**KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.45pm in Kimbolton Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Will Mears, Henry Beaumont, Doug Underwood, Graham Watkins, Jeff Jones, Grenville Rollings and Kevin Rowsell.

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Stone, Mr Brian Tonks (the Lengthsman Administrator), Angela Ellis (the Clerk) and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence:**  None.
2. **To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest –** None
3. **To adopt Minutes of previous meetings – 8th January 2019**, these minutes were adopted and signed.
4. **Public Forum –** A comment was made that the signs throughout the village needed cleaning. It was agreed to speak to the locality steward and ask Balfour Beattie if they could do this. Brian Tonks was, once again, thanked for all his hard work in maintaining the village planters. It was asked if the SID could be on more often, perhaps every two weeks. It was suggested that funds could be raised to purchase another SID. Cllr Mears said that we were hoping to be able to do this when the building of the new housing was started at Chestnut Avenue and we receive the money from the 106 agreement. It was reported that parents were still dropping their children off at the side of the main road and parking dangerously, Cllr Mears said letters had been sent out by the school to remind parents of this danger.
5. **Village Reports –**

* 1. Footpath Officers – Cllr Mears reported that Mike Bevan was stepping down from doing the footpath maintenance and that he had been approached by a local person who was prepared to take on the job. Cllr Mears said he would meet with Cllr Rowsell to discuss this. He reminded the meeting that there would no longer be a grant for footpath maintenance.

Cllr Mears said he would write to Mike Bevan, to thank him for his efforts throughout many years doing the job. It was reported that work was needed to be carried out on repairing a footbridge on Brook Farm. This was not the farmers responsibility and work should be done by Balfour Beattie. There was other maintenance work that needed to be done and this would be carried out by a new contractor as soon as this could be sorted. It was noted that planning had been agreed to divert the footpath at Lower Bache.

* 1. Lengthsman Scheme – Brian Tonks produced invoices from Hitrees Ltd and S Rogers for work carried out for maintenance throughout the village. There was £113.50 underspend on the Lengthsman Scheme which would be carried forward into the next years Lengthsman budget. With reference to the laying of fibre optic Wi-Fi cables throughout the village, it was asked when all the problems such as blocked drains, etc., would be rectified? Cllr Stone said that he understood this would be done when the work had been completed, the ground had settled, and then a final inspection would be carried out.

Cllr Mears said he would approach Matt Smith at Hereford Council to confirm this. It was also mentioned that the new laid road surface was already showing signs of wear. Cllr Stone said he would arrange to do a walk around the village with Brian Tonks and Colin Smith.

* 1. Traffic calming/Traffic concerns – Cllr Mears said he had nothing further to add.

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

6.1 PWLB – Loan Payment – bacs - £781.43.

* 1. HALC – Membership - £448.88

It was also agreed to pay: Hitrees Ltd - £955.80

S Rogers - £60.00

**7 Village Hall Repairs –** Still trying to obtain quotes, but it was decided to wait for better weather to do the work and then make a decision on a contractor. The Village Hall would pay £1000 and the Parish Council had budgeted £2000 towards the cost. A convenient date would be arranged with the lady who takes the Hall bookings.

1. **Planning Applications –** 
   1. 190053 – Proposed extension to Petrol Station, Ludlow Road – No comment.
   2. 190318 – Old Vicarage, New Road, Kimbolton, conversion to 2 bedroom dormer-bungalow. After discussion it was decided to ask the planning department to give the Parish Council more time to discuss this with the owner. It was felt there was no problem with the property but the access needed investigating.
   3. 184624 – 1 Hillside Cottages, Kimbolton, proposed 2 bay garage – No comment.
   4. 190380 – Cheaton Barn, Hay Lane, Construction of garage, workshop & store – No comment.
   5. Planning had been approved with reserved conditions – 190644 at The Barn, Hundred Lane, Middleton on the Hill.
2. **Assets of Community Value –** held over.

1. **To note correspondence:**  Nothing to report.
2. **AOB –** 
   1. Dates for 2019/20 meetings were agreed.

11.2 Council elections – the 2nd May 2019 elections were discussed and green forms for application to become a Parish Councillor were given to interested parties.

**13 Matters for next Agenda**

Assets of community value; traffic calming; village hall repairs; report on footpaths; Parish Council elections.

**14 Date of next meeting** –**Tuesday** **7th May 2019.**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.