

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 24th February 2016
Dacre Rooms, High Street at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, District Cllr J Bishop, County Cllr R Thake, and 1 member of the public

16/026 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Hardstaff due to family commitments, Cllr J Marsh due to a business meeting.

16/027 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 interest
None.

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

16/028 To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th January 2016

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

16/029 To receive reports on actions agreed at the last Council meeting

County Cllr Richard Thake has offered to use his Locality budget to authorise a traffic speed and volume survey for High Street, Kimpton and for Peters Green during 2016/17. Hertfordshire County Council is campaigning for commercial vehicles to use commercial navigation systems that would be set up to avoid the use of unsuitable rural roads by large lorries. To our knowledge there have been no fixed penalty tickets issued to drivers of vehicles not abiding by the weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes under the St Albans Area Order dated 20 March 1984. The restricted area is quite large and vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes are able to enter the restricted area provided they load or unload within it.

16/030 Chairman's Announcements (for information only)

None.

16/031 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, working parties, local authorities and agencies

Rights of Way Working Party – Cllr I Corbett advised that a grant application for P3 2016 will be submitted.

The Harpenden Secondary Education Trust has applied to the Secretary of State for Education to delay the opening of the proposed new secondary school in Harpenden to autumn 2018. There is concern that there will be insufficient places at preferred local secondary schools for Kimpton families in 2016 and 2017.

16/032 To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public
None.

16/033 To consider planning applications listed below

16/00227/1HH 79 High Street

Part two storey and part single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

No comment

16/00249/1 Pams Cottage, Pams Lane

Detached 3 bedroom house in association with existing detached double garage and store

No comment

16/00281/1HH Ansells End Farm, Ansells End

Single storey rear extension

No comment

16/00317/1LB Ansells End Farm, Ansells End

Single storey rear extension

No comment

16/034 To consider any planning applications received between 18th February and 24th February 2016
None.

16/035 To receive an update from the recreational facilities working party on quotes for an all-weather surface and MUGA court and agree details of community consultation process
The Council discussed the quotes and did not consider that this was a feasible project within the current finances of the parish council or from access to external funding sources.

Councillors asked for this item to be discussed at the Sports Clubs Meeting on Monday 7th March.

16/036 To consider an event or activity to mark Queen Elizabeth's 90th Birthday
The Kimpton litter pick arranged by Tim Parfitt, Kimpton Environmental Group for Saturday 2nd April will be part of the national 'Clean for the Queen' campaign.

It was agreed to replant the hedge and add 4/5 trees on FP19/20 at Parkfield Sports Ground.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr O'Brien to authorise up to £1,000 for the removal of the old hedge and planting of new native whips. Unanimously agreed.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Corbett, seconded Cllr O'Brien to authorise up to £900 for the tree supply and planting. Unanimously agreed. A commemorative plaque will be installed.

16/037 To consider an application for Police and Crime Commissioner Road Safety Fund
Cllr D Pirola and Cllr L Hawke will seek further information and, depending on the outcome, will then make an application for Peters Green and Kimpton respectively for a vehicle activated sign.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr Corbett for Kimpton Parish Council to support these bids.

16/038 To receive bank statements and budget report
These were received by the Council and found to be satisfactory.

16/039 To consider quotes, donations and agree funding

a) Tree survey

Resolved, proposed Cllr O'Brien, seconded Cllr Palmer to approve a quote of £625 plus VAT. Unanimously agreed

b) Pot holes in Parkfield Sports Ground access road

The Council reviewed the quotes received.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Palmer to approve expenditure up to £3,500 for the repair of the access road. Clerk to liaise with Councillors on receipt of further quotes. Unanimously agreed.

c) Reposition the wooden gate at Parkfield Sports Ground

Resolved, proposed Cllr Reavell, seconded Cllr Hawke to approve the cost of materials up to £200. Labour to be provided by volunteers from Kimpton Bench Working Party. Unanimously agreed

d) Levelling allotment plot numbers 1b and 22b

Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr Palmer to approve the quote of £150 for this work. Unanimously agreed

16/040 To approve Financial and Management Risk Assessment for 1/4/15 to 31/3/16

Resolved, proposed Cllr O'Brien, seconded Cllr Corbett to approve the Financial and Management Risk Assessment. See attached. Unanimously agreed.

16/041 To receive the Clerk's report (for information only)

A meeting was recently held with Peter Bate, Sustran and Dr Amanda Gummer to consider the viability of the proposed cycle route from Kimpton to the site of the new secondary school in Harpenden. The Council expressed continued support for this sustainable transport initiative.

16/042 To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Parish Council on 23rd March 2016 in Kimpton Memorial Hall

- To receive a report on the Sports Clubs meeting
- To consider the problems caused by horse riding on non-bridle paths

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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