

KIMBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Face to Face Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th September 2021 at 7.45pm

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

In Attendance: John Stone (Ward Councillor) Brian Tonks (Lengthsman and Footpath Co-ordinator), David Cornwallis (trustee of Haminsh Village Hall).

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Becky Morris and Brian Morris.

2. To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest

None Declared.

3. To adopt Minutes of the previous meeting – Minutes of 27th July 2021 were confirmed.

4. Village Reports

4.1 Footpath Officers – Brian Tonks (footpaths officer) reported that routine strimming of the primary footpath crossing areas in Kimbolton and Hamnish had continued together with weed killer application (on Council locations/roadsides only, not private land). Strimming has also taken place around the parish grit bins together with re-painting of marker posts. The hedge outside Kimbolton Village hall had also been trimmed. Extensive repair works has been completed to footpath bridge on KB58. Brian mentioned that he had found a potential supplier for KB specific marker arrows at a cost of £2.45 + VAT each. It was agreed to proceed and order 112 identified markers. Brian was thanked for all his continued efforts.

4.2 Lengthsman Scheme – Brian Tonks reported that there have been no significant Lengthsman works carried out to date. Priority drainage and road surface issues to 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 were reviewed. It was noted that verge markers had been installed along the road the Pike Cottage which had then been subsequently damaged during Herefordshire Council verge trimming works. Brian Tonks was thanks for all his efforts maintaining the village planters.

4.3 Traffic Calming – No updates to report other than the SID had been activated again recently by Cllr Mears. The Parish Council is still awaiting news on potential off set 106 grant money from the Stockton Field development which would contribute towards further traffic calming measures.

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

- 5.1** Two invoices had been received from Hardwick Property Maintenance for strimming, weed control, style and bridge repairs value of **£384 agreed for payment cheque No' 767**
- 5.2** An invoice had been received from Hornsey Steels for Hamnish Village Hall re-cladding value of **£3,989.17 + VAT – agreed for payment cheque No' 768**
- 5.4** The annual accounts 2020/2021 were distributed and reviewed by the councillors. It was agreed unanimously that the accounts were true and accurate to date.

6. Kimbolton Village Hall –

- 6.1** Installation of new electric heaters has now been completed. Potential installation of entrance gates and funding options is going. The village hall committee are also requesting quotations to install a new kitchen and associated flooring.

7. Hamnish Village Hall –

- 7.1** David Cornwallis kindly spoke about the ongoing Hamnish village hall refurbishments to include re-cladding and replacement windows.

8. Planning –

- 8.1 P212013 F/H** Stocktonbury Cottage - demolishing and replacement of outbuilding (acknowledgement – planning passed) – No concerns raised.
- 8.2 P212625 F/H** Little Grantsfield - construction of single story extension (acknowledgement – planning passed) – No concerns raised.
- 8.3 P213061** Hawksbury – proposed replacement of utility room – no concerns raised.

9. Assets of Community Value -

- 9.1** David Cornwallis kindly spoke about the recent successful application made covering Hamish Village Hall. He explained that the process for one single site was very complex and time consuming. The listing then also only remains live for five years. The Councillors discussed how potential applications may be processed practically going forward.

10. One person had come forward and applied for the role of clerk. An interviewed was subsequently held and the role was duly accepted. Bell Beaumont will now officially join the Parish Council as clerk. Bell brings a wealth of experience as a professional accounts administrator and long standing roles within Herefordshire Young Farmers.

11. To note correspondence -

Various correspondence continues to be received regarding ongoing HALC and COVID 19 support.

12. AOB – Nothing to report.

13. Public Forum – no items were raised.

14. Matters for next Agenda –

Update on footpaths and lengthsman schemes. Review of parish noticed boards. Update on Kimbolton and Hamnish Village Halls, Update on speeding issues. Update on assets of community value.

15. Date of next meeting – 12th October 2021.

16. The meeting was closed at 20:45

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