

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council
held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room
at 7.30pm on Monday 16th October, 2017

PRESENT: Cllrs R Morse (Chair) , R Butt, S Gibbs, D Hudson, A Jolliffe, K Lewis (Vice Chair).

ATTENDING: Five members of the public for items 1 to 11. L Welch, Parish Clerk.

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| 1. | APOLOGIES |
| 702 | There were no apologies for absence. |
| 2. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST |
| 703 | Cllr Jolliffe declared an interest in item 5 Village Shop as a landowner. |
| 3. | MINUTES |
| 704 | The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 th September 2017 were approved and signed. |
| 4. | PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME |
| 705 | <i>Village Sign for the top of the hill</i> - following the article in the October Parish Newsletter it was confirmed that there had been no further feedback on the suggested style of sign. Cllr Drewe had previously suggested that, given that the existing the sign was in need of replacement, possibly the Highways Authority would contribute. There was also the suggestion that the Village Day Committee might provide some funding. The Parish Council confirmed that it was happy for the village sign at the top of the hill to go ahead on this basis. |
| 706 | <i>Temporary Shop/ Cafe</i> - The Parish Council examined the proposed plan for the temporary shop/cafe, located on land leased to the Parish Council. There was a discussion on the pedestrian access to the herb garden, which the temporary shop/cafe should not restrict. Cllr Jolliffe offered to check that no vehicular access was required. It was noted that the Village Hall would need to give agreement to access across their land. |
| 707 | It was noted that the Village Shop Committee was looking at a pre app with Mendip District Council. It was noted that, long term, their goal was to achieve a sustainable shop and cafe as a permanent fixture, either in this location or somewhere else. |
| 5. | TEMPORARY VILLAGE SHOP/CAFE |
| 708 | The Parish Council reviewed the grounds on which it had objected when the issue last arose for planning approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parking● Impact on the status of the village● Trees to be cut down (no longer an issue)● Village Hall Committee objections (these might no longer be applicable)● Footprint of the building (this is now smaller) |

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- Access to the playing field from Manor Close (no longer applicable).

- 709 There was a discussion on the issues which remain pertinent: parking and village status. Photos of parking in Manor Close during an event at the Village Hall were circulated. Whilst acknowledging that this is a problem in itself which should be looked at regardless of the outcome of the temporary shop/cafe, it was suggested that the temporary shop/cafe would exacerbate the problem. Overflow parking was discussed, and also the means of ensuring the eight spaces on the grass are better used.
- 710 The village status was discussed and the fact that at the last meeting Cllr Drewe had confirmed the possibility that the temporary shop/cafe might change the status of the village and thus the policy decisions on the village in the future. Cllr Hudson noted his objections to the temporary shop/cafe on these grounds.
- 711 It was proposed that, on the basis of the plans provided and subject to parking issues being resolved, the Parish Council supports the proposal for a temporary shop/cafe in principle. A recorded vote was requested, as follows:
- 712 Cllr Hudson - against
Cllr Butt - for
Cllr Lewis - for
Cllr Gibbs - for
Cllr Morse - for.
Cllr Jolliffe did not vote because he had declared an interest.
- 713 The motion was therefore carried, with 4 for and 1 against.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 714 It was proposed by Cllr Hudson, seconded by Cllr Butt and agreed by the Parish Council that the financial expenditure below be approved.

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Welch	Salary (Sept)	£241.62	£241.62	LGA 1972, s112	001204
HMRC	Quarter July-Sept	£239.00	£239.00	LGA 1972, s112	001205
Pethericks and Gillard	Payroll services	£236.00	£236.00	LGA 1972, s112	001206
SJH Services	Grass cutting and footpath clearance	£526.10	£526.10	LGA 1972, s111	001207

- 715 **2018/19 Budget** - Actual spend to date, draft budget, reserves and fixed assets were considered. The fixed asset register was amended to show those items which had been purchased by the Parish Council and those which had been donated.
- 716 **2016/17 Audit** - The Parish Council noted that the external audit had been certified with no issues arising.
- 717 For the purposes of monitoring, the Chairman had asked SJH Services to let him know the dates he scheduled the grass cutting and footpath works.

