**KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.45pm in Kimbolton Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Will Mears, Henry Beaumont, Doug Underwood, Jo Read, Becky Beaumont and Ed Rollings

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Stone, Mr Brian Tonks (the Lengthsman Administrator), Angela Ellis

(Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:**  Cllr Brian Morris
2. **To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest –** None
3. **To adopt Minutes of previous meetings – 18th June 2019**, these minutes were adopted and signed.
4. **Village Reports –**

* 1. Footpath Officers – Nothing to report but Cllr Mears said that we needed to get the hedge cutter and strimmer, which belonged to the Parish Council, back from Mike Bevan. The Clerk had been contacted by a member of public about a blocked ditch near her home, details were passed to Brian Tonks to investigate.
  2. Lengthsman Scheme – Brian Tonks reported that there was a rotten oak tree in Pipe Lane which needed looking at and also a tree in the village hall grounds. Cllr Mears said he would arrange for a tree specialist to inspect them and he would report back at the next meeting. It was also noted that Grantsfield Lane was getting badly rutted by lorries delivering to the Border Oak development site. Cllr Mears said he would contact both Colin Smith (locality steward) and Border Oak. Cllr Stone said he would also go and look at the lane and report to Colin Smith on behalf of the Council.
  3. Traffic calming/Traffic concerns – Cllr Mears said he had purchased two new batteries for the SID. He went on to say he would hopefully have it up and running tomorrow (start back at school) and be able to have it on more often in the future. Cllr Mears said he would approach Colin Smith for some ‘community by concern’ signs.

**5 Finance – To note the financial position and consider the following:**

* 1. J & S Garden Services – Churchyard Mowing -£250.00+ £50.00 VAT = £300.00 (Chq No 722)
  2. B Tonks (donation towards cost of flowers for planters) - £60.00 (Chq No724)
  3. Dorrell Flooring Ltd –Village Hall – 32985.00+ £597 VAT = £3582 (Chq N0 723)

(replacement cheque for chq no 721 which was cancelled after going missing in the post)

* 1. PWLB – Loan – bacs receipt - £781.43
  2. VAT Refund - £678.71
  3. Precept – 2020/21- This was discussed and it was thought it would have to be increased to cover loss of grants for Lengthsman/Footpaths. Decision to be made when the budget was done later in the year.

**6 Village Hall Repairs –**

The repair to the floor had been completed and everyone was very pleased with the result. The curtains in the hall had been taken down to do the work but were in a very poor condition and could not be put back. Cllr Mears said new curtains were planned and the cost, etc., was being investigated. He also said that we would be receiving a donation of £1000 from the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of the repairs.

Cllr Stone remarked that the necessity to do this work had been on the agenda for some time and it was good to see the job completed and it looked as if a good job had been done.

1. **Planning Applications –** 
   1. Public Path Diversion Order – Bache. This concerned the change of route to the footpath which had now been completed.
   2. 182967 – Land adjacent to Stockton Inn. Cllr Rollings agreed to look into the planning appeal. He said he would get back to the Clerk by the 15th September if he had any comments to add to the suggested remarks which were to be put on the portal by the 18th.
2. **Assets of Community Value –** held over to next meeting, Clerk to obtain the necessary forms/information.

1. **To note correspondence:** 
   1. A letter had been received from the Group Parish Magazine, thanking the Parish Council for their £300 donation.
   2. A letter had also been received, together with a cheque for £60, from the Kimbolton Village Hall Committee. The letter asked that the money was to be given to Brian Tonks to help with the cost of maintaining the village planters and also thanked him for doing such a splendid job on behalf of the village. A letter of thanks had been sent by the Clerk to the Village Hall Committee.
2. **AOB –** 
   1. A member of public from Hamnish gave a report on the condition of

Hamnish Village Hall and asked if it was possible that the Parish Council would be able to help with the cost of replacing the roof. Cllr Mears said that he was hopeful they could do this and would have more idea when the budget had been sorted for next year. It was also hoped that some help could be given towards the cost of work which needed carring out in the Hamnish Church yard.

* 1. Cheque Signatories - Following the recent elections, it was proposed that the following Cllrs were authorised to be added to the current Nat West Mandate as signatories, able to sign cheques, etc:

William Wesson Mears; Joanne Pauline Read and Rebecca Susan Beaumont

It was also agreed that Alfred Jeff Jones be taken off the list as he was no longer a Cllr.

This was proposed by Cllr Doug Underwood and seconded by Cllr Ed Rollings and the council were all in agreement.

This will result in the following authorised signatories, two from these to sign:

Mr Henry Richard Beaumont

Mr Douglas T Underwood

Mr William Wesson Mears

Mrs Joanne Pauline Read

Miss Rebecca Susan Beaumont

**11 Public Forum –** no comments

**12 Matters for next Agenda**

Assets of community value; traffic calming; report on footpaths; Hamnish Churchyard & Village Hall.

**13 Date of next meeting** –**Tuesday** **15th October 2019.**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

**Signed:** …………………………………………………………..

(Chairman Cllr W Mears)

**Date**: …………………………………………………………..