

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council  
held at Coles Garden Meeting Room  
at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 January, 2017



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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Five members of the public.

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**1. APOLOGIES:**

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

424 There were no declarations.

**3. MINUTES:**

425 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved and signed.

**4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

426 Members of the Village Shop Committee referred to the position of the Village Hall Committee over the proposed shop and handed out a copy of a communication received by them from the Village Hall Treasurer. They requested assistance from the Parish Council over the impasse. The Chairman undertook to speak with the Village Hall Committee and revert.

427 As some of the public were residents of Hoares Lane, they were asked for their opinion on the planning application at No.5. No one objected but did raise the point that there would be significant disruption during construction.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

428 There were no matters arising.

**6. PLANNING MATTERS**

429 ***Planning permission requested:***

**Ref:** 2016/2644/FUL

Proposal: One new build detached two storey, 3 bedroom house. Landscaped gardens to front and rear. Low retaining garden walls to the front to create shallow gradient to driveway and parking area. Parking for 3 cars, as required. A turning area in the driveway to accommodate cars to leave the site in forward gear.

**Location:** 5 Hoares Lane, Kilmersdon, BA3 5ST

**Applicant:** Mr Stephen Warran

**Application Type:** Full application.

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- 430 The deadline for comments was 11 January 2017 and in the Clerk's absence, the form to make them was not available. Cllr Hudson undertook to contact Mendip District Council with respect to the deadline and a mechanism to convey the Council's decision.
- 431 With the decision unknown on Planning Application 2016/2716/HSE discussed at the December 2016 Parish Council Meeting, Cllrs were unaware of the impact on the planning quota for the parish. Cllr Hudson agreed to find out the position and advise the other Cllrs present by email.
- 432 The application was discussed. It was noted that no objections had been received by residents but there would be significant disruption with construction, exacerbated by the fact that Hoares Lane was narrow. Some concern was expressed about the size of the footprint within the plot. It was agreed that a decision would be determined once Cllr Hudson had established the position on the quota for new dwellings in the parish.

***Post meeting Notes:***

***The Case Officer, Mr Carlton Langford, advised that under the circumstances, comments could be received after the deadline although requested them as soon as possible. He also advised that it would suffice for them to be sent by email. On the quota, Mr Langford advised that the number was a minimum to be delivered by 2029 so the application in question was unaffected by the decision on 2016/2716/HSE if the Parish Council had no objections.***

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- 433 An invoice from the Clerk for salary was approved at £878.16. No cheque was issued in the Clerk's absence.
- 434 A Direct Debit to Southern Electric for street lighting was approved at £14.75.
- 435 A bill for the use of Coles Garden was received.

**8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- 436 Concerns expressed at the previous meeting concerning cars overtaking on solid white lines on Kilmersdon Hill. The Chairman undertook to contact Cllr Harvey Siggs with regards to measure to prevent this and seek confirmation whether vehicles travelling below a certain speed could be legally overtaken where a solid white line was present.

**9. PLAYING FIELD:**

- 437 It was noted that the timber on the access to the slide on the small engine was broken. It was agreed that the equipment manufacturer would be asked to supply a price to repair it.
- 438 It was further noted that the black matting under the swings had a build-up of green algae which made the surface slippery. The Chairman would try to borrow a water-jetting machine to clean it. Cllr ken Gibson offered to help.

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439 The Chairman advised the cost of the plinth for the memorial bench was £400. As the precept, agreed at December's meeting, had an allowance for the plinth, approval was granted to proceed with the order when the weather conditions allowed.

**10. LITTER AND MAINTENANCE:**

440 It was noted that there was a large build-up of litter where cars parked on the corner of the B3139 and A362. As this was outside the PC boundary, no action could be undertaken.

441 It was further noted that the car park had a large amount of litter, partly as the result of the loss of a bin which had been damaged but also individuals dropping it. It was agreed to look into the replacement of the damaged bin and add a note to the Parish Council summary in the Parish News requesting people pick up litter in the car park.

**11. FOOTPATHS:**

442 The post at the entrance to the cycle path was still damaged and the Parish Council would follow up with Sustrans as to the timescale for repair.

**12. PCSO REPORT:**

443 There was no report to discuss. It was noted that the next PCSO meeting would be held in the week commencing 16 January 2017.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE:**

444 In the absence of the Clerk, it was not known if there was any correspondence but it was noted that there had been none at the date of the agenda being produced.

**14. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

445 Hedgerows in Silver Street.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

446 **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in Coles Garden First Floor Meeting Room.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:55 pm.