

## **KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 7.45pm

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr John Stone (Ward Councillor), and Brian Tonks (Lengthsman).

### **1 Apologies for absence**

None declared.

### **2 To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest**

Councillor Brian Morris declared an interest as the landowner in planning application P203294/U Grantsfield Farm Buildings – Lawful Permission of a mobile home. He was asked to leave the meeting during this item.

### **3 To adopt Minutes of the previous meeting** – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were confirmed (to be signed at a later date by the Chairman).

### **4 Village Reports –**

**4.1 Footpath Officers** – No items to report. Councillor Mears thanked Brian Tonks for all his hard work and voluntary efforts during 2020.

**4.2 Lengthsman Scheme** – Continued flooding issues at the bottom of Stanley Bank/Hamish Junction and Slaughter Castle bend were re-visited. It was proposed that John Stone, Brian Tonks, Will Mears and Lee Fishwick meet on site to discuss and review the potential options. Brian Tonks mentioned that he would book in Hitrees to carry out annual parish wide ditch inlet junction cleaning during spring 2021.

**4.3 Traffic Calming** – Cllr Mears said that there again had been no further update from the Stockton Rock development which would provide funds for future traffic calming projects to include village gates, and additional line marking. He again was activating the SID unit as much as practical.

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

**5.1** The 2021/2022 budget was proposed, reviewed and agreed unanimously. A potential deficit of £1,186.18 would show during the next financial year due to the unforeseen removal of a dangerous ash tree at Kimbolton village hall. The figure would be offset against the clerks wage retention during the second half of 2020/2021. The Parish Council agreed that a proposed increase of the precept would not be prudent during the current COVID 19 pandemic and would review this again later into 2021.

**5.2** It was agreed that councillor Mears would go ahead and order one pallet of sand bags to be held at Kimbolton Village Hall in case of emergency flooding.

## **6 Kimbolton Village Hall –**

A request was made by the village hall committee to drain down and isolate the water supply at Kimbolton Village hall as a precaution against legionella and frost damage. Betty Read had kindly offered to provide these works.

## **7 Hamnish Village Hall –**

The confirmed donation towards Hamish Village Hall cladding was discussed and it was agreed to hold the monies until required during the re-furnishment works.

## **8 Planning –**

- 8.1 P203480/FH – 2 Hillside Cottages – proposed extension. No issues raised.
- 8.2 P203316/O – Land adjacent to Brook House Bungalow – proposed construction of 2 x two story properties (comment submitted 18/11/20). Issue raised to include potential drainage and flooding
- 8.3 P203294/U Grantsfield Farm Buildings – Lawful Permission of a mobile home. Comments not required from councillors.
- 8.4 P202182/PA7 Mr S Rogers – Pateshall Farm offsite buildings – Proposed construction of an agricultural building. Comments not required from councillors.

## **9 Assets of Community Value – Carried forward**

## **10 To note correspondence:**

The Parish Council had received various correspondence via Hereford Council offering ongoing support contacts during the COVID 19 pandemic. Councillor Stone mentioned that COVID 19 testing was now available in the Broad Street Car Park, Leominster.

## **11 AOB –**

Councillor Mears reiterated that there were still issues regarding the ongoing Gigaclear insulation especially where the cables have been buried in roadside verges and ditches. In many areas the cables are less than 150mm below ground. Faults had been reported as discovered, but responses very slow and repair work quality poor.

## **12 Public Forum – No members of the public participated.**

**13 Matters for next Agenda -**

Assets of community value; traffic calming; report on footpaths; Hamnish Churchyard & Village Hall, bus shelter, Hamnish notice board.

**14 Date of next meeting** – January 12<sup>th</sup> 2021 (postponed until January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021).

**15 The meeting was closed at 20:45**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....