

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council Held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room At 7.30pm on Monday 16th April 2018

PRESENT: Cllr R Morse (Chair), Cllrs R Butt, S Gibbs, D Hudson, A Jolliffe and K Lewis (Vice Chair).

ABSENT: -

ATTENDING: Cllr Edward Drewe, Mendip DC; Two members of the public; L Welch (Parish Clerk).

846. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness were received and accepted from Cllr Hudson. Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Mike Pullin.

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847. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Jolliffe declared a personal interest in Item 11 Planning Application, Village Shop and Café.

848. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th March 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.

849. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

The Chairman welcomed the new owners of a property in Hoares Lane, who outlined proposals for a planning application to include a new driveway and garage. Topsoil and grass seed would then be applied to rectify the existing damage to the green space in front of the property. The suggestions were met positively, it looks like a sensible scheme.

850. VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

There were no applicants, this would be kept on the agenda.

851. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**.

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
N Taylor	Footpath works	£100.00	£100.00	LGA 1972, s143	001234
L Welch	Salary (Feb)	£241.62	£241.62	LGA 1972, s112	001236
1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Domain renewal .co.uk	£11.99	£9.99	LGA 1972, S111	001237
Big Wood Play Systems	Play area repairs	£550.00	£550.00	LGA 1972, s111	001238

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852. MISSING BOLLARD AT THE TREATMENT WORKS

Noted that subject to budget constraints, Sustrans will try to schedule the replacement of the bollard in this financial year.

853. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(1) Moving the 30mph signs to their original positions, with gates outside no. 3 and at the bottom of the hill – the Parish Council has previously agreed to fund 50% of the works and this is waiting to go on the Highways schedule of works.

Cllr Hudson arrived at 8pm.

(2) Feedback from Cllr Drewe regarding the possibility of being part of local initiatives to reduce speed – County Councillors and District Councillors are calling a meeting with reps from all local Parish Councils to discuss speed reduction from the White Post to the A36 and from Buckland Dinham to Radstock. Measures might include uniformity of speed limits, double white lines and possibly a roundabout at Terry Hill.

(3) Charlton Lane – Confirmed that signage alerting drivers on approaching the junction had been put up.

(4) Request from a resident for dog bins on the cycle track – Noted that Mendip would carry the cost of emptying a bin, if the Parish Council purchased and installed one. The cost of a dog bin was discussed. **Agreed** not to purchase a bin since it was outside the budget, but to ask Sustrans if it might consider the request. The resident who made the request to be kept informed.

(5) Parking at Silver Street – A lease on car parking spaces would improve the situation, but parking is still a problem. Three of the garages belong to White Horse Housing Association and are fully allocated. The other two belonging to Aster are in a bad state of repair. The Clerk to chase Aster to allocate the garages or consider their demolition to create parking space.

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854. VILLAGE SIGN AT THE TOP OF THE HILL

Sue Meadows is looking at alternative signs due to the high cost of the one initially proposed.

855. PLAYING FIELD

(1) Signage for the eight overflow parking spaces – The Village Hall Committee to confirm where it would like the new sign situated.

(2) Quote for infill of top soil beneath the swing seat – The Clerk to chase a quote from Big Wood Play Systems.

Cllr Hudson
Cllr Lewis

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- (3) Missing screw on the football post and wobbly post on the bridge Big Wood Play Systems confirmed they would rectify these items. Cllr Morse to check.

856. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2018/0268/FUL Village shop and cafe, Kilmersdon - The Parish Council objected to the planning application, as presented, on the following grounds:

1. There has been no proper consultation with adjoining property owners or occupiers, both residential and business.
2. We believe that Manor Close is not yet an adopted highway therefore Linden Homes should have been consulted as the legal owner of the highway that would provide access to the proposed site.
3. The unreasonable length of time between the Notice under Article 13 (24th January) and the submission of the planning application in March.
4. The applicant has provided some additional information to the Parish Council since the application was submitted, such as a Design Statement, but the Parish Council has not received confirmation from Mendip D C that this forms a revision to the application. Also, this information has not been sent out for public consideration.
5. The planning application includes inaccurate information in terms of (a) the number of car parking spaces available, which should read 28 not 30 and (b) the condition of the youth shelter, which is not in a state of disrepair.

