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**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 26th January 2022
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr N Burns, Cllr I Corbett (Chairman), Cllr C Procter, Cllr D Reavell

In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, County Cllr R Thake and 2 members of the public

22/001

Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Cllr A Firth, Cllr J Marsh, Cllr S O'Brien and Cllr B Purple for illness, work and family reasons. District Cllr J Bishop.

22/002

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.

22/003

Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings.

Resolved, proposed Cllr D Reavell, 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.

22/004

Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

None.

22/005

Reports from Working Parties and Committees

a) Kimpton Bench Working Party – Mr B Finch

To receive a report on activities

Report received and noted, see attached.

b) Christmas Market – Cllr D Reavell

To receive and consider a report

Report received and noted, see attached.

The Council is supportive of organising a Christmas Market 2022

following the success of a 'walking' style event with a provisional date of Saturday 3rd December 2022.

c) Planning

To receive a report from Planning Working Party for approval

Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr D Reavell to approve the comments made by the planning working party in their report.

Unanimously agreed.

Kimpton Parish Council has been asked to put forward projects that could be included within a s106 legal agreement to mitigate the impact on services arising from the proposed development of 15 dwellings on land between 134 and 148 High Street, Kimpton.

Councillors agreed on the following:

- i. Funding to pursue the provision of up to 24 social homes in accordance with KPC housing needs.
 - ii. Provision of a multipurpose play and recreational space at Parkfield Sports Ground
 - iii. Additional facilities at Recreation Ground pavilion
 - iv. Additional outdoor exercise and fitness equipment
 - v. Greening Kimpton projects, should they comply with s106 criteria
- d) Public Spaces and Playgrounds Working Party
To receive and consider a report
Report received and noted, see attached.

Portable Football Posts

The Chairman reported that the wheels on one or more of the portable football posts at Recreation Ground are damaged and require replacement.

Resolved. The Council agreed that he will identify the type of replacement wheels to ensure their sturdiness, the supplier and confer with the Clerk for their purchase.

Parkfield Sports Ground hedgerow

After completion of the clearance works there are numerous ivy roots in the ground requiring manual removal. Stumps of hedging need to be protected and this excludes the spraying of weed killer or the use of rotovators. Kimpton Bench Working Party has kindly offered to help with possibly further volunteers from the community.

Quote for 5 off Malus John Downie Crab Apple trees of £425.00 plus VAT for planting within the hedgerow. Grant application of £350 to be made to Hertfordshire County Council

Resolved, proposed Cllr N Burns, seconded Cllr D Reavell to approve this quote.

Queens Jubilee Green Canopy

The council considered a proposal to plant 7 trees as part of the Queens Platinum celebrations. It was agreed to source Sweet Chestnut trees, if available from a nursery, with Mr A Manning granting permission for them to be planted on his land along Church Path.

Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr D Reavell to approve expenditure up to £1,500. Unanimously agreed.

22/006

Reports to the Council

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

Cllr R Thake reiterated his support to Kimpton Parish Council to the implementation of a 20mph speed scheme in Kimpton and will process the project once an Area Highways Manager is in situ next month.

With the permission of the Council, a discussion took place with the councillors regarding the priority listing for rural schemes by Hertfordshire County Council. Police and Crime Commissioner road safety van will be deployed in Kimpton.

Newsletter from Bim Afolami MP: *To monitor the effectiveness of the 20mph scheme a pilot is now open for five trial sites across the county. Those interested in running a scheme are invited to apply to the OPCC to have one set up in their area. Those interested in applying can find out more details and register here before February 28th.*

The Council agreed to make an application.

22/007

Finance

- a) To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Working Party
- b) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
- c) To note receipt of income
- d) To receive budget report
- e) To receive bank reconciliation
Resolved, proposed, Cllr N Burns, seconded Cllr C Procter to note/approve agenda items b) to e). Unanimously agreed.
- f) To consider price quotations, charges and grant requests
 - i) Donations to Kimpton School and Kimpton Pre-School
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr N Burns to approve donations of £500 each to Kimpton School and Kimpton Pre-School. Unanimously agreed.
 - ii) Tree works following recommendations in the Tree Health and Condition Survey
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr D Reavell to approve the quote from Andrews of Kimpton for £1,950 for 2021/22 and £1,000 for 2022/23. Unanimously agreed.
 - iii) Parkfield Sports Ground hedgerow additional clearance
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr D Reavell to approve the quote of £950 for additional clearance. Unanimously agreed.
 - iv) Parkfield Sports Ground tree/hedgerow planting
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr N Burns to approve a quote of £475.00 plus VAT. Unanimously agreed.
 - v) Parkfield Sports Ground carpark road planings
Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr N Burns to approve quote from Remac of £300 for road planings. Unanimously agreed. Kimpton Bench Working Party has kindly agreed to smooth the planings out across the SE area of car park.

22/008

Parish Council Election

To consider arrangements for Parish Council election taking place on Thursday 5th May 2022
North Herts Council will issue a declaration of the parish council election by 28th March with delivery of nomination papers to North Herts Council by Tuesday 5th April by 4pm. Advertising the parish council election will be via FaceBook, website, e newsletter, notice boards and word of mouth.

22/009

Clerk's Report

Items for information only
None.

22/010

Date of next Kimpton Parish Council Meeting and items for the agenda

To note that the next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022

- To consider and agree outdoor fitness equipment at Rec Ground
- To review Sports Rents 2022
- To consider and agree Grass Cutting Contract 2022
- To consider and agree Hedge Cutting Contract 2022/23
- To consider and agree Litter Picking Contract 2022/23

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman

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