

Kimpton Sports Clubs

Meeting held on Monday 12 July 2021
19.30 Kimpton Memorial Hall

Attendees

Cllr I Corbett (lead)	Kimpton Parish Council
Cllr S O'Brien	Kimpton Parish Council
Cllr C Procter	Kimpton Parish Council via zoom
Pat Flury	Kimpton Bowls Club
Warren Phillips	Kimpton Bowls Club
Simon Thompson	Kimpton Cricket Club
Chris Bunston	Kimpton FC
Russel Pain	Kimpton FC
Tim Randall	Kimpton Rugby Club
Carina Helmn	Parish Clerk (note taker)

Apologies

David Robbins	Kimpton Tennis Club
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Meeting notes

1. **Previous meeting** –Notes from previous meeting held on Monday 2st September 2020 via zoom.

2. **Update on activities**

- a) **Kimpton Bowls Club – established 1947**

In 2020 we did not play any League or Friendly games due to Covid-19. We managed to meet up a couple of times at the end of the season with a few people outside.

This year 2021 we decided not to enter the league as we really didn't know what to expect.

Our Open day which in normally in April we put off till May.

We are operating mostly outside the clubhouse and will continue to do so all this year.

We carried out a good advertising campaign and had several articles printed. One in the Comet Newspaper and some in online magazines.

We have managed to entice several new members and they seem happy to participate in club competitions and friendly games.

We have entertained the Rainbows and Guides and we have the Freemasons returning to us in August.

We were fortunate to receive a grant and will be using the money to have a new flat roof and refurbish the inside of the clubhouse.

The Green is in really good condition at the moment and with our new members feel we are in a very strong position. We hope to rejoin the league next year.

The entrance to the Recreation Ground is still being obstructed by vehicles. What news do we have on the Highways painting the lines? *Line marking at Commons Lane and outside Recreation Ground was not carried out by Highways as promised. The Clerk has not received news on when this will now take place.*

b) Kimpton Cricket Club

The recently laid Astro turf on the square has enabled more games to be played. K100 balls tournament has one match remaining and then the opponent for The Boot will be established. Good engagement with the community. The junior section of the club is very successful with 50 kids joining the All Stars and Dynamos for 8-9 weeks on a Sunday morning. Parent involvement and interest in the club has followed.

A team has been entered into the Saracens league; with league matches played on a Saturday and friendlies on a Sunday. It has been a challenge for the club to step up to having members available for the 2 teams that are needed to service this commitment. Financial support has been received from NHDC £2,500 and a Locality Grant from County Cllr R Thake to fund a superior mower.

Sponsorship deals have been agreed with Switchshop, Moulding Construction, Dan Andrews of Kimpton, Jarvis Builders and Rayner Essex.

The pavilion is looking its age and therefore the club is starting to look at a replacement building that could be multi-functional with wider community value. To meet potential external funding criteria, security of land tenure is a topic to be discussed with the parish council.

c) Kimpton Football Club

The Club is back this season after lockdown with pre-season training starting on Wednesday. They play friendlies on every Sunday in August with league matches commencing in September.

The old football posts and nets will be offered to Ickleford.

Club members will recommence car sharing once COVID 19 restrictions are withdrawn. Due to the condition of the artificial materials, it would be helpful to have the dug out steps grass matting replaced.

d) Kimpton Rugby Football Club – established 2013

Informal touch rugby is played during the winter with approx. 18 attendees and in the summer approx. 20 members and casual attendees. Play is on the pitch area rather than on the bottom training area of the Recreation Ground. The 2 portable goals (one full size) are well used by adults and children. Being moveable they enable different areas of the pitch to be played on, thereby preserving the condition of the grass, and will be used instead of the fixed position of the old posts. The holes in the pitch will be filled in.

Improvements to the condition of the pitch are planned with scarifying later this year. A T Bone will be the contractor. Kimpton Cricket club are considering similar improvements to their outfield and ask if a Kimpton schedule of works could be drawn up.

Post meeting note: KPC will review the commissioning of external contractors by sports club for works on land used by the public.

The pavilion was painted by members of the club, with the walkway to be completed.

KPC purchased good quality paint which has about a 8-year life.

The rugby club does not require that the boiler is replaced at a cost of £1,200 and suggests that the emersion is used for hot water instead.

Kimpton FC will do the line marking.

The pitch is used by Kimpton FC and Wheathampstead Wanderers with approaches by other clubs being considered.

A key safe has been installed for access to toilets.

Personal trainers are using the pavilion for clients and use of the pitch and training area.

Last year the club received £10,000 Government grant with a view that this should be used for investment that would be of benefit for all. There is a proposal to install

permanent LED lighting with 6 poles of 8m height, each with a pair of lights, around the pitch area. This would increase usage in the autumn and spring evenings but would not increase usage in the winter due to the impact of increased play on the condition of the grass at this time of the year. Power sockets could be inserted to facilitate electricity that could be helpful for community events. The poles would be at least 1m away from the edge of the pitch and could be power coated green. The appearance of the floodlights in a rural setting was discussed.

This proposal will be considered by KPC on 21st July 2021.

3. Items for KPC decision

Permanent floodlights at Recreation Ground.
Replacement matting on the steps.

4. Next meeting will be in October/November, date to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20.50.