

KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 19th January 2021 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 Henry Beaumont declared an interest regarding item P204215/F Lea Farm - proposed sighting of 3 No' Shepherds Huts with associated facilities. He was asked to leave the meeting during this item.

3 To adopt Minutes of the previous meeting – 1st December 2020 were confirmed (to be signed at a later date by the Chairman).

4 Village Reports –

4.1 Footpath Officers – Brian Tonks (footpaths officer) reported that no significant works had been carried out recently due to the ongoing wet weather conditions. He proposed a number of potential small repairs to various footbridges to include replacement of missing handrails. An order for replacement timber to carry out small works style repairs would be made once the weather conditions had improved. It was noted that a former gate crossing point at Mennals Farm east to west Coglewell brook had been reverted to a style crossing due to the surrounding land gradient. Installation of an additional crossing plank was proposed to improve the crossing access.

4.2 Lengthsman Scheme – Ongoing current flooding locations were discussed and reviewed. Councillor Stone, Councillor Mears and Brian Tonks (lengthsman rep) had met recently at the Stanley bank junction to discuss practical options of improving the drainage outflow. Councillor Stone reiterated that all current drainage issues had been reported to Herefordshire Council and a priority list was in the process of being tackled across the County. He noted that the current blocked drain outside Kimbolton Village Hall A4112 was due to be cleared by the end of January.

4.3 Traffic Calming – Councillor Mears said that the SID had been activated during early January, and there were no further updates regarding future grants at present.

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

5.1 An invoice had been submitted for supply of sandbags at a cost of **£112.50 + VAT** (via Leo Pest Control enabling card payment over the phone) and was agreed for payment.

5.2 It was proposed that electronic banking should be explored for the future clerks role.

5 Kimbolton Village Hall –

No issues were raised regarding Kimbolton Village Hall. The Parish Council were looking forward to the hall potentially re-opening later in 2021 post COVID 19. The option of installation wooden gates to the entrance of the hall would also be re-visited during summer 2021.

6 Hamnish Village Hall –

No issues were raised regarding Hamnish Village Hall. The Parish Council were looking forward to the hall potentially re-opening later in 2021 post COVID 19. A previous donation agreed towards re-cladding of the hall remains 'ring fenced' in preparation for planned future improvement works.

7 Planning –

7.1 P204215/F Lea Farm - proposed sighting of 3 No' Shepherds Huts with associated facilities. No concerns were raised the proposal was complimented on the basis of agricultural diversification and promotion of tourism in the local area.

8 Assets of Community Value -

8.1 A new sub-committee was formed to begin the applications for previously listed potential assets of community value. The elected sub-committee members were councillors Edward Rollings, Becky Beaumont and Henry Beaumont.

9 To note correspondence -

The Parish Council had continued to receive various correspondence via Hereford Council offering ongoing support contacts during the COVID 19 pandemic.

AOB –

Councillor Mears noted that Ang Ellis (Parish Clerk) had formally stepped down, and that the position would be advertised during spring 2021. He reiterated how grateful the Parish Council were for her commitment during the past few years. Councillor Stone confirmed that council tax rates would be increased by 4.9% under Herefordshire Council into 2021.

10 Public Forum – No members of the public participated.

11 Matters for next Agenda –

Update on flooding, update on road repairs, Footpaths and Lengthsman spring projects.

12 Date of next meeting – 2nd March 2021

13 The meeting was closed at 20:40

Signed:

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