

## Kimbolton Parish Council

Minutes of the Face to Face Parish Council Meeting at Kimbolton Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December 2025 at 7.45pm

**Present:** Cllrs Ed Rollings, Becky Beaumont, Jo Read, Henry Beaumont & Brian Morris.

**In Attendance:** John Stone & Graham Jones.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.** – Will Mears, Doung Underwood & Matt Healey
2. **To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interest** - None
3. **To adopt minutes of the previous meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – Agreed  
- 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Agreed
4. **Village Reports –**
  - 4.1 **Footpaths**
    - PRow grant accepted from Herefordshire council. £4200.00 + £1990.00 covered by the parish council
    - Brightwells have approved replacing the gate, Leominster Walkers group will supply the gate and we will supply the labour to install it. Ed will talk to Matt Heeley to arrange a time to get it installed.
    - The style, bridge and kissing gates by Brian Morris need replacing, Matt Heeley to look into.
  - 4.2 **Lengthsman**
    - Confirmation of drainage grant £2180.00 worth of works. This is not the full amount that we applied for. But they have stated that more might be released later.
    - The £2180.00 covers the cost of Slaughter Castle works.
  - 4.3 **Update on A4112 Road Safety/Speeding.**
    - Police camera van has been very active in the village over the last few months.
    - Still in search of the second SID location
5. **Finance – To note the financial position and consider the following payments**
  - 5.1. – Budget 2026/2027
    - Precept increase from 2025-26 £12,000 to £12,500 for 2026-27
    - 2026-27 Budget deficit -£1264 from -£900 in 2025-26
    - Cash balance estimated to be £16,000 at the end of 2025-26
    - Significant changes - Anticipated reduction in Herefordshire Council Lengthsman scheme budget from £2760.00 to £1380.00. Increase the parish's lengthsman budget from £1200 to £2000 to help reduce to shortfall.
    - Lengthsman request for 1-2 days use of a jetter (c. £1050 /day) could be partially covered by both lengthsman budgets and/or draw down some on the cash balance we currently have.
      - **Proposed: Becky Beaumont**
      - **Seconded: Jo Read**
      - **Agreed by all present**
  - 5.2. – Invoice J and S Garden Services 1420 – Kimbolton Churchyard Mowing - £300.00 -  
**Agreed by all present**
6. **Kimbolton Village Hall.**
  - No comments
7. **Hamnish Village Hall**
  - No Comments

**8. Planning Applications –**

- 8.1. - [Planning Search – Herefordshire Council](#) - Whylebrook Orchard Hamnish Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0QP - Application for a low impact Traveller site and associated works, including hardstanding, amenity building and drainage details (retrospective).
- o Still awaiting decision from the council planning department. Decision date pushed back until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

**9. Assets of Community Value.**

- Found photos of the pub in use
- Ed ready to send in the application, should be in before the end of the year.

**10. To note Correspondence**

- None

**11. Any Other Business**

**1.1 – New Notice Boards**

- o Ed and Bell have applied for the lottery grant, waiting on application, it might take 12 weeks.

**1.3 - Website**

- o Members of the public have raised issues with the website nothing being fit for purpose. Background – the website was originally set up for the parish plan consultation and therefore does concentrate on that, more than a website for parish news. Having reviewed the budget and how much the website is used, Ed has proposed that the website should put the online version of the Roundabout magazine front and centre. This will provide the information for the public and not double count information. It can be done with minimum spend.
- o Becky has offered to review the website

**12. Public Forum – To receive comments from members of the public. –None made**

**13. To raise matters for next agenda**

- 13.1. New notice boards
- 13.2. Second SID
- 13.3. Website

**14. To note date of next meeting - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**15. Close the Meeting at 8.20pm**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

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