



**Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023
Kimpton Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr A Firth (Chairman), Cllr S Amexheta, Cllr S O'Brien, Cllr I Pegrum, Cllr C Procter
In attendance: Mrs C Helmn, Parish Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

- 23/026 Apologies**
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
Cllr G Durrant due to another engagement. Cllr J Marsh due to family commitment. County Cllr R Thake.
- 23/027 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.
- 23/028 Co-option**
To review applications for the vacancy of Kimpton Parish Councillor
Resolved to co-opt Sarah Amexheta to Kimpton Parish Council. Unanimously approved and Cllr Amexheta signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Register of Interests form will be sent for completion and returned to North Herts Council.
- 23/029 Minutes**
To confirm the Minutes of Kimpton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 as an accurate record of proceedings.
Resolved, proposed Cllr A Firth, seconded Cllr I Pegrum that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.
- 23/030 Public Issues**
Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.
Cllr Amexheta reported that Ramridge Farm will be open to the public for Easter lambing days on 5-8th and 10th April from 10qm to 2pm for visitors to meet all the baby animals, complete an Easter egg hunt and have a fun outdoors day on the farm, including tractor talks. Funds raised to be passed to Kimpton Primary School. There is an Eventbrite booking system for up to 420 people per day.
- 23/031 Planning**
To receive a planning report on applications and decisions
See attached for agreed comments.

23/032

Reports from Working Parties and Committees

a) Kimpton Bench Working Party – Mr B Finch

To receive a report on activities. A verbal report was given on works completed:

- Potholes in the Recreation Ground and Parkfield Sports Ground access roads filled in
- Vegetation cut back along Church Path
- Improvement to graves including the addition of grass seed
- Memorial Hall maintenance
- Leaves on the pavement at Lloyd Way removed to avoid a slip hazard
- Siding out
- Plan the repair of the path from Kimpton Tennis Clubhouse to Court 3
- Benches in the village replaced.

BWP is looking at finding a suitable store for their tools and equipment. Rev Linda Williams has given permission for the area behind Church House to be used and a storage unit erected. Cost approx. £5,000 with a contribution being anticipated from the Parish Council. Further internal discussions to take place.

b) Kimpton Rights of Way

To receive a report. A meeting between Jackie Worboys, Neil Burns with the Parish Clerk in attendance, took place on Thursday 16th March. The meeting discussed footpath maintenance, promoting walks, extending the Rights of Way network to connect Kimpton to Gustard Wood and reviewing the potential routes for a cycle route to Harpenden.

c) Kimpton Sports Clubs

i) To receive a report. Noted, see attached.

ii) To review annual rents for Kimpton Bowls Club, Kimpton Cricket Club, Kimpton Rugby Football Club, Kimpton Tennis Club

Resolved proposed Cllr S O'Brien, seconded Cllr C Procter for the annual rents to be increase by 5% as below. Unanimously agreed.

Kimpton Bowls Club	£160
Kimpton Cricket Club	£300
Kimpton Rugby Football Club	£580
Kimpton Tennis Club	£300

23/033

Reports to the Council

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

a) County Cllr R Thake - 20mph speed limit within Kimpton Village. Results of public consultation and further actions.

This item was deferred.

23/034

Finance

a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget

b) To note receipt of income

c) To receive budget report

d) To receive bank reconciliation

Resolved, proposed Cllr A Firth, seconded Cllr S O'Brien to authorise and note reports for agenda items a) to d). Unanimously approved.

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

f) To approve expenditure in 2023/24 on annual insurance, annual contracts and annual grants as per the budget.

Adjusted to increase the donation to Kimpton Horse Show from £50 to £100. With this adjustment it was

Resolved, proposed Cllr C Procter, seconded Cllr I Pegrum to approve the expenditure as attached. Unanimously agreed.

23/035

Damage wall by Church Lane

To review proposed actions following the collapse of a section of the wall and consider quotes for works

The council considered an update report from Cllr J Marsh with options of repairing the wall with the Lime Tree remaining and with the tree being removed. A second quote for both scenarios is being obtained from a local bricklayer. The council is keen to consult with the local neighbours of properties in Garden Fields, Church Lane and The Green once proposals have been finalised. The Clerk will contact Zurich Municipal Company for criteria relating to the provision of public liability cover for the wall.

23/036

Clerk's Report

Items for information only

- a) An environment scheme for Parkfield Sports Ground has been produced by Hertfordshire County Council that will form the basis of a HCC Tree and Hedge grant application.
- b) Possible community event on The Green over Coronation weekend. More information to be available at the next council meeting.

23/037

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 26th April 2023

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Chairman

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