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# KIMBOLTON & STONELY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Council meeting held at 7 p.m. on Thursday 25 August 2022 in the Youth Hall at the Mandeville Hall, Kimbolton.

**PRESENT** Councillors P Seabrook; Mrs D Hellett; Mrs R Lloyd and J Gray

**IN ATTENDANCE**  County Councillor I Gardener; Lionel Thatcher, Clerk to the Council and 2 members of the public.

**120/22 APOLOGIES** were received from Councillors Mrs E Milne; Mrs J Stainer; L Farrer; K Hutchinson; R Gooderham; Ms H Bradbury; Ms C Jessup. and District Councillor J Gray.

**121/22 PUBLIC FORUM**  The Chairman welcomed Mr Chris Davies of Rotary. He explained his vision for the Butts site, which included bluebells, cowslips, and native trees, to be sited 6m apart. He hopes to hold a planting event in November, possibly 19th and 20th. The trees have been ordered – a wildlife pack of 105 trees from Woodland Trust, comprising such trees as hazel, oak, and rowan. These will be free of charge, but there will be a £1000 investment in bulbs and seeds.

A risk assessment will be carried out when more detail is known.

The Chairman thanked Mr Davies for his work on the project.

Also welcomed was Anna Bradley-Dorman of Huntingdonshire District Council, who was attending to promote funding from the Integrated Care System to look at community health issues in specific areas.

This is a one year project and the District Council proposes starting with 14 recognised organisations which worked with them during the Covid lockdown. Kimbolton is included because the Clerk acted as co-ordinator and primary distributor for the distribution of medicines to patients of Kimbolton Medical Centre who lived in surrounding villages and were unable to collect them themselves.

There will be a £2500 start-up fund, to enable the launch of the project and could be used for publicity, printing, hire of venues and events to promote the scheme. We would need to determine local needs, following which, if accepted, further funding would be available.

She did not require a decision tonight, but suggested that she would like to meet with 3 or 4 members to discuss possibilities before our next meeting. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting and to also form a Working Party to liaise with Ms Bradley-Dorman.

**122/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None were reported..

**123/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR** Ian Gardener said that the pedestrian crossing work has commenced and the ramp has been installed. Unfortunately, the supply of the posts for the beacons has been delayed by 14 weeks, so the actual crossing will not be marked yet. He has placed a funding application for £11000 to cover the shortfall, on our behalf and a decision will be made on 22 September.

Two new reservoirs are proposed by Anglian Water, one in Lincs and the other in The Fens.

The dualling of the A428 from Caxton Gibbet to Black Cat will commence this year and has an expected completion date of the end of 2025/early 2026.

East/west rail link from Bedford to Cambridge has been cancelled.

Councillor Gardener left the meeting/

**124/22 MINUTES** of the Council meeting of 28 July 2022 were read, approved and signed as a true record of that meeting.

**125/22 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Neighbourhood Watch. No report
2. Pound Lane It was agreed to ask John Lightfoot to prepare a specification for the work which could be used in obtaining quotes.
3. Pedestrian Crossing Work is at last underway with building the platform.
4. Cemetery Wall repairs. Quotes will be sought

e) MVAS signs The Clerk suggested asking a Tilbrook councillor for advice on setting up the signs, since they maintain three of them.

1. Street Market. The market was thought to have been a success and the stallholders were pleased with the turnout.

g) Mandeville Hall charges Councillor Hutchinson said there hasn’t yet been a meeting at which he could raise our proposals.

h). Allotments Rubbish. It is proving difficult to obtain quotes and has been suggested that Matthew Hellett might be willing to offer a price.

j) Statty Fair So far as we are aware, the Fair will be going ahead.

k) Playpark. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hellett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lloyd and unanimously agreed to accept the quote of Online Playgrounds in the sum of £7529 plus VAT for reinstalling the roundabout and upgrading the safety surface to present-day standards.

**126/22 PLANNING**

a)The following applications were considered –

22/01687 Beacon Finance, Thrapston Rd, Kimbolton – prune tree with TPO to provide space for belisha beacon. Proposed Councillor Mrs Hellett, seconded Councillor Gray and unanimously agreed no objection.

**127/22 REPORTS**

Allotments It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Hellett, seconded by Councillor Gray and agreed to clear Plot 7 and to accept a charge of up to £200 for doing so. Reminder letters regarding cultivation will also be sent to two tenants and signage warning of the presence of CCTV cameras will be installed.

Cemetery Cottage. It was agreed to replace the broken dishwasher with a tumble dryer (as requested by the tenant) and this will require some carpentry to alter the cabinets to accommodate it. It was also agreed to investigate the provision of modern storage heaters to replace the original ones an to see if anything could be done to improve insulation.

Village Maintenance

The exercise machine which has a bolt missing needs taping off.

Playpark gates need new catches

The hole in the fence at rear of house into playpark needs blocking

A quote will be requested for a new light in Thrapston Rd

Causeway pavement breaking up

The Leys notice board needs varnishing.

Spoil left by Brookside following Anglian Water works.

Outside Bodies

Mandeville Hall – No report

Kimbolton Trust. No report

Kimbolton School Governors. No report

**128/22 FLOOD ACTION** The Clerk read a letter received by the Chairman from the Environment Agency, in which they outlined their plans for flood prevention.

**129/22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** switch-on. It was agreed that this should be on 4 December, to coincide with the School Christmas Fair. It was proposed by Councillor Gray, seconded by Councillor Mrs Hellett and unanimously agreed to seek a road closure and hold a street market plus, possibly, music. High St businesses will be informed and invited to participate.

**130/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing other than that already circulated.

**131/22 THE BUTTS TREE PLANTING**

Dealt with under 121/22 above.

**132/22 ACCOUNTS**

1. The following were approved for payment –

K & M Lighting streetlight maintenance 256.30

Robinsons MoT on Honda 54.85

MG Recycling Skip hire 260.40

Anglian Water Allotment water 158.04

Information Commissioner renewal fee 40.00

Payroll costs Pay, PAYE & NIC 2739.83

**133/22 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR** was unable to be present

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**134/22 HIGH ST CAR PARKING** no report

**135/22 MEMBERS’ POINTS OF INFORMATION**

Councillor Gray referred to tyres which have been deposited on Rookery Lane. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Mrs Lloyd said that the hedge at the corner of Stow Rd and Newtown was even more overgrown.

**136/22 NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next normal meeting of Council will be held in the Youth Room at the Mandeville Hall on Thursday 29 September 2022 commencing at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2205 hours.