

**Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council
held at Coles Garden Meeting Room
at 7.30pm on Monday 6th June, 2016**



PRESENT: Councillors R Morse, D Hudson, A Jolliffe and D Phripp.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk and County Cllr Harvey Siggs.

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1. APOLOGIES:

244 Apology received from Cllr S Gibbs and Ward Cllr E Drewe.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

245 There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES:

246 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th May 2016 were approved and signed.

4. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

247 The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 24th May were accepted and signed.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME:

248 There was no public representation.

249 County Cllr Harvey Siggs presented his report and spoke about the current situation on devolution. A bid had been submitted and it was a matter of co-operation with all the neighbouring counties – Devon, Somerset, Torbay and Plymouth – to demonstrate proposed growth and the provision of services. One billion pounds had been offered by Central Government and the bid needed to be within that limit. Central Government was keen that a Metro-Mayor be elected for the region, but in some instances this could result in having three mayors; for example, a Metro Mayor, Lord Mayor and a Mayor.

6. MATTERS ARISING:

250 None.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

251 For the Village Design Statement, some progress had been made and would be the subject of a later report.

252 It was noted that a series of questions was being developed to form the basis of a public survey in respect of the proposed village shop.

253 Separate meetings involving the Village Hall and Community Shop Committees were ongoing and comments were awaited from those sources.

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
- 254 The Clerk said he had completed the final audit actions and had passed all the documentation to the External Auditor. If the response from Grant Thornton LLP should be received in time for the next meeting, it would be possible to formally close the audit process for 2015/16 then. Otherwise, it would be essential to close the audit at the 5th September meeting, in order to meet our statutory date of 30th September.
- 255 Covering approval was granted for the transfer of the payroll function to Pethericks and Gillard Ltd, Accountants, Midsomer Norton at an annual cost of £163.00. The Clerk confirmed that the process had been taken over and would report again at the July meeting.
- 256 An invoice from Somerset Playing Fields Association for subscription was approved at £15.00.
Cheque No: 1152 ((LGA 1972, s143)
- 257 An invoice from Southern Electric for street lighting was approved for May at £15.52. (To be cleared by DD on 19 June.)
- 258 An invoice from Southern Electric for street lighting was approved for June at £14.36. (To be cleared by DD on 20 July.)
9. **HIGHWAYS:**
- 259 The recent SID reports were reviewed and it was noted that higher speeds were being recorded, especially through Charlton. The Clerk said he would establish what, if any, action the residents may be considering.
10. **PLAYING FIELD:**
- 260 The placing of ‘no dogs’ signs around the field was nearly complete.
11. **LITTER AND MAINTENANCE:**
- 261 No report
12. **FOOTPATHS:**
- 262 The Clerk said that all the adopted footpaths were now recorded and details published. Consideration was being given to which register and which insurance cover to use – either those at MDC or the Parish Council.
13. **PCSO REPORT:**
- 263 The report for May was noted. It contained summary details of crime for the area, which the Clerk undertook to publish in the newsletter and add a general warning for vigilance.
14. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 264 None received.

15. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

265 To contact County Cllr H Siggs on Highway matters:

- (a) Replace the 30mph sign at the east of Kilmersdon
- (b) Carriageway erosion in Silver Street
- (c) Provision of disabled parking
- (d) Damaged road signs
- (e) Report from SRA, if received.
- (f) Speeding problems in Charlton

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

266 **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 4th July 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Coles Garden Meeting Rooms.**

267 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm