**KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on

Tuesday 8th January 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), Stephanie Annette (PSO), Angela Ellis (the Clerk) and three 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 – 4th December 2018**, these minutes were adopted and signed.
4. **Public Forum –** Nothing to report.
5. **Village Reports –**

* 1. Footpath Officers – There was nothing to report other than there was a repair needed to a stile at Slaughter Castle and a gate at Yoke Brook.
  2. Lengthsman Scheme – Brian Tonks said he had nothing to report. He was reminded that we would need invoices due from Hitrees Ltd as soon as possible, for the work that had already been carried out, so they could be settled before the 31st March.
  3. Traffic calming/Traffic concerns – Cllr Mears said the SID was currently on and working well. Following comments from a member of the public, Cllr Mears reiterated the point that the device could not be on for more than five consecutive days due to the life of the battery. The battery would then need to be taken out, recharged and refitted. A member of public had offered to take on the task of doing this, but on checking it was confirmed that they would not be covered by the Parish Council’s liability insurance should anything go wrong. Cllr Mears went on to say it is a commonly known fact that these devices are only effective for short term periods and that drivers tend to ignore them if they are a permanent fixture.

At this point Stephanie Annette, our local PSO, was invited to join in with the discussion. She agreed that speeding was a problem through all the villages in her large patch. There was no easy answer and it appeared everything was being done that could be do done and all these things take time to work. Kimbolton was fortunate that the school had enough parking to enable parents to drop their children off safely, even though some parents chose to park on the side of the road to do so. Stephanie had spent time outside the school on a recent morning and had pointed out to these parents the problems they were causing both to other drivers and the safety of their own children. She said that whilst she would like to do this more often, the area that she needed to cover made it impossible. The point was made that there were only 1 PC and 3 PSO to cover all of our area.

Cllr John Stone said how pleased he had been to see that the SID was in operation this evening. He went on to say he had been asked about the speeding both on the A49 and through Kimbolton, especially on the bends between Hays Lane and the Kimbolton turn on the A49. There had been two fatal accidents on these bends in the previous year, not necessarily due to speed, and he had approached the County Council and asked them to arrange for Highway England to do a speed check. This could take some time to get a response. Cllr Stone said that when the 25 new houses were being built the 106 money would come into play and possibly some of these speed problems could be sorted with some of that money.

Stephanie told the meeting that several outbuildings, sheds, etc. were currently being targeted by thieves and pointed out that all property should be security marked so that anything stolen could be identified if found. She said that markers were available free of charge and should anyone want some, they should contact her directly.

She went on to say how many scams were now taking place and said that she would come and do a talk to the community, on this subject, if it could be arranged. It was suggested that perhaps this may well be arranged to take place at one of the Coffee Mornings which were held once a month in the village. Cllr Mears agreed to try and arrange this. Stephanie was thanked for attending and she left the meeting.

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

6.1 Parish Clerk, salary - £402.22 + expenses £153.64 – Total £555.86.

* 1. HMRC – Income Tax (Clerk) - £147.40.
  2. Hereford Council, re: Kimbolton School, bacs receipt £720.00.

**7 Village Hall Repairs –** Still waiting for quotes to be returned.

1. **Whitty Brook Cottage – Footpath** – There had been a dispute with the landowner who, some 35 years ago, had agreed to take out the hedge to make a vehicle entrance (and even helped to do it), which caused the footpath to be moved. The landowner now wanted to footpath to put back in the original place. Both Cllr Stone and the Parish Council had been approached and Cllr Stone said that as this was a civil matter and a land issue and the Parish Council was not able to rule on this.
2. **Planning Applications –** Nothing to report.
3. **Assets of Community Value –** held over.

**11 To note correspondence:**  Nothing to report.

1. **AOB –** 
   1. Whitty Brook Cottages –Broadband installation. Cllr Stone reported that he had visited the occupiers in the lane and discussed the issue of installing the fast broadband with them. They said that they did not need fast broadband. It was pointed out that other future occupiers could certainly want it. They were assured that the broadband contractors had confirmed that there should not be any damage done to the lane and if by chance there was, it would be put right.
   2. It was noted that there was a problem with the stone wall belonging to the school. Cllr Mears said he would bring the matter up at the next Premises Meeting.

**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** **5th March 2019.**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.