

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council
held at Coles Garden Meeting Room
at 7.30pm on Monday 3 February, 2014



PRESENT: Councillors R Morse, C Gibson, D Phripp, A Jolliffe, J Hubble, D Hudson and County Cllr H Siggs.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk and 12 members of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES:

694 Apology received from Ward Cllr E Drew.

2. MINUTES:

695 The Minutes and notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 January 2014 were approved and signed.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME:

696 Following publicity in the parish newsletter, members of the public presented their views and concerns on the subject of traffic control and calming.
Copies of proposals and suggestions were handed to the council.

697 Mr Hill, SJH Services, outlined the work he had completed in respect of clearing the streams and updated the council on the work remaining to be completed when the water flows have reduced sufficiently for access and safety. In particular, some trees were thought to need attention, or removal, and he requested assistance to identify the trees that could be removed.

Cllr Jolliffe left the meeting at this point.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

698 There were no declarations.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

699 The Clerk said he had received a communication from MDC seeking to improve the content of the monthly Parish Information Bulletins and to attempt to make the Bulletin the main source of information. Suggestions and comments were invited and the Clerk undertook to circulate the MDC email to all Councillors.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

700 An invoice from SJH Services for stream clearance was approved at £1800.00
Cheque No. 1051 (Public Health Act 1936, ss259 and 260)

701 An invoice from EDF Energy for lighting was approved at £96.31.
Cheque No.1052. (PCA 1957, s3).

702 A subscription to SLCC for membership of the Clerk was approved at £94.00
Cheque No. 1053. (LGA 1973, s143)

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703 A subscription to the Community Council of Somerset for membership of the Council was approved at £35.00

Cheque No. 1054 (LGA 1972, s143)

704 A grant to the Kilmersdon History group for a display at Radstock Museum was approved at **£150. Cheque No. 1057.** (LGA 1972, s137)

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

705 Deferred to the next meeting.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

706 The proposals from the residents of Charlton was discussed and it was resolved that the parish council would add its support to their request to install a 30-mph speed limit, subject to more detailed technical advice from the road engineers.

707 Details provided by members of the public were being consolidated by the Clerk to forward further submission to the Highways Agency to improve traffic control in Kilmersdon and the Fossey area.

708 The Clerk was delegated to negotiate and accept the terms and costs of the proposed relocation of the 30 mph and “Kilmersdon” village sign at the eastern side of Kilmersdon. (LGA 1972, s101)

709 To avoid the possibility of delays being incurred by submitting a comprehensive, but overlarge, project, the areas would all be separately addressed at the same time.

(Post meeting note: The Highways Agency has since referred the proposal for a 30mph limit throughout Charlton to Avon and Somerset Police for its approval.)

710 The clearance of streams was progressing well and public reaction to date was appreciative and supportive. It was noted that water flows were too high to allow safe removal of debris lying at the bottom of the streams and that progress was now dependent on reduced rainfall. A number of trees were causing partial obstructions at various points along the banks. The Clerk undertook to seek advice from the Tree Protection Officer, MDC, on which trees could be removed or pruned.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

planning permissions applied for:

Cllr Gibson declared an interest at this point.

711 **Ref: 2014/0030/FUL**

Proposal: Creation of floodlit horse riding arena for both private and commercial equestrian use.

Location: Batch Farm Ammerdown Bridge To Hatchet Hill Kilmersdon Frome Somerset

Applicant: Mr Paul Knatchbull

Application Type: Full

Council recommended approval, it being considered the proposal would not impact on neighbouring properties.

PLANNING MATTERS: (CONTD):

planning permissions refused:

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Ref: 2013/1356

Proposal: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide 5.8MW generation capacity together with transformer stations; internal access track; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure

Location: Land at New Tynning Farm, Waterside Lane, Kilmersdon, BA3 5TE.

Applicant: INRG Solar Ltd. C/O Agent.

planning permissions granted:

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Ref: 2014/0030/FUL

Proposal: Proposed felling of conifer trees and ash tree in a conservation area.

Location: Venture, School Lane, Kilmersdon, Somerset

Applicant: Mr Neil Brown

Application Type: Works

Decision: TPO not required – no objection.

10. **PLAY EQUIPMENT:**

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Assurance had been given to the Clerk, by the Kilmersdon Play Park Committee, to the effect that safety not had been compromised on the new play equipment. The apparent modifications had in fact been incorporated in the manufacture of the components.

Confirmation was included that the provider would repair, free of charge, any faulty or broken items that may be attributable to his initial specification or construction.

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Council agreed to adopt a form, submitted by Kilmersdon Play Park Committee, for use in reporting results of safety inspections.

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Council confirmed it would retain responsibility for arranging annual safety inspections of the equipment.

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A draft layout for a sign concerning the use of the equipment was approved. It was noted that assurance had been given that the equipment was suitable for all ages. Advice tendered was not to use signs relating to age groups, because of physical variations across ages.

11. **POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCHEME:**

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No report.

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Avon and Somerset Police gave notice of a new scheme it had introduced on 7 February, intended to provide help for vulnerable people in the community. It was agreed to accept the offer from the police to obtain further details of the scheme. The Clerk undertook the task and would include initial information in the next newsletter.

12. **REVIEW OF PROCEDURES:**

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Standing Orders, Financial Standing Orders and Risk Assessments were reviewed and it was agreed that no changes were needed at this time.

13. VILLAGE HALL:

721 The Clerk said that Linden Homes had stated that Savills had been notified there would be provision of two parking spaces adjacent to the village hall.

722 The Clerk said he had requested confirmation from Lindens Homes that the fence that had been recently repaired between the newly leased extension of the playing field and the original land was a temporary measure and would be removed. The Clerk undertook to ask Lindens Homes to arrange for immediate removal of the fence to ensure the developer does not leave the site with the fence still in place.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

723 None received.

15. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

724 Safe Places Scheme – launched by Avon and Somerset Police.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

725 **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 3 March 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in the Coles Garden Meeting Rooms.**

726 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.20pm