounds Working Party – Cllr C Procter**

Cllr Procter gave a summary of the report circulated, see attached.

**Resolved**, proposed Cllr Procter, seconded Cllr Marsh to grant permission to the householder to install and maintain a tarmac access road to 2 The Green, Peters Green. Unanimously agreed.

The Council agreed to make enquiries of The Hoo Estate regarding the purchase of land currently occupied as allotments.

The working party was advised that the ground under the trees by the Bowls Club at the Recreation Ground was churned up and may require repair. This will be viewed at the next working party meeting.

**d) Peters Green Village Hall – Cllr A Firth**

**Resolved**, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Procter to support the proposed changes to widen the objects of the charity and to adopt a CIO structure. This will provide an elegant solution to the recent adoption of commercial activities at the village hall. Cllr A Firth to contact the Trustees to arrange a Trust meeting. Trust to pay the legal costs.

**20/007**

**Reports to the Council**

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities and agencies

Information regarding Paul Denly will be passed to Cllr J Bishop.

**20/008**

**The White Horse PH**

To consider community action relating to the expiry on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 of the listing of The White Horse PH as an asset of community value

With the permission of the Council, members of the public were able to address the meeting. Many spoke of their desire that The White Horse PH reopen as a community pub, retain the status of an 'asset of community value' and urged the council to re-apply. Residents raised concerns regarding the state of the internal structures and the deterioration of a Listed Building over the past five years.

There has also been an incident of significant internal flooding which caused damage to the neighbouring property. Residents expressed surprise and concern that a formal planning application for development had not been submitted to NHDC that would enable the premises to be improved and thus continue trading as a public house.

Councillors remarked that Kimpton is currently served by The Boot PH.

The present owner of The White Horse PH had let it be known that he was carrying out bat surveys and further flooding reports and progressing the development with design activities.

A community group would have to indemnify all costs, including purchase, legal fees and contingency, relating to any compulsory purchase application for The White Horse PH. Should the community show this financial commitment, the compulsory purchase process would be supported by NHDC.

Supporters of The White Horse PH were asked to prepare a business case evidencing the financial support from the community for a community pub. This information should be available mid-April for consideration at the Council meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April when the council will decide on whether to make a further application to NHDC for The White Horse PH to continue to be on the asset of community value register.

**20/009 Climate Emergency**

To consider actions that Kimpton Parish Council can undertake

**Resolved.** Proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Burns that all decisions taken by the parish council would take into consideration the environmental impact of that course of action. Unanimously agreed.

**20/010 Policies**

To consider and approve Child Protection Policy

**Resolved** proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Firth to approve the Child Protection Policy. Unanimously approved.

**20/011 Kimpton Events**

a) To consider granting permission to use the Recreation Ground and The Green over the weekend of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for Kimpton May Festival activities

**Resolved** proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Firth to grant permission. Unanimously agreed.

b) To consider granting permission to use The Green and Garden Fields on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July for Kimpton Folk Festival activities

**Resolved** proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Firth to grant permission. Unanimously agreed.

**20/012 Finance**

a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget

b) To note receipt of income, attached

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

**Resolved** proposed Cllr Firth, seconded Cllr Burns to approve items a) to c). Unanimously agreed.

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

i. Sports clubs rents 2020

**Resolved**, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Marsh to increase the annual sports rents for 2020 as follows:

Kimpton Bowls Club £140

Kimpton Cricket Club £270

Kimpton Rugby Club £570

Kimpton Tennis Club £270

Unanimously agreed.

**20/013 Local Government Pension Scheme**

a) To agree to continue to join the Parish and Town Council pool

The Clerk was asked to obtain the valuation rate for KPC should they not remain in the Parish Pension Pool and any other relevant information. This will be circulated to councillors

**b)** To consider ill health early retirement insurance

**Resolved**, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Procter to take out ill health retirement insurance policy with Legal and General. Vote For 4, Against 1 (Cllr Burns), Abstain 1 (Cllr Marsh)

**20/014**

**Clerk's Report**

Items for information only

- KPC forwarded a response to Luton Airport consultation
- Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with NHDC, CDA and Hightown regarding the delivery of social housing in Kimpton
- Houseowners who are part of the Kimpton Heritage Plaque Scheme will be receiving their plaque at an event on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at The Boot PH. Ownership of the plaques will be transferred from the parish council to the houseowners.
- Residents are concerned about damage to grass verges around the village and inconsiderate parking on pavements

**20/015**

**Next Meeting**

To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in DACRE ROOMS

- Kimpton Primary School – Children's Mental Health joint school event in June
- Kimpton Christmas Market 2020

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

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

**Dates of Working Parties**

Rights of Way Working Party	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.00pm
Sports Clubs Working Party	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm
Public Spaces and Playgrounds WP	April	<i>tbc</i>
Environmental Working Party		<i>tbc</i>