

# KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council Held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room At 7.30pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**PRESENT:** Cllr R Morse (Chair), Cllrs N Brand, S Gibbs, D Hudson.

**ABSENT:** Cllrs R Butt and K Lewis.

**ATTENDING:** Cllr E Drewe (Mendip DC); Cllr M Pullin (Somerset CC); 9 members of the public, L Close (Parish Clerk).

### **92. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Butt and Lewis.

### **93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **94. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Cllr Mike Pullin reported that cuts have meant that some work has slowed down. He was pursuing the moving of the 30mph signs and asked that the Clerk writes to the Highways Officer as well. Weeds on pavements should be reported to the Highways Dept along with the very deep potholes on Haydon Road. Cllr Pullin left at 7.40pm.

Cllr Edward Drewe reported on his role as Assistant Cabinet Member, looking at the proposed development at the White Post. Cllr Drewe left at 7.50pm.

Members of the Village Shop Committee asked about the progress of the lease amendments to allow the Village Shop to go ahead. Negotiations with the landlord are still at the stage of confirming who pays the legal fees. The Village Shop Committee may be in a position to contribute to the cost. It was confirmed that in principle the Parish Council is happy for the village shop to go ahead subject to the lease conditions. This would form part of the Parish Council's report in Kilmersdon Parish News.

Artwork for the new Village sign was produced and passed to Cllr Brand for scanning as a jpeg.

**ACTION**

Clerk

Cllr Brand

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**95.NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

An information sheet was circulated and there was a full discussion on the advantages of undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan. The history of similar work was overviewed, including an attempt to resurrect the Village Design Statement. Since then work has come to a halt. The scale of the work was discussed and it was agreed to take one week for reflection, after which Cllr Hudson, as the Parish Council representative on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, would contact each person individually to clarify whether they would like to be part of this initiative.

Cllr Hudson

**96.MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**97.FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following payments were **agreed**.

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
HMRC	Quarterly payment	£181.00	£181.00	LGA 1972, s111	001262
L Close	Salary (Sept)	£241.42	£241.42	LGA 1972, s112	001263
L Close	Petty cash (Feb-Sept 2018)	£58.70	£58.37	LGA 1972, s112	001264
Sign Eflex Ltd	Village car park sign	£369.60	£308.00	LGA 1972 s.143	001265

**98.REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING**

The Committee considered the funding request from Fosseyway Bowls Club. **Agreed** not to fund this request but to concentrate funding on public events etc.

Further **agreed** to set up an application form for this year's grants.

Clerk

**99.ACCOUNTS**

The receipts and payments for six months until 21/9/18 were noted.

**100.INSURANCE**

Insurance quotes have been requested by 30<sup>th</sup> October for budgeting purposes.

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## 101.HIGHWAY MATTERS

Weeds on pavements had been reported to Somerset CC. The Clerk to contact Mendip DC to find out how this is progressing.

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Clerk

## 102.PLAYING FIELD

**Quote for surface beneath the swing seat** – All quotes were considered. **Agreed** to arrange wet pour at a cost of £1,770 plus VAT to be funded from the earmarked reserves.

Clerk

**Quote to reset the loose football posts** – **Agreed** not to go ahead with this work at the moment since they appear stable. Clerk to check whether they are part of the play area inspections.

Clerk

**Overhanging branches above the zip wire** – Cllr Brand to look at this item and cut back if necessary.

Cllr Brand

**Loose bolts on swings** – Cllr Morse to tighten the bolts.

Cllr Morse

## 103.PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2018/2207/LBC Widening of a pedestrian gateway to create a vehicular access to off street parking, 33 Church Square – There were no objections.

## 104.VILLAGE SIGN AT THE TOP OF THE HILL

The Parish Council viewed examples of signs which the Highways Authority would endorse. Preferably two signs were required at approximately £300 each. Village Day Committee had donated a further £200, giving £400 for this project. Once the artwork was available electronically it would be passed to Highways and the full sign would be brought back to Parish Council for consideration.

## 105.CORRESPONDENCE

A letter outlining concern at the major works in the grounds of Gallis Ash which might have an adverse impact on wildlife, the ancient well and the felling of trees in a conservation area. **Agreed** that this be reported to Planning Enforcement.

Clerk

Correspondence from Land Registry to the former Clerk was received outlining the means of registering the playing field to the new address. **Agreed** that this be passed to the solicitor in order that all land registry records at the playing field and car park may be updated at the same time.

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## 106.OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from Outside Bodies.

## 107.MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- The footpath at the playing field has not been completed and is overgrown with weeds. The contractor to be contacted for an update.
- Clarity on who owns the footpath is required and is a question for the solicitor when the legal work starts.
- Jack and Jill footpath is extremely slippery due to leaves and moss and is a significant hazard in this route to school.
- Cllr Gibbs requested use of the playing field for parking at a forthcoming event. This was **agreed** with the logistics being confirmed with the Chair of the Council.

## 108.DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

**17<sup>th</sup> November.** The 2019 schedule of meetings was **agreed**.

**109.**It was agreed to exclude the press and public under s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

## 110.REVIEW OF LEASES

Email correspondence with the landlord was noted. **Agreed** to contact the landlord to let him know that the Parish Council felt that public money should not be spent on the review of leases necessitated by the planning application and that we are told that the Village Shop Group is willing to contribute to the cost.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm

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Cllr Morse

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