

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting  
held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**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 18<sup>th</sup>  
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 17<sup>th</sup> November and 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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  
25<sup>th</sup> 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**.....