

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council
held at Coles Garden Meeting Room
at 7.30pm on Monday 6 October, 2014



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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk and three members of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES:

951 Apologies received from County Cllr H Siggs and Ward Cllr E Drew.

2. MINUTES:

952 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 September 2014 were approved and signed.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME:

953 Two members of the public spoke about the possibility of setting up a village shop. Accommodation could be made available and the Council was asked if it could offer support. It was explained that the Council had registered an interest with the same organisation, The Plunkett Foundation, but it had not been possible to pursue the matter further. A public meeting was to be held on 16th October.

954 It was also said that the Orchard area was in need of attention where significant damage was being experienced. The Clerk undertook to contact Sustrans to ask for a review of the work previously carried out in that area, and to ascertain if any improvements could be made to prevent further damage.

955 Mrs Shayne Gibbs applied for co-option as a parish councillor and was duly elected. The form of Acceptance of Office was signed and handed to the Clerk
Mrs Gibbs remained and acted as Councillor for the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

956 There were no declarations.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

957 The Clerk asked if action had been taken concerning overgrown hedges in Silver Street. It was confirmed that no action had been taken. The Clerk undertook to speak again to Flourish Homes.

6. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

958 A response from the Village Hall was still awaited on the proposal to combine the Annual Parish Meeting with the Village Hall Annual Event. The Clerk to continue with making arrangements for a meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- 959 An invoice from Southern Electric for street lighting in September was approved at £3.12. (To be cleared by DD on 19 October) (PCA 1957, s3).
- 960 An invoice from the Clerk for salary at £680.62 and expenses at £28.06 was approved. **Cheque No.1092.** (LGA 1972, s112).
- 961 The Clerk's Income Tax payment was approved at £170.15. **Cheque No. 1093.** (LGA 1972, s112.)
- 962 An invoice from SJH Services for grass cutting was approved at £761.50. **Cheque No. 1094 dated 20.8.14.** (LGA 1972, s111)
- 963 The Clerk explained that, as usual, it would be easy to prepare a budget based on trends, but the current year had attracted a number of difficult decisions. To reduce those for the budget meeting, the points were discussed and general guidance given to the Clerk.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- 964 The **Planning Working Party** was agreed to be **Cllr J Hubble and Cllr R Morse** to work informally.
Proposed by Cllr D Hudson; seconded by Cllr D Phripp.
- 965 The **Village Day** representative was agreed to be **Cllr S Gibbs.**
Proposed by Cllr D Hudson; seconded by Cllr R Morse.
- 966 Members approved the Clerk's proposal for a timetable of announcements covering the period leading to the next election, expected in May 2015.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

- 967 The Clerk confirmed that the stream clearance was commenced on 10 September and, to comply with one of the grant conditions, he would inform the Flood Mitigation Team at Somerset County Council.
- 968 It was considered that the additional length of stream reported last month would not be an immediate problem, being well away from houses and with enough capacity to take excess water. The Clerk to continue to monitor the situation.
- 969 There had been no response to the appeal for volunteers to form a small inspection group and the Clerk undertook to repeat the appeal in the next newsletter.
- 970 An update from the highways Agency stated that the 30-mph speed limit at Charlton had been agreed and was now legal. The road furniture and markings would be completed in the next few months, as would the road improvements for Kilmersdon village.
- 971 Details of the SID speed report for the period 11th to 26th September were examined and noted. The figures showed that the majority of traffic – 76% – was travelling between 30 and 40-mph. The reasons for the significant change from last month were discussed and the Clerk undertook to make enquiries on how the statistics could be used.

Cllr Jolliffe left the meeting at this point.

10. PLANNING MATTERS:

972 Cllr Hubble said he had received a small number of additional responses for the Village Design Statement Survey and was continuing to analyse the results.

973 ***Planning permissions applied for:***

Ref: 2014/1848/HSE

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension, construction of 2-storey side extension, associated ground works and extension of existing patio area.

Location: 164 Green Parlour, Hemington Radstock BA3 5UB

Applicant: Mr S Beck

Application Type: Householder application. Ref: 2014/1587/OTA

Council had no objection and recommended approval.

974 ***Planning applications rejected:***

Ref: 2014/1587/OTA

Proposal: Outline planning permission for residential development comprising up to 6 dwellings, with vehicular access via Frome Road consistent with permission ref: 13/01709/OUT, along with landscape planting to the southern boundary.

Location: Land South West of Frome Road, Writhlington, Radstock.

Applicant: Mr Andrew Jolliffe

Application Type: Outline – All Matters Reserved.

975 **Ref:** 2013/1356

Proposal: Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) solar arrays to provide 5.8MW generation capacity together with transformer stations; internal access track; landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate; and ancillary infrastructure

Location: Land at New Tying Farm, Waterside Lane, Kilmersdon, BA3 5TE

Applicant: INRG Solar Ltd. C/O Agent

Appeal Ref: APP/Q3305/A/14/2214650 was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate on 1 October 2014.

11. REVIEW OF PROCEDURES:

976 To satisfy the audit requirement that the Standing Orders be reviewed annually, the Clerk proposed an amendment. Members duly approved the amendment and the Clerk undertook to produce the revised Standing Orders for adoption in due course.

977 The Clerk produced copies of alternative website content and explained the cost advantages and disadvantages of each. It was decided to implement a mix of techniques that would be free of charge and did not add to the annual cost of the “kilmersonpc.co.uk” domain.

12. PCSO:

978 It was noted that in addition to the details received during the public speaking time, there were incidences of nuisance near Ames Lane, Church Road and the bridleway routes. The Clerk undertook to refer the details to Avon and Somerset Police.

979 The Clerk undertook to ask that the monthly PCSO reports be reinstated.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

980 None received.

14. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

981 None.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

982 **The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 3 November at 7.30 p.m. in the Coles Garden Meeting Rooms.**

983 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.00pm