

Kimbolton Parish Council

Kimbolton Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Kimbolton Annual Parish Meeting at Kimbolton Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Will Mears, Doug Underwood, Henry Beaumont, Brian Morris, Jo Read, Edward Rollings.

In Attendance: Cllr John Stone, the Clerk Miss Annabel Beaumont.

1. Apologies for Absence: Becky Beaumont.

2. To adopt Minutes of previous meeting – 4th May 2021. These minutes were adopted and signed.

3. Chairman's Report 2020/2021 – Given by Edward Rollings

As the Kimbolton and Hamnish parish council I think we can look back on it as another positive year. We've delivered services that have helped to keep our parishes functioning, open and looking well, whilst keeping our precept at the same level and one of the lowest around. In no small part to all our councillors, giving up their time over the year.

I would like to thank Bell for stepping up to be our clerk. Also thank you to Henry and Doug for their continued wealth of local knowledge

And Will for his support to me in the handover of the role of chair.

It's great to hear that the Hamnish village hall refurbishment has taken great steps towards completion, special thanks should go to David Cornwallis.

We have possibly seen engineering works to finally alleviate the flooding issue at Stanley Bank.

And that gives me an opportunity to extend a special thank you to Brian Tonks for all he's done this year on the footpaths and lengthman scheme and the flower boxes. as well at John Stone for his time and lobbying of Herefordshire council and BB.

A final thank you and our gratitude should go to all those that volunteer around the villages, grass cutting at the church yards and village halls.

4. Election of a Chair

Ed Rollings was re-elected as Chair Proposed by Henry Beaumont, Seconded by Will Mears. Unanimously agreed.

5. Election of a Vice Chair

Will Mears was re-elected as Vice-Chair Proposed by Ed Rollings, Seconded by Jo Read. Unanimously agreed.

6. Election of Sub-Committee members –

Asset of Community Value - Becky Beaumont, Ed Rollings and Henry Beaumont

Complaints, Data protection and HR – Will Mears, Jo Read and Brian Morris

Emergency planning and H&S – Doug Underwood, Will Mears, Jo Read and Brian Morris

7. Report from Councillor John Stone

It is good to be back to in person meetings again rather than having to rely on Zoom. A year ago we were just emerging from the third lockdown so it is good to see our towns and villages busy once again and familiar activities and social events taking place like the Kimbolton Coffee Morning. The May Fair has been in Leominster and in March there was an Independents Day in the town with free parking, stalls and competition and a real buzz everywhere. The idea was to support our local businesses and the local economy. Essential shops kept us going during the lockdowns and cafes and

pubs with take outs and it is our turn to help them through these difficult economic times. The Shop Local Card was also very popular with 60,000 cards issued across the county up to March 31st and £ 825,000 spent to the benefit of local businesses.

Recycling Centres

The household recycling centres now operate their summer hours with Bridge Street open seven days a week from 8am to 6pm. Residents still need to book slots and this prevents queues building up at the sites. They perform an efficient and popular service.

The county's Recycler Envirosort has to reject 2,900 tonnes of material a year because of items placed in the wrong bins. This amounts to 250 waste lorry loads. A Green Bin campaign has been given the green light to encourage everyone to recycle more and place the right items in the right bin. The campaign will cover newspapers, radio, bin lorries and social media to reach as many residents as possible.

Balfour Beatty

I am most grateful to our locality steward Lee Fishwick for his assistance but even more to Brian Tonks our very active Lengthsman Coordinator. He keeps us up to date on stiles, potholes and gullies that need attention and I enjoy my Parish tours with him in our beautiful countryside. Brian does much else besides including looking after the planters and in all sorts of ways going beyond the call of duty. Funds for our roads are always short but Brian helps ensure we get value for money in Kimbolton.

Stanley Bank

I am pleased to report that a drainage scheme has at last been carried out on the C1055 junction with Bache Lane. It was closed for over 6 weeks in the winter of 2021 due to flooding. Work took place last week (April 24 – 29) by Balfour Beatty to lay a new drainage pipe from the existing gullies to the brook across the road. All three gullies including the new one are clear and working. Cameras have been used to check for blockages. We are grateful for the cooperation and support of the landowner. There is no guarantee about possible flooding in the future because this junction is the lowest point in the road but I hope the work carried out will make a significant difference.

Pyke Cottage road

The Parish Council chairman has discussed a possible drainage scheme in the lane, paid for by a Council drainage grant. It would be good if the ongoing drainage issues there could be addressed as funding is available but we await the outcome of these discussions.

Finally, Traffic Regulation Orders and Public Rights Of Way have now been transferred from Balfour Beatty to Herefordshire Council. I think the same officers are involved!

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Please continue to report blocked drains and potholes on the Herefordshire website or by phoning 01432 261 800. Please don't wait for someone else. Please contact me if necessary.

Schools

I continue to serve as a governor at Kimbolton Primary School and Earl Mortimer College. Kimbolton School has coped remarkably well during the pandemic keeping parents well informed and keeping absences to a minimum. Thanks are due to the head teacher and all the staff. Many children across the country have had their education disrupted and missed out on sporting and social activities during the long lockdowns and it is important that they are all back in the classroom. 3,900 children and young people in the county in receipt of free school meals benefited from food vouchers during the Easter holidays and a programme of holiday activities also proved popular. Over 2,000 teenagers in the county in Years 11,12 and 13 have also enjoyed free gym membership in this academic year. All these initiatives paid for by Covid Recovery grants are helping and supporting children and families throughout Herefordshire.

Ukraine

We have all been shocked by the war in Ukraine and the growing evidence of atrocities. Many Herefordshire families are offering homes for refugees and although the visa system is slow the Council is doing everything possible to assist. Herefordshire was the first county to accept Belgian refugees in the First World War and I am sure will be just as generous and welcoming in 2022. Supplies to be taken to Poland can be left at Bridge Street Leominster and donations given to the well-known charities like the Red Cross. With the war showing no signs of ending continued support will be needed.

My thanks to Ed Rollings and all the Parish Council for their service to the community during the year and to all the voluntary groups and societies in the village.

We have the Platinum Jubilee weekend to look forward to at the beginning of June when we can celebrate The Queen’s remarkable 70 years on the throne. She has been a constant part of our lives and her sense of duty in good times and bad has been an inspiration. We have much to thank Her for. Let’s all enjoy this unique occasion.

8. Community Reports – to receive annual reports from Kimbolton community groups and organisations.

8.1 – Gun Club – up and running again after COVID, costing £5.00 a week to attend. North Hereford league is struggling with members.

8.2 – Gardening Club is back and really starting to take off after 100 attended the first meeting.

9. Open discussion – None to discuss.

Meeting closed at 7.22pm

Signed:

Date:

Mr E Rollings – Parish Council Chairman

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