

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council
held at Coles Garden Meeting Room
at 7.30 pm on Monday 6th February 2017

PRESENT: Councillors R.Morse, R.Butt, S.Gibbs, D.Hudson, A.Jolliffe and K.Lewis.

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES:

447 Apologies were received from the Clerk and, in his absence, presumed to have been received from County Cllr Harvey Siggs and Ward Cllr E. Drewe.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

448 There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES:

449 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2017 were approved and signed.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME:

A member of the public raised three matters:

- 450 1. Whether there had been any progress in contacting Harvey Siggs concerning cars overtaking on the solid white line down Kilmersdon Hill.
- 451 2. The problem of cars parking down Kilmersdon Hill on Village Day.
- 452 3. To raise awareness of a government initiative for superfast broadband whereby everyone can expect a minimum speed of 10Mbs. Where 10Mbs is not currently available, a grant of £350 per household/business may be available for the village to pool towards the cost of laying fibre optic cable. More information should soon be available for publication in the Parish News.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

453 The password for the P C Website needs to be obtained from the Clerk so that agendas/minutes can be uploaded. *Action: R. Morse*

454 Overnight parking in the Village Car Park was further discussed and it was again agreed that current arrangements to allow residents to park overnight should remain.

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6. PLANNING MATTERS:

Planning permissions requested:

455 **Ref:** 2016/3067/HSE

Proposal: Replacement of existing extensions on north west and south west elevations with extension wrap around of south west corner. Other general external alterations.

Location: Browns Cottage Kilmersdon Hill To Frome Road Kilmersdon Frome BA3 5SS

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Knatchbull

Application Type: Householder Application

Members present had no objection and recommended approval.

456 **Ref:** 2017/0047/HDG

Proposal: Wessex Water are proposing to upgrade the sewage network around the village of Kilmersdon which include the construction of 1.7km of new pipeline. To allow for the construction of the new pipeline the removal of six 5 metre sections of hedgerow require removal. Upon completion the hedgerows will be reinstated as per STD/836, using a species mix to match the surrounding hedgerows.

Location: Easting 369231, Northing 153129, closest post code BA3 3QX

Applicant: Wessex Water

Application Type: Application for hedgerow removal notice.

Members present had no objection and recommended approval.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

457 There were no claims for payment.

458 The square light in the Village Car Park needs to be repaired and the Clerk's records need to be checked to confirm that the electricity supplier is no longer charging for this.

Action: R. Morse

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

459 The Chairman undertook to contact Cllr Harvey Siggs about concerns expressed at previous meetings regarding cars overtaking on the solid white line on Kilmersdon Hill and measures to prevent this. Also to seek confirmation whether vehicles travelling below a certain speed could be legally overtaken where a solid white line was present.

Action: R. Morse

460 Overgrown hedgerows and saplings are causing a narrowing of the road in Silver Street. Particular areas are: the bank along the front of the overgrown site next to the path to the Playing Field, the raised bank in front of nos. 2-4, the bank in front of no. 49 and the verge outside Silverstones. Highways have done cutting in the past but not for some time. A letter to Highways needs to be drafted.

Action: D. Hudson

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461 The owner of the overgrown site is to be contacted to see if the land can be cleared.
Action: A. Jolliffe

9. PLAYING FIELD:

462 The play equipment supplier has been contacted for a price to repair the broken timber at the top of the slide on the small engine. To be progressed.

Action: R. Morse

463 The Chairman has located two possible jet-washers to clean the black matting under the swings that has become slippery. A suitable water supply now needs to be arranged.

Action: R. Morse

464 There is a problem with dog fouling in the playing field and the notices at the entrances are being ignored. The possibility of displaying some specific 'no dogs' signs to be investigated.

Action: S. Gibbs

465 The Chairman reiterated that the plinth for the memorial bench would proceed when the weather conditions allowed.

Action: R. Morse

10. LITTER AND MAINTENANCE:

466 Litter continues to be a problem in the Village Car Park. The same few public-spirited individuals do pick up the litter but it very quickly collects on the verges and in the hedgerows.

467 Replacement of the damaged second bin to be investigated which may help.

Action: R. Morse

11. FOOTPATHS:

468 Sustrans have replaced the broken metal posts with a single wooden padlocked post at the entrance to the cycle path.

469 At a later stage more posts may be required at the beginning of the track but this should wait until Wessex Water has de-commissioned the sewage works. The Clerk is believed to be in receipt of information regarding the timescale for the works.

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12. PCSO REPORT:

- 470 The Chairman attended the Frome Rural PACT (Partners and Community Together) Meeting on 19th January 2017 where general problems of crime in the area were discussed.
- 471 The Local Crime Report showed a reduced trend in crime numbers for the period Oct 2016 – Dec 2016 but it was felt that this could be due to under-reporting by the public. It is felt that the PCSO's are not as visible in Kilmersdon now compared with previously when PCSO's regularly patrolled the village.
- 472 A copy of the Minutes of the PACT Meeting is provided at Annex A to these Minutes.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 473 An email received from a member of the public regarding overnight parking in the Village Car Park needs a reply.

Action: K. Lewis

- 474 An answer needs to be written to the Members of the Shop Committee in response to their question regarding the impasse with the Village Hall Committee, raised at the January meeting.

Action: K. Lewis

14. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 475 None

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

- 476 **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 6th March 2017 at 7.30 pm in Coles Garden First Floor Meeting Room.**

- 477 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

ANNEX A TO MINUTES OF
KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 6TH FEBRUARY 2017

PACT MEETING, THE PALAIRET HALL, NORTON ST PHILIP

19TH JANUARY 2017