

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council
held at Coles Garden Meeting Room
at 7.30pm on Monday 2 November, 2015



PRESENT: Councillors S Gibbs, D Hudson, R Morse and D Phripp.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk.

Two members of the public

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1. APOLOGIES:

22 Apologies received from Cllr A Jolliffe, County Cllr H Siggs and Ward Cllr E Drewe.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

2. 23 There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES:

24 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 October 2015 were approved and signed.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME:

25 Two members of the public were present. One was interested in the outcome of planning application 2015/1448/FUL – the construction of a new village shop attached to village hall. The other commented on the condition of the Orchard area. An offer was made from another member to adopt a footpath.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

26 The Clerk gave a verbal summary of the comments lodged on the MDC website concerning planning application 2015/1448/FUL

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

27 The Clerk said he had advertised the MDC consultation on the Local Plan Part II in the newsletter, but had received no reaction. He would put a reminder in the next.

Planning permissions requested:

28 **Ref:** 2015//2169/VRC.

Proposal: Application for variation of condition 4 (soft and hard landscaping scheme) following grant of planning permission 2013/2041 to substitute the fence in the area between No 21 and 23a for a wall.

Location: 23 Fossefield Road Midsomer Norton Somerset BA3 4AS

Applicant: Mr Simon Mills

Type: Variation or Removal of Conditions.

29 Council recommended that the decision be left to the Planning Officer.

PLANNING MATTERS (CONTD):

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30 Details of land identified as potential for development within the conservation area were considered. The Clerk undertook to include a comment in the newsletter drawing attention to this part of the Local Plan.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

31 An invoice from the Clerk for expenses was approved at £39.05.
Cheque No. 1130. (LGA 1972, s112).

32 An invoice from Mendip District Council for election expenses was approved at £137.52.
Cheque No. 1131. (LGA 1072, s111) ((Representation of the People Act, ss.36(5) and 66))

33 An invoice from SJH Services for grass cutting was approved at £430.00.
Cheque No. 1132. (LGA 1072, s111)

34 The revised Financial Regulations were adopted.
Proposed by Cllr S Gibbs; seconded by Cllr D Phripp.

35 The Clerk said he had received no reaction to the notice concerning Cllr Siggs' offer to apply for grants under his Well Being Award Scheme for the current year.

36 Somerset Council had requested suggestions on how it could make savings amounting to £30 million. The Clerk undertook to refer the request by email to all Councillors for a response.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

37 The Clerk said he was still awaiting a response from Highways on the questions of moving the 30-mph sign at the east end of Kilmersdon to its original position. The request was being reconsidered and the outcome might be available for the next meeting, but present indications were that the sign might not be repositioned.

38 It was noted that the local tree surveyor had not yet cut back the overgrowth in Silver Street for which Wiltshire Housing was now responsible. The Clerk undertook to make further enquiries, with a view to having the work completed.

39 Following the receipt of a report of damage to the finger post sign at the Triangle at the Kilmersdon Road junction, it had been ascertained from Highways that they now require parishes to effect their own repairs. The Chairman undertook to make separate enquiries and contact a local contractor.

9. PLAYING FIELD:

40 Complaints had been made concerning dogs fouling the playing field together with a further complaint that a notice had not been placed in the last newsletter. Since the complaint had been received too late for the information to be published it was agreed that a notice would be placed in the next issue.

41 A number of alternative suggestions would be considered at the next meeting and the Clerk undertook to research the legal and practical aspects of providing signage to control the area.

- 10. LITTER AND MAINTENANCE:**
- 42 The Clerk reported that the contractor had completed all the outstanding tasks on verges, plus the clearance of overhanging branches on Jack and Jill Hill.
- 43 Debris still remained near and in the streams. Some debris had fallen into the streams from unknown sources and the Clerk undertook to write in general terms to all farmers and ask for assistance in preventing further instances. The Contractor would continue to liaise with the farmers on this point.
- 44 The previously reported damage to a stile in Waterside Lane was reconsidered and the Clerk undertook to approach the Right of Way Officer and request repairs, subject to cost or the need for a replacement stile.
- 11. FOOTPATHS:**
- 45 The offer made during Item 4, for a member of the public to adopt a footpath was accepted and the Clerk undertook to forward confirmation to the applicant.
- 12. PCSO REPORT:**
- 46 No report.
- 13. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 47 None.
- 14. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**
- 47 MDC Local Plan.
- SCC survey for £30 million savings.
- 15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
- 48 **The next Parish Council meeting will be held will be held on 4th January 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the Coles Garden Meeting Rooms.**
- 49 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm