

## **KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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, Brian Tonks (Lengthsman) and Angela Ellis (Clerk).

- 1 Apologies for absence:** None
- 2 To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest** – received from Cllr Brian Morris reference item 11.2 on the agenda.
- 3 To adopt Minutes of previous meeting** – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were confirmed (to be signed at a later date by the Chairman).
- 4 Village Reports –**

**4.1 Footpath Officers** – Cllr Mears reported that he had been in contact with Balfour Beattie on several occasions to order posts, etc, required for repairing stiles and gates in the area. This had turned out to be quite an extensive, difficult and frustrating process, and although he had now managed to order the items, he did not know how long it would be before receiving them. On this basis it was agreed that Cllr Mears should order 30 direction arrows for the posts on the internet as they were one of the most urgent items required by Brian Tonks. Brian Tonks reported that Hardwick Maintenance (A Hollowood) had completed strimming and clearing footpaths around the village and would be making the necessary repairs to the stiles, etc when the parts had been received. Cllr Doug Underwood reported that there was a footbridge near his property which needed repair, Brian Tonks agreed to go and look at it. It was also reported that the notice board at Hamnish and the Kimbolton bus shelter both needed some repair and Brian said he would also go and check these.

Cllr John Stone said that the delicate problem with a member of public in Whitty Brook Lane, reference a stile/gate, was ongoing. He went on to say he had visited the family and felt this now needed to move on and would speak to them again and report at the next meeting.

**4.2 Lengthsman Scheme** – Brian Tonks reported that he was happy and that all the footpaths would be cut throughout the village next week by Hitrees. A member of public had contacted Cllr Mears to report the overgrowth of hedge near to the school, this had now been cut back. Cllr Mears said that there was a grant available from Herefordshire Council for drainage projects and although we had not applied in the first round, we could apply at the second round if anyone had a project in mind. We would need quotes etc., to do this, and the process would quite involved.

**4.3 Traffic Calming**– Cllr Mears said that the SID had been deployed two weeks ago and he would try to set it up again next week.

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

5.1 Parish Clerk's salary - £301.02

5.2 HMRC – Income Tax (Clerk) - £248.40

5.3 J & S Garden Services, Church yard mowing -July - £300.00

5.4 PWLB Loan bacs - £781.43

5.5 Hardwick Property & Garden Maintenance - £135.00

- 6 Village Hall** – Cllr Mears reiterated the previous unsafe condition of the roadside ash tree, and all Councillors were re-assured to hear that it has now been removed. An original village hall sign was retrieved from the tree at the time of removal. A big thank you to Brian Tonks who has very kindly refurbished the sign, which is now ready to be re-located. This is going to be fitted to an oak post, which has been kindly donated anonymously, where the original tree stump is located. A quote had been obtained from Hardwick Property & Garden Maintenance to fit the sign - £140.00. It was agreed to go ahead with this.

The wicket gate had also been repaired and Brian Tonks said that he would be happy to paint it. It was agreed that there should be gates at the entrance to the village hall and we would need to look into doing this in the near future.

- 7 Hamnish Village Hall** – Cllr Mears re-iterated that £2000 had been set aside in the budget to help with the cost of the re-cladding for Hamnish Village Hall. Cllr Mears agreed to speak to David Cornwallis to clarify this.

## **8 Planning –**

8.1 202374 – Kimbolton Court, two small extensions to existing dwelling. It was agreed there was no problem with this application.

8.2 Preliminary proposal to construct two modest cottages at Hopnall Way for first time buyers/younger persons (no formal application submitted at this time). The Parish Council have been approached informally by a local resident who is considering submitting an application to construct two modest cottages in their garden. At this stage they were enquiring to see if Councillors had any concerns. The Councillors acknowledged that the proposal does not fit directly within the Neighbourhood Plan, although generally felt they had no objections with the proposal on the basis that it would support first time buyers/support the younger generation within the village.

- 9 Assets of Community Value** – Carried forward

## **10 To note correspondence:**

- 10.1 A letter had been received from the Group Parish Magazine thanking the Parish Council for their donation. The editor and her team were thanked for doing such a brilliant job producing the magazine.

**11 AOB –**

- 11.1 Demand for Maintenance Payment – Ryde Lane. The Parish Council had received an email from a property owner, requesting a 50% payment contribution for recent surface repairs to Ryde Lane. After discussion it was agreed that this is known as a private un-adopted road and therefore there is no maintenance liability required by the Parish Council.
  
- 11.2 Query over the replacement of a mobile home at Grantsfield Farm. (Cllr Morris left the meeting) - Both Cllr Mears and Cllr Stone had received phone calls concerning the placement of a new mobile home at Grantsfield Farm, and whether or not this had needed planning permission. Cllr Mears had spoken to the owner and was told this was to be a replacement for an existing mobile home which had been in place for approximately 18 years previously. Cllr Stone had advised the owner should speak to Herefordshire Council planning department and that they had now been duly informed.

AMENDMENT – The above information was queried by a member of the public and reviewed during a following Parish Council meeting on 4/5/21. It was clarified that the information received regarding the item as above 1/9/21 11.2 was given verbally by the landowner and acknowledged in good faith.

**12 Public Forum –** No member of the public participated.

**13 Matters for next Agenda -**

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

**14 Date of next meeting –**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**15 The meeting was closed at 20.40**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....