For the above reasons Kilmersdon Parish Council felt it is vital that a revised planning application be submitted for proper consultation.

Kilmersdon Parish Council objected to the planning application as it stands on the grounds of:

(a) Its concerns regarding parking provision have not been satisfied. The application shows a calculation of car parking spaces based on the car park being used solely to accommodate vehicles using it for the Village Hall and the Shop, which is incorrect. There are many other users of what is officially a Public Car Park and, additionally, events held at the Village Hall can already cause an overspill and congestion on adjacent roads.

(b) The Parish Council objects to the felling of any trees. In our view there is ample room to gain access to what would be a

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relatively simple construction using small/light machines, and protection could be provided against root damage to the mature Cherry tree on the right of the Village Hall entrance, which currently forms an attractive symmetry to the Hall entrance.

(c) There is no reference to materials, colours etc. The Open Space Assessment refers to full details being described in the supporting Design, Access and Planning statement, which is not included in the list of documents on Mendip's website.

Cllr Jolliffe left the meeting at 9pm.

2018/0568/FUL Retention of land for the display of motor vehicles, Redhouse Farm, - The Parish Council objected on the grounds of inappropriate development in the countryside.

2018/0773/TCA Willow – remove broken limbs and cut any others that are overhanging back to the property boundary; Beech – fell, 3 Cabbells Mead, Church St – There were no objections, the Parish Council is guided by the Tree Officer.

Cllr Drewe left the meeting at 9.20pm.

857. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

One resident had expressed an interest in working on the Neighbourhood Plan

Resolved: (1) To re-publicise the Neighbourhood Plan stating the danger that without a Plan certain decisions can be made on the village's behalf;
(2) To invite people from the School, the Pub, Norton Farm Machinery and the Village Hall Committee to work on this initiative.

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858. PROPOSED TPO ON TWO SILVER BIRCHES IN THE PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk to submit the TPO once the Tree Officer is located.

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859. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

The Parish Council considered possible locations of the SID.

Resolved: to clarify whether £100 per location was a one-off payment or an ongoing fee every time the location is used.

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860. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Agreed to hold the APM on 25th June at 7.30pm. Draft agenda: Welcome; Overview by the Chair; County Councillors report; District Councillors report; PCSO report; Defib overview, Q&A.

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Cllr Morse

- 861. VILLAGE CLEAN UP BEFORE THE VILLAGE DAY ON 28th May**
The clean up to be advertised as Sunday 20th May at 2pm, meeting outside the Village Hall. Cllr Morse to make enquiries for more litterpicking devices.
- 862. CORRESPONDENCE**
Green triangle on Silver St – This had been covered at minute 849.
- 863. OUTSIDE BODIES**
There was no report on outside bodies.
- 864. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
- Hoares Lane/ Silver Street – Debris from the cutting back of vegetation at Silverstones
 - Annual Parish Meeting
- 865. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st May 2018**

It was agreed to exclude the press and public under s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

866. REVIEW OF LEASES

The inconsistencies in the leases at the Village Hall, car park and playing field were discussed. In particular (1) the demised area should be correctly shown; (2) the current lease does not let the Parish Council sub let; (3) the obligations should the Village Hall Committee no longer exist.

Cllr Butt left the meeting at 10.20pm.

Resolved: that the Parish Council requires reassurance that legal costs are covered before appointing its own solicitor. A cost undertaking to indemnify the Parish Council's legal fees in full was therefore the first step and this to be put to Cllr Jolliffe in his capacity of landlord.

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The meeting ended at 10.30pm

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