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7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
- 718 ***To receive any feedback on the request, via Cllr Pullen, at the last meeting for double white lines up the hill and the moving of the 30mph signs to their original positions*** - no feedback yet. To be put on the next agenda and the Clerk to contact Cllr Pullen.
- 719 ***To receive any feedback from Cllr Drewe regarding the possibility of being part of local initiatives to reduce speed*** - no feedback yet. To be put on the next agenda and the Clerk to contact Cllr Drewe.
- 720 ***Jack and Jill footpath - To note any work on the overgrown footpath as requested at the last meeting*** - Cllr Morse gave an update on the footpath which had been cut back but needs to be done more frequently. Provision to be made in the budget accordingly.
- 721 ***Charlton Lane - feedback on the request for the pothole to be dealt with and a sign approaching the junction*** - Cllr Gibbs confirmed that the pothole had been filled. The Clerk to chase progress on the sign approaching the junction.
8. **VILLAGE SIGN**
- 722 With regard to the Kilmersdon Village sign at the top of the hill
- 723 **Resolved:** That such a sign be supported providing adequate funding is achieved. The Clerk to ask Cllr Pullen if the cost of a replacement sign at the top of this hill might be made by the Highways Authority as a contribution to the new sign.
9. **GATES**
- 724 A photo of a gated sign for speed restriction purposes, to be located at the bottom of the hill and at no. 3, was circulated. The 30mph sign at no. 3 would need to be moved to its original positions in conjunction with the installation of such signs.
- 725 **Resolved:** That the Clerk contacts Cllr Pullen for the funding forms in order to put in for such funding.
10. **PLAYING FIELD**
- 726 At the last meeting the Parish Council delegated authority to Cllrs Morse and Lewis to arrange necessary safety works at the Play Area.
- 727 ***To receive the quote for the repair/ replacement of the play equipment*** - The Chairman confirmed that they had committed £370 for the removal of the rotted post on the zip slide and replace with 5x5 post. Further consideration of works was ongoing by the Chair and Vice Chair..
- 728 ***Rat infestation and clearance of site*** - Cllr Jolliffe to contact Mr Edwards to arrange the clearance of the overgrown site.
- 729 ***Weekly play area checks*** - The quote of £25 per hour for weekly checks was felt to be extremely high.

730 **Resolved:** that the Clerk writes an article for Parish News asking for volunteers, outlining the necessity and importance of such work.

731 **Emptying of the third bin** - Cllr Gibbs confirmed that the third bin has been completed.

732 **Path to Silver Street** - it was noted that, being so well used, it gets very muddy between No. 1 and the overgrown patch. Ideally it needs hard core. This to be looked at for the next meeting.

11. **CAR PARKING**

733 The Parish Council discussed the means by which the eight overflow car parking spaces might be better used, to help reduce parking on Manor Close. The 'keep clear' sign on the tarmac created ambiguity. A sign on the side of the village hall at drivers' eye level, to the effect of 'overflow parking for 8 cars' and possibly illustrating how they might park, was discussed.

734 **Resolved:** (1) that Cllr Hudson approaches the Village Hall Committee for permission for such a sign; and
(2) Cllr Lewis creates a design for the sign and gets costings.

12. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

735 There had been a five day notice to fell a Lime Tree in a dangerous position.

13. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

736 There were no planning decisions.

14. **CORRESPONDENCE**

737 **Kilmersdon Gardeners' letter of 16th October 2017** - The Parish Council supported the Kilmersdon Gardeners' request for a bird bath in memory of Mr Ted Hallam in the community garden. The Clerk to contact them accordingly.

15. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

738 **PACT Report** - The Chairman gave an overview of the September meeting. The PCSO report on crime statistics to go up on the Village noticeboard, showing Criminal Damage - 4; Dwelling burglary - 0; Non dwelling burglary - 0; Theft from a vehicle - 2; Theft of a vehicle - 1; Anti social behaviour - 7.

16. **BOX OF KILMERSDON RECORDS**

739 To be delivered to the Clerk once she has moved.

17. **MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

740 There were no items raised.

18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

741 20TH November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Coles Garden Meeting Room.

742 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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