

Kilmersdon Parish Precept 2020/21

In 2019/20 Kilmersdon Parish Council precepted £14,323 which equated to £60.97 per annum for a Band D Property. For 2020/21 the precept is £15,100, equating to £63.60 for a Band D Property

What services does the Parish Council offer?

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications and provides a local voice on highways and environmental matters. The play area adjacent to the Village Hall comes under its remit. It supports the parish environment by paying for the street lighting at the Village Hall, grass cutting of the playing field and Jack and Jill Hill, where it also funds the cutting back of the footpath and hedge trimming. The Parish Council maintains some of the benches in the parish.

How did the Parish Council perform last year?

The Parish Council said a sad goodbye to two of its Councillors, Roy Morse and Shayne Gibbs, who decided not to stand for election in May. It welcomed three new councillors, Edward Drewe, Nick Ham and Brian Nagel and is now at full capacity.

The Parish Council was pleased to support a number of local organisations through grant provision this year, amongst them the Parish Church, the Parish magazine and the Village Day.

The Parish Council located and mapped the nine fingerposts in the parish and has started to look for funding for their renovation. Working with Kilmersdon Primary School the Parish Council hopes that Heritage Lottery funding might be

secured to help preserve this important piece of local heritage.



The Parish Council lobbied its County Councillors to improve the safety of the B3139 through Kilmersdon through a series of meetings.

It is preparing a response, along with neighbouring parishes, to the proposed development of a significant number of houses near the White Post.

The Parish Council was pleased to see the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group go from strength to strength with a drop-in event in November. The Parish Council holds the grant funding for the Group.

During the year the Parish Council consulted local people on the future of the play park which is suffering from rot on the wooden beams. The overwhelming response was that this is a much loved play park and all must be done to keep it going. The Parish Council set up a crowd funding page and, thanks to the work

of a local resident, successfully applied for a grant from the Sperring Trust.



Grateful thanks go to the team of five local people who undertake weekly checks of the play park by turn throughout the year. It is such valuable work and gives the Parish Council advance warning of deterioration of the equipment.

This year essential repairs were undertaken on the equipment and the playing field noticeboard was renewed. The spiral garden was tidied up and arrangements put in place for this to be done regularly.

The Coles Garden noticeboard also underwent a renovation, having fallen over earlier in the year.

What is new for the next financial year?

New accessibility regulations mean that the Parish Council must update the format of its website by September 2020.

The Parish Council is working to represent the people of Kilmersdon and make decisions in the best interests of the village. We welcome your views and input.

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