

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 23rd November 2016
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, District Cllr J Bishop and 5 members of the public.

16/166 To receive and accept apologies for absence
County Cllr R Thake due to a prior engagement.

16/167 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.

16/168 To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th
October 2016

Resolved, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded Cllr O'Brien to approve these minutes as
a true and accurate record. Unanimously agreed.

16/169 To consider planning applications listed below

16/02524/1HH 42 Beech Way, Blackmore End

First floor extension above existing garage, single storey rear extension, side porch
and ancillary works following removal of existing conservatory.
No comment.

16/02640/1HH Coach House, Hitchin Road

Single storey rear extension with balcony above and ancillary works following
demolition of existing conservatory.
No comment.

16/02767/1HH 11 The Wick, High Street

Single storey side extension.
No comment.

16/170 To consider planning applications received between 17th November and 23rd
November 2016
None.

16/171 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting
Following the multiagency meeting regarding anti-social behaviour at Wren Close an
article has been placed in Kimpton Parish Magazine giving contact details for the
police and North Herts Homes so members of the public can report incidents.

16/172 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, working parties, local authorities and agencies

Kimpton Bench Working Party report to Kimpton Parish Council prepared by Mr B Finch was read out and is attached.

Mr B Malcolm has circulated notes of a Rights of Way Working Group meeting held on 2nd November plus an additional detailed review of the second contractors cut. The Council greatly appreciated the scope and detail of the maintenance reports prepared by Mr Malcolm who was thanked for his work.

Peters Green Village Hall AGM was held on Monday 14th November, attended by Cllr D Pirola (Chairman), Cllr S O'Brien and the Parish Clerk. The annual accounts were circulated and it was noted that the standard costs are not being covered by booking income despite the building being attractive after the recent £18,000 refurbishment. The village hall is important to the community and therefore a grant application to support the running costs will be considered at the next council meeting.

16/173 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public

Residents raised their concerns over the speed of traffic in the High Street. With the Council's permission a discussion took place on the issue of vehicle speeds, the enormous size of some vehicles using the High Street, incidents of vehicle and building damage, the lorry ban area, traffic calming features and the results of the speed survey conducted in Jan 2015. A DriveSafe scheme for Kimpton is to be organised by Jackie Warboys with two team leaders and other volunteers prepared to conduct the road side monitoring to generate data about speeding. She will also organise a community 'watch' events or events to gather data on the number and size of the vehicles which can be used with authorities to quantify the problems being experienced by residents.

16/174 To consider location and items of outside gym equipment

The council had an extensive discussion on the provision of further recreational and play facilities within Kimpton. It was agreed to conduct more community consultation through the Kimpton Village Group Facebook site, emails and notice boards to explore the support for outdoor gym equipment, cricket nets, outdoor table tennis, 5-a-side football nets and their location on either the Recreation Ground or Parkfield Sports Ground.

16/175 To approve the agreement between Kimpton Parish Council and Kimpton Tennis Club **Resolved**, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded Cllr Marsh to approve the agreement dated 23rd November 2016. See Appendix B. Unanimously agreed.

16/176 To approve the agreement between Kimpton Parish Council and Kimpton Cricket Club **Resolved**, proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr O'Brien to approve the agreement dated 23rd November 2016. See Appendix C. Unanimously agreed.

16/177 To approve the agreement between Kimpton Parish Council and Kimpton Bowls Club **Resolved**, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Palmer to approve the agreement dated 23rd November 2016, subject to any minor revisions suggested by members of Kimpton Bowls Club when they consider the agreement at their AGM to be held on 24th November 2016. See Appendix D. Unanimously agreed.

16/178 Finance

- a) To approve payments made in accordance with the budget
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded Cllr Marsh to approve payments, see attached Appendix E. Unanimously agreed.
- b) To receive bank statements, bank reconciliation and budget report
Resolved, proposed Cllr O'Brien, seconded Cllr Palmer that these were received by the Council and found to be satisfactory. Unanimously agreed.
- c) To consider quotes, donations and agree funding
- i. Grass cutting contract 2017
Resolved, proposed Cllr O'Brien, seconded Cllr Hardstaff to approve a grass cutting contract with a 1.5% increase. The contract will not include strimming of vacant allotment plots but will include grass cutting and hedge trimming at FP60 and the allotment site boundary. Total cost £7,647.45. Unanimously agreed.
 - ii. Tree and hedge works associated with FP60
Resolved, proposed Cllr O'Brien, seconded Cllr Hardstaff to approve £350 to remove the dead overhanging branches of the hedge. Unanimously agreed.
 - iii. Sleepers structure at Parkfield Sports Ground
The introduction of upright sleepers between the cricket outfield and the tennis pavilion was discussed and not supported by the Council. To address the problem of footballs being kicked against the pavilions:
Resolved, proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Reavell not to approve sleepers at Parkfield Sports Ground. Unanimously agreed.
Resolved, proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Reavell to approve the purchase of a sign saying 'No ball games against buildings'. Unanimously agreed.
Resolved, proposed Cllr O'Brien, seconded Cllr Reavell to plant an evergreen hedge to the north of the tennis pavilion. Unanimously agreed.
 - iv. Supply and installation of vehicle and pedestrian gate at Parkfield Sports Ground
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hardstaff, seconded Cllr Reavell to approve a quote of £25-£40 (depending on the ground condition) per hole dug for the 3 posts. Unanimously agreed.
 - v. Funding to Kimpton Bench Working Party
Mr Finch had forwarded details of all income and expenditure for the Bench Working Party since January 2008. There is a current surplus of £252.43.
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr Reavell to approve a grant of £400 for costs. Unanimously agreed.
 - vi. Repair of Peters Green Bus Shelter roof
The merits of a felt, slate or shingle roof were debated.
Resolved, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Marsh to approve a quote of £2,041.60 plus VAT for a cedar shingle roof. Unanimously agreed.

16/179 To receive the Clerk's report (for information only)

Kimpton History Group is exploring the erection of plaques to commemorate an event or person of historic interest in recognition of the heritage of our parish. A grant application for plaques will be considered at the next parish council meeting.

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16/180 To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday
25th January 2017

- To consider grant application from Peters Green Village Hall
- To consider grant application for historic village plaques

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

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