

**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on 27th November 2019
Dacre Rooms at 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, County Cllr R Thake, District Cllr J Bishop and 4 members of the public.

- 19/090 Apologies**
To receive and accept apologies for absence
Cllr S O'Brien due to prior engagement.
- 19/091 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.
- 19/092 Minutes**
To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings
Resolved, proposed Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Hawke that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed
- 19/093 Public Issues**
Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern
None.
- 19/094 Planning**
a) To consider planning applications below:
19/02541/FPH Half Moon Lodge, Lawrence End Road, Peters Green
Extension to existing garage and annex to rear to provide a larger ground floor area.

Recommend refusal. The parish council objects to the increase in ground floor space of the proposed new building. This is inappropriate within the Green Belt, NPPF Paragraph 145 refers. The additional dwelling volume would have an impact on the openness of the Green Belt and alters the street scene of this area of Peters Green.

The Council supports the views of neighbours Mr and Mrs A Cliff, Foxwood.
19/02713/FP 56 Kimpton Road, Blackmore Way
Erection of one detached single storey 2-bed dwelling

No comment, subject to receiving adverse comments from neighbours.

- b) To consider planning applications received during the period 21st November and 27th November 2019
None.

19/095

Reports from Councillors, Working Parties and Committees

- a) Kimpton Bench Working Party – Mr B Finch. Excellent report attached and duly noted.
Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr Burns to change the number of the combination lock at the Pams Lane entrance and monitor the quantity of unwanted items appearing on the bonfire site. For 4, 3 abstentions.
- b) Christmas Market Working Party – Cllr D Reavell. Notes of working party meeting attached. Cllr Reavell gave an update on the continued arrangements being made for the setting up on The Green. Cllr Reavell will be in charge of the volunteers from Kimpton Bench Working Party on Saturday 7th December. Details of food and drink offerings will be confirmed by Cllr Corbett. Signage to the toilets to be well lit to assist visitors.
- c) Peters Green Village Hall AGM – Cllr N Burns. The meeting was attended by 7 people including Donatella Pirola who confirmed her resignation from the Trust. Coral Duncan was appointed as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Trust. It was agreed that there was very limited support from the residents of Peters Green to get involved with the premises as a village hall. Legal advice will be sought on the options available to the Trustees as the continued occupancy by the current tenant is the preferred option for the medium term.
- d) Highways and Parking Working Party – Cllr A Firth
Gary Henning, Highways Manager is drafting a briefing for a feasibility study on the changes in vehicle priority for the High Street with a view to implementation of the study in 2021.

19/096

Reports to the Council

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

County Cllr R Thake advised the meeting on the deep concerns of Hertfordshire County Council regarding the expansion proposals of London Luton Airport and increase passenger numbers to 32 million passengers a year.

There are serious concerns about the impact of aircraft noise on nearby towns and villages and about how an extra 14 million passengers a year will actually get to the airport without this causing serious problems on Hertfordshire's roads. A very close look will be made at the airport's sustainable transport plans to make sure that they encourage people travelling to and from the airport to use more sustainable options, such as bus and rail. Kimpton would need to make sure that there are robust proposals to deal with potential impacts on the road network and drivers frequently use the village as a back route if the M1 is congested.

Local residents enjoy the convenience of world travel so comments are made within the context of being a good neighbour and for the impact of expansion to be compliant with world environmental sustainability targets.

There are clearly some economic benefits that would come with the growth of London Luton Airport. As London Luton Airport Limited is owned by Luton Borough Council almost all the financial benefit of the airport is retained within Luton. However, the impacts of the airport go far wider than Luton's administrative boundary and therefore we are advocating a commitment to spreading the revenue generated by the airport to neighbouring areas, where it

can benefit and support communities, support upgrading infrastructure and protect and enhance the environment.

Kimpton Parish Council agreed to submit a response to the consultation by the 16 December deadline.

19/097 Budget and Precept 2020-2021

a) To consider new items for inclusion within the budget

Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr Burns to approve the new items in the budget as attached. Unanimously agreed.

County Cllr R Thake to contribute £1,500 (£500 each) from his Locality budget for expenditure relating to Kimpton Autumn Show, Kimpton Primary School and Kimpton Pre-School. The outdoor table tennis tables will be the subject of NHDC s106 application for play equipment.

b) To approve the budget for 2020-21

Resolved, proposed Cllr Hawke, seconded Cllr Corbett to approve the budget 2020/21 as attached. Unanimously agreed.

c) To approve the precept demand for 2020-21

Resolved, proposed Cllr Procter, seconded Cllr Reavell to increase the precept demand from £74,000 to £75,850. For 4, against 3.

19/098 Finance

a) To verify payments made in accordance with agreed council activities and budget

b) To note receipt of income, attached

c) To receive bank statements, bank reconciliation and budget report

Resolved, proposed Cllr Firth, seconded Cllr Procter to verify, note and receive the above financial documents. Unanimously agreed.

d) To consider price quotations, charges and grant requests
None received.

19/099 Crime

To review the recent incidents of break ins within Kimpton
November saw a number of thefts and damage caused within the space of one week:

- Tools stolen from vehicle in Lawn Avenue.
- Vehicle broken into on the High Street.
- Number plate theft from HDA.
- Bowls Club sheds broken into.
- Gas enclosure on the Recreation Ground broken into.

The Parish Council is working with the Police and the Neighbourhood Watch group regarding these recent incidents. The Police have reassured the Council that all possible enquiries are being carried out to identify those responsible. This includes review of obtained CCTV footage to attempt to ID the offenders. Residents have been reminded that should they have any information relating to these recent crimes, to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Officer, PC Gary Pugsley.

19/100 Clerk's Report

Items for information only

Carriage resurfacing in Kimpton Road on 9th December.

19/101 Next Meeting

To suggest agenda items for the next Meeting of the Parish Council on
Wednesday 22nd January 2020

- The White Horse PH
- Ill-health early retirement insurance

19/102 Exclusion of press and public

To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the agenda item 19/103 as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely HR matters.

Resolved, proposed Cllr Burns, seconded Cllr Procter to resolve to exclude press and public from the following agenda item. Unanimously agreed.

19/103 Staff Matters

To consider whether to take out an insurance policy to cover for any potential costs of ill-health early retirement benefits
Hertfordshire Pension Fund has been asked to send details of the potential Tier 1 (no return to work) strain cost in the event of ill health retirement of the Parish Clerk. More information will be available at the Annual Employers Pensions Meeting being held in January 2020. Defer to the KPC meeting on Wednesday 22nd January.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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

Dates of Working Parties

Public Spaces and Playground Working Party Monday 13th January 2020 09.30