

Kimpton Sports Clubs

Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2023
19.30 Parish Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall

Attendees

Chris Westcott	Kimpton Cricket Club
Nick Bunston	Kimpton Cricket Club
Chris Bunston	Kimpton Football Club
Mark Frost	Kimpton Tennis Club
Tim Randall	Touch Rugby
Ian Corbett	
Carina Helmn	Parish Clerk (note taker)

Apologies Simon Thompson

Meeting notes

1. Kimpton Pavilion Refurbishment – a review of the final pavilion layout was discussed. Kimpton FC are keen to have lockable storage and this can be achieved using space in the home changing room. The line markers and corner flags will be stored in the container along with other outdoor equipment. Further discussions may be needed with BWP regarding the space within the container. A sink is a necessity in the plant room for the cleaning of the line markers. Tender invitations have been issued with the deadline of 31st March. It is anticipated that the building works will commence June/July 2023 and take 3 months.
A question was raised on the state of the roof for the lifetime of the refurbishment.
Action: Parish Clerk to raise concern with the Project Manager
2. Kimpton FC - Line marking for matches was discussed.
Action: Aaron Grey to mark out the pitch every other week
There are more regular spectators watching the football matches: 10-12 per game.
3. The Parish Clerk is working with Kimpton Bowls Club to secure rebates for the water that is used on the greens and not put back into the sewage system.
Action: Water abatement form to be sent to Chris Westcott and Mark Frost.
4. Kimpton Cricket Club – Chris Wescott will follow up on the feasibility of the clubs joining together on some insurance aspects not relating to the specific sport.
The club struggles with the ground and is seeking guidance on its maintenance. Talks are in progress with Wheathampstead CC.
5. Membership of Kimpton Sports Clubs – all clubs could do with attracting more new members. Cross promotion between the sports would be helpful in the village, in a similar way to Wheathampstead. Social and casual sporting events in the past have been enjoyable and had some limited success in introducing people to other sport club members.
Action: Jacob Sharp to be asked to organise Kimpton 100 this summer
All home fixture matches and games to be forwarded to the Parish Clerk for input onto the Events Calendar.
6. Kimpton Rugby FC – all ok with the club. Floodlight improvements at the training area are no longer required and if the area is to be used the portable floodlights will be taken down.
Action: Purchase Order with Jimmy Swain to be cancelled.

Action: The Rugby Club members will be asked if they agree to supporting a donation of £8,000 towards the pavilion refurbishment project.

7. Kimpton Tennis Club – Up to 7 men and ladies’ teams are entered into various local leagues and enjoy success in competitions. With a new Chairman and Treasurer, a 10 year financial plan is being drawn up to look at the investment needed to sustain the clubs facilities, including planning for replacement court surfaces. The tennis club is on fixed electric price until 2025. The angle of a floodlight on court 3 is causing a nuisance to a neighbouring property and will be tweaked.

Members of all abilities and families are encouraged to join.

The path from the pavilion to court 3 is deteriorating and needs repair. Parkfield Sports Ground is used by members of the public in addition to tennis club members.

Action: Bench Working Party will be approached to consider adding this project to their list of tasks for the community. Mark Frost has offered the use of a cement mixer.

8. The next meeting will be on **Monday 11th September 2023** at **19.30** in Parish Room, Kimpton Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 20.45.