

KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 4th May 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

1 Apologies for absence

None declared.

2 To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest

Henry Beaumont and Becky Beaumont declared an interest in planning item 8.2 – 204215 and were asked to leave the meeting during this item. Brian Morris declared an interest in item 11.1 requested amendment to factual information noted on minutes dated 1/9/20 and was asked to leave the meeting during this item.

3 To adopt Minutes of the previous meeting – Minutes of 2nd March 2021 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 strimming through the main A4112 footpaths was due to be undertaken during June once the growing season had established. Weed control, strimming of frequently used footpaths and crossings was also scheduled as normal during summer 2021. He also requested that previously discussed individual footpath 'branch off' KB signs be followed up - Councillor Mears agreed to this through Sign It of Leominster.

4.2 Lengthsman Scheme – Councillor John Stone reported that the Stanley Bank junction road drains had now been jetted and cleared, although more long term exploration and upgrading of the current system was still required. A village walk about was proposed to be accompanied by the Balfour Beaty locality steward during the next few weeks to review current areas of road and drainage condition. The re-cap these areas include Stanley Bank Junction drainage, road above Lower Stockton drainage, road to pike cottage subsidence, road to Hamnish Church potholes, road corner below Slaughter Castle drainage.

4.3 Traffic Calming – Councillor Mears said that he had activated the SID Unit during the end of April, and again sadly there was no further information regarding off set traffic calming grants from Stockton Field Development due to the project being on hold.

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

5.1 An invoice had been received from J & S Garden Services value of £250 + VAT for Kimbolton Churchyard mowing (one of three contract cuts between volunteer works) **£250 + VAT – agreed for payment, cheque No’ 760.**

5.2 The annual KimboltonHamnish website hosting fee had been received from Orphans Press value of **£150 + VAT – agreed for payment, cheque No’ 761.**

5.3 The first half yearly period 1 precept payment of £4,775.75 + VAT had also been received.

6 Kimbolton Village Hall –

No issues were raised regarding Kimbolton Village Hall. Brian Tonks had recently kindly completed white line painting of the access steps. The water supply had now been re-installed after winter 2020/2021 and lockdown. Potential installation of new access gates set back in from the main road were reviewed for further consideration later into 2021.

7 Hamnish Village Hall –

No issues were raised regarding Hamnish Village Hall. The existing donation commitment of £2000 towards re-cladding remains live.

8 Planning –

- 8.1 210454 – Flintlock Farm proposed temporary rural worker’s dwelling together with associated hard standing and buildings - The Parish Council have significant concerns regarding this application under the current neighbourhood plan guidance and comments had been forwarded accordingly.
- 8.2 204215 – The Lea Farm proposed installation of three shepherds huts for holiday accommodation amendment of location plans – no concerns were raised regarding this application.
- 8.3 P210679/V – Slaughter Castle proposed ‘certificate of lawfulness’ sighting of a mobile chalet - comments where not required from councillors regarding this application.

9 Assets of Community Value -

9.1 The newly elected sub-committee members again agreed that face to face meetings would be held once the COVID 19 precautions allowed later into summer 2021. Members are Councillors Edward Rollings, Becky Beaumont and Henry Beaumont.

10 To note correspondence -

Various correspondence continues to be received regarding ongoing HALC and COVID 19 support. The Parish Council had now been notified that face to face meetings must resume by law after June 2021 unless any further lockdown restrictions were varied/enforced.

10 AOB – A member of the public had approached the Parish Council regarding minutes dated 1/9/20 item 11.2 - lawful sighting of a mobile home at Grantsfield Farm. A query was raised against how information was received from the landowner. The minutes stated that 'a mobile home had been in situ on site for approximately eighteen years'. For clarification purposes this information was received verbally from the landowner and taken in good faith. It was unanimously agreed that a note would be added to these minutes ensuring that the way in which this information had been received was not misleading.

11 Public Forum – no items were raised.

12 Matters for next Agenda –

Introduction from new chairperson, update on Stockton Field development, update on village walk about. Liability Insurance renewal. Formal advert for new clerks role.

13 Date of next meeting – 15th June 2021.

14 The meeting was closed at 21:05

Signed:

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