

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on 26th June 2019
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr N Burns (Chairman), Cllr I Corbett (late arrival), Cllr A Firth, Cllr J Marsh, Cllr C Procter, Cllr D Reavell

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, District Cllr J Bishop, County Cllr R Thake and 7 members of the public.

19/063 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr S O'Brien due to illness and Cllr L Hawke due to prior engagement.

19/064 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.

19/065 Minutes

- a) To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Annual Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings
Resolved, proposed Cllr J Marsh, seconded Cllr C Procter that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.
- b) To ratify the Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr J Marsh to ratify the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019. Unanimously agreed.

19/066 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

19.32 Cllr I Corbett arrived

Residents spoke against planning application 19/01309/FPH High Oaks

19/067 Planning

- a) To consider planning applications below:

19/00862/FPH 23 Hampden

Single storey rear extension and single storey side extension. Works to facilitate conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation, erection of side canopy and widening of existing vehicular access. Amendments received by NHDC.
No comments.

19/01239/FPH 22 Blackmore Way, Blackmore End

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

19/0295/FP Land North of Applethwaite, Gustard Wood

Change of use of existing barn to one 4-bedroom dwelling.

Kimpton Parish Council is opposed to this planning application. We refer to planning application number 18/01878/LDCE approved 30th October 2018 for a barn for equestrian use. The reason for the determination was that the planning authority was satisfied that the barn was used principally for equestrian purposes for at least the last 10 years. Our comments are that:

- Insufficient time has passed since its approval and construction to warrant consideration to a further change in use.
- Insufficient evidence has been provided that the property could not continue use as an agricultural building/stables.
- Concern over visibility splays for the vehicle access

19/01309/FPH High Oaks, Kimpton Bottom

Creation of additional vehicular access including entrance gates and boundary wall

Kimpton Parish Council is opposed to this planning application for retrospective approval of a new entrance gate and wall.

Highway safety

The council supports the Road Safety Audit of the proposed access being reviewed by the Highway Authority and the adherence to the recommendations regarding user safety of the highway. The application must fully comply with national guidelines otherwise it should be refused. The new access is located alongside an existing entrance resulting in continuous entrances of an urban design. This section of the B652 is a rural lane with historic hedging which contributes to the enjoyment of the countryside.

Other individual highway access points along the B652 serve more than one property, for example Tallents and Tallents Farm. This practice should be adopted by High Oaks thereby serving the additional property without the need of further accesses.

High Oaks has an existing vehicle access from Ash Drive that could be used instead of creating a new access from the B652.

Green Belt

The bulk of the high solid entrance gate and stone walls make it contrary to the openness of the Green Belt. It is important to the community to retain the old hedging along the B652.

19/01368/FP 11 Lime Avenue, Blackmore End

Erections of one detached 5 bedroom dwelling following demolition of existing garage and outbuilding

Applicant planning application item 13.

Applicant to undertake survey of drainage prior to determination of planning application, as required by the planning process.

Applicant planning application item 14.

Applicant response is insufficient. Detail of proposal, particularly in how this may affect neighbouring properties, is to be provided prior to determination of planning application, as required by the planning process.

Property Height

The proposed height of the property relative to the existing house should be numerically quantified prior to determination of planning application, to avoid the construction of greater height.

Neighbouring Properties

Concern was expressed regarding the close proximity of the proposed dwelling to the neighbouring properties and their enjoyment of their amenities.

- b) To consider planning applications received during the period 20th June and 26th June 2019

19/10462/FPH 32 Dacre Crescent

Two storey side extension, relocation of front door following removal of existing garage door to facilitate garage conversion to entrance porch and hall. Replacement conservatory roof and front porch roof and external rendering.

No comment subject to receiving comments from neighbours.

19/01233/FPH 113 High Street

Creation of vehicular crossover

No comment

19/068 Reports from Councillors, Working Parties and Committees

- a) Kimpton Bench Working Party – Mr B Finch
See attached. The Council expressed its gratitude for the work of the working party. Vegetation clearance work was carried out on FP33 today. The Clerk will be sent photograph of path works required at Wren Close to be forwarded to Settle, copy to District Cllr J Bishop.

19/069 Reports to the Council

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

County Cllr R Thake has completed a successful and enjoyable term of office as Chairman of Hertfordshire County Council. He now has greater availability for his division activities.

19/070 Action List

To receive and review action list.

Council noted the contents of the list and asked that the list be kept updated.

19/071 Kimpton Affordable Housing Needs Survey

To consider the recommendations of the survey and follow on actions. See attached. The results have been publicised in the summer edition of Kimpton Parish Magazine and on the council website. A meeting with NHDC Housing Officer, Hightown Housing Association, CDA is being held in July attended by the Chairman and Parish Clerk to review future actions. An invitation to attend is extended to all councillors.

19/072 The Green, Kimpton

To consider replacement tree planting

Resolved, proposed Cllr D Reavell, seconded Cllr J Marsh to replace the felled cherry tree with a wild cherry tree, height of about 4m and planted on the south side of The Green. Expenditure for purchase and planting up to £300. The parish council will apply for a locality grant from County Cllr R Thake. Unanimously agreed.

19/073 Parkfield Sports Ground Access Road

- a) Drainage for water runoff
The vegetation clearance will be reviewed, and further actions, if required, will be considered.
- b) Creation of a passing place
A proposal to create a passing place on the south side of the access road at the top of the incline for cars on the single-track road. This would require the removal of sparse hedging plants which are mainly elder. Kimpton Bench Working Party will be asked if they would be able to complete this removal. If this work is to be carried out by a contractor, then the cost will be an agenda item at a future council meeting.
Resolved, proposed Cllr D Reavell, seconded Cllr N Burns. Vote For 3, Against 1, Abstention 2.

19/074 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr I Corbett to approve payments. Unanimously agreed.
- b) To note receipt of income, attached
Resolved, proposed Cllr D Reavell, seconded Cllr C Procter to note receipts. Unanimously agreed.
- c) To receive bank statements, bank reconciliation and budget report
Resolved, proposed Cllr D Reavell, seconded Cllr I Corbett to note bank statements, bank reconciliation and budget report. Unanimously agreed.
- d) To consider price quotations, charges and grant requests as listed below
i. Kimpton Primary School grant application for swimming lessons
Resolved, proposed Cllr J Marsh, seconded Cllr C Procter to approve a grant of £700.00. Unanimously agreed.

19/075 Clerk's Report

Items for information only

Sustrans has sent their report of Kimpton to Harpenden Cycle Path Feasibility Study, June 2019 that will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Hertfordshire Stages Rally notification for Sunday 12th July 2020 for a closed road rally with two draft routes involving roads within Kimpton parish. Concerns regarding the impact on local residents, disruption arising from road closures, emergency vehicle access and the safety of speeding rally cars have been made.

19/076 Next Meeting

To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 17th July 2019
Matters arising from working parties.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman..... Date.....

Dates of Working Parties

Public Spaces and Playground Working Party	Monday 1 st July	09.30
Financial Control Working Party	Monday 1 st July	19.30
Allotment Working Party	Tuesday 16 th July	11.00