

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 22nd March 2017
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, County Cllr R Thake and 6 members of the public

17/030 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr L Hawke due to family commitments, District Cllr J Bishop and Mr B Finch. Cllr Palmer advised that he would be arriving late due to work commitments.

17/031 Declarations of interest and dispensations

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
Cllr Reavell for 17/036 planning application 17/00328/1HH as nearby neighbour.
Cllr Corbett for 17/036 planning application 17/00526/1HH a disclosable pecuniary interest as the application relates to his property.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests; and
None.
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
None.

17/032 To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 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.

17/033 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting
Matters identified as separate agenda items.

17/034 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, working parties, local authorities and agencies

County Cllr R Thake advised that purdah will be in operation from 27th March due to the county elections taking place on 4th May 2017. With reference to speed indicators a decision has been made, on advice from the police, that only 5 signs will be supported per county division although numerous sockets can be installed. It is suggested that sockets be installed in Kimpton for use by the speed sign assigned to Peters Green so that the sign is moved around the parish.

In the first allocation of secondary school places, pupils from rural areas without siblings have been allocated Stevenage schools and are on the continued interest procedure for a place at a school on their preference list.

Hertfordshire County Council has taken advantage of the adult social care precept to raise 3% of council tax to pay for escalating costs social care services.

Bob Malcolm, Chairman of Rights of Way Working Party informed the council that an application will be made for Parish Paths Partnership grant for 2017 of £1,000. Routine

maintenance of the rights of way network such as blown down trees are being dealt with in the normal way.

Alan Smith, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator commented on the unpleasant situation that residents faced regarding the abandoned truck in Commons Lane. Unfortunately the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for that road resigned during this incident.

Cllr Reavell, Kimpton Primary School said that 9 families out of a cohort of 23 pupils were on the secondary school transfer continued interest list.

17/035 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public

Two residents expressed their desire for Parkfield Sports Ground to continue to be used by all sectors of the community.

17/036 To consider planning applications listed below

17/00328/1HH 9 Church Lane, Kimpton

17/00329/1LB 9 Church Lane, Kimpton

Part single and part two storey rear extension

Kimpton Parish Council objects to this planning application and listed building consent for 9 Church Lane, Kimpton due its adverse impact on neighbouring properties and overbearing nature within a Conservation Area. It is a small site of three connecting cottages so the second storey proposal has a significant effect on the locality. The huge bulk of the proposal is totally unsuitable for this sensitive central village location and will overshadow the neighbourhood. The new layout will be out of proportion with the two attached cottages.

The side elevation will be out of proportion when viewed from the east by the Grade 1 Listed St Peter and St Paul Church that is situated on higher ground. The planning officer should complete calculations for the light values for neighbours to ensure that there is not a loss of sunlight nor a loss of privacy from the second storey.

Historic outbuildings are to be removed thereby devaluing our local heritage. The plans are not sympathetic for this listed building.

There is no provision for recycling bins as required to be used by residents within NHDC area.

The application form details that they will not be connecting to the drainage system. Could the planning officers satisfy themselves that water run-off from the roof will not be disgorged into Church Lane leading to localised flooding at the junction with the High Street.

The proposed parking space will not be sufficient for the occupation of a 3 bedroom house in a rural village setting with limited public transport. Church Lane is narrow and heavily congested with parked cars due to the old cottages not having parking within their curtilage.

Care must be exercised in the consideration of vehicular access and highway safety for all residents.

In conclusion the street scene within our Conservation Area will be diminished by the loss of character of this historic building and the modifications proposed. Surrounding neighbours will be affected by a loss of residential amenity.

17/00464/1 Half Moon Lodge, Lawrence End Road, Peters Green

Raise roof of existing detached double garage and store by 1 metre, insert front dormer window, replace garage doors with windows and additional windows and door to facilitate conversion to one 2 x bedroom dwelling. Single storey side attached log store.

Kimpton Parish Council objects to the planning application 17/00464/1 and supports the views of Mr and Mrs Cliff, neighbours. The primary objection relates to the

inaccurate description of the proposal as a 'conversion' when it is in fact a 'new build' with the aspiration of creating a separate dwelling in contradiction with conditions attached to approved planning application 16/01706/1HH. The parish council objects to the proposal of increasing the height of the building by 1m so altering its baulk on the street scene of this hamlet. The current building is an oak framed timber clad double garage that compliments the surrounding area and the new plans alter the design completely. This will be out of keeping with neighbours

17/00526/1HH 11 Park Lane, Kimpton

Two storey side extension, single storey front extension and front porch with canopy along front elevation. Associated parking.

Kimpton Parish Council has no objections to the planning application.

17/037 To consider any planning applications received between 16th March and 22nd March 2017

17/00518/1HH 1 Hope Cottages, Plummers Lane, Peters Green

Single storey side extension

Kimpton Parish Council supports this planning application.

17/038 To consider the future for Peters Green Village Hall

Cllr Pirola gave a verbal account of the recent history of the refurbishment of the hall and reduced support for bookings from the residents of Peters Green. The building is in a good condition and is an asset to the parish. Ideas for future use will be explored and investigations undertaken with the Chairty Commission regarding conditions relating to the trust agreement and North Herts District Council planning department regarding change of use.

17/039 To receive a report on the Kimpton Sport Clubs meeting and approve any actions
See Appendix A for notes fo the meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017.

Resolved to approve the purchase of steel 12'x6' portable football posts and net.

17/040 Finance

- a) To approve payments made in accordance with the budget
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded by Cllr Reavell to approve payments in Appendix B. Council approved to grind out the tree stump left on the village green by Panmore Farm, Peters Green. Unanimously agreed
- b) To receive bank statements, bank reconciliation and budget report
These were received by the Council and found to be satisfactory. See Appendix C.
- c) To approve the asset register
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded by Cllr Reavell to approve the asset register, see Appendix D. Unanimously agreed.
Cllr J Palmer arrived.
- d) To consider quotes, donations and agree funding
 - i. Parkfield Sports Ground access track
Resolved, proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Hardstaff to approve the installation of an unbound surface with associated drainage at a cost of £6,784.00. Unanimously agreed.
Council will monitor the road surface and expressed a possible withdrawal of permission to use the track by the refuse lorries. Clerk to write to Veolia regarding the speed of recycling vehicles on the access track.
 - ii. Rights of Way improvements

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Parish Paths Partnership grant for 2017 will be applied for.

- iii. CPRE annual membership
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded Cllr Reavell to approve annual membership of £36.00, renewal date 10/04/17. Unanimously agreed
- iv. Sponsorship of Riding Club Horse /Pony class at Kimpton Horse Show
Resolved, proposed Cllr Corbett, seconded Cllr O'Brien to approve sponsorship of a showing class of £50. Unanimously agreed
- v. Recreation Ground access track
After discussion it was agreed to obtain two quotes for a bound surface between the tarmac area at the entrance and the tarmac area in front of the pavilion.

17/041 To receive the Clerk's report (for information only)
None.

17/042 To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Parish Council on 26th April 2017 in Kimpton Memorial Hall

- To review Recreation Ground access road and agree actions

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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