

**Minutes of the Kilmersdon Parish Council**  
**held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room**  
**at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R Morse (Chair) , R Butt, S Gibbs, D Hudson, K Lewis (Vice Chair). Cllr E Drewe (Mendip Ward Councillor).

**ATTENDING:** Six members of the public for items 1 to 8. L Welch, Parish Clerk.

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1. **APOLOGIES**  
666 Apologies were received from Cllr A Jolliffe.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**  
667 There were no declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES**  
668 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 were approved and signed.
4. **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**  
669 ***Ash Farm Planning Application:*** Two members of the public spoke about the planning application just outside the Parish boundary for a change of use from agricultural buildings to industrial buildings. They expressed concern about the fact that these were new buildings which had not yet been used for agriculture and they had created a huge increase in commercial traffic on the small roads over the past 12 months. The Parish Council to discuss this later in the meeting.  
  
670 ***Play Park:*** Mark Hughes of Big Wood Play Systems spoke about the recent play inspection, which he had referred to ROSPA for advice. The ROSPA Inspector had commented that there is no scientific evidence against using herbicide around the base of poles. However, there is rot in the timbers and whilst he can quote to replace, it will probably all need renewing, possibly over the next 18 months. He suggested monitoring the wear and tear on the swing chains and swing seat, these being low risk. He had put a split pin in the shackle at no cost. He would quote to remove the trip hazard. The train needs a service and he would quote for this. In respect of the corrosion around the base of the zip wire, he would quote for the replacement pole and repair the end stop. The gaps in the platform conform to safety standards because of the guard rail. A metal sleeve around the base of the replacement timbers might help it last longer. Whilst these works were not due to negligence, as a gesture of goodwill he would quote on the same cost basis as he did when he installed the play equipment five years ago.  
  
671 ***Village Shop*** - Two members of the Community Shop and Cafe requested (1) that the Parish Council recognises the will in the community for a shop or cafe and (2) works with the Committee to deliver such a facility. A picture and plans for a temporary structure were circulated. There was a discussion around the nature of temporary structures, the advantages of having pre-app advice or using a Planning Consultant, rights of access due to the proximity of the Village Hall,

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provision of additional parking, provision of power and water, moving the youth shelter, opening hours, alcohol licence, toilets, whether it would put the village into a different category in terms of attracting new development, volunteer and paid staffing. It was suggested that this is put on the next agenda to allow Councillors time to fully absorb the proposed plans and gather more insight into local opinion.

- 672 **Village sign** - Sue Meadows of the Jack and Jill Millennium Project discussed the possibility of an attractive sign at the top of the hill. Cllr Drewe confirmed that it is the Highway Authority's remit to provide the village sign in a standard format, and given the state of the existing sign it might be worth asking Cllr Pullen if he would talk with the Council about replacing it, with the Parish Council offering to pay the extra for it to be customised with possibly a picture and wording relating to Jack and Jill. It was agreed that Sue Meadows writes an article for the Parish News for further views on the sign, together with a picture of the proposed sign.

All members of the public left the meeting.

**5. VILLAGE SHOP**

- 673 There was a discussion on parking provision in the proposed plans and whether this important issue might be overcome. Overflow parking in the field would mitigate it to a degree, but raise safety issues of crossing the road at a difficult point and the question of whether people would actually use such parking. Possibly the shop could be moved back to allow parking along the front.

**Resolved:** All issues to be considered and brought back to allow the Parish Council to form a consensus of opinion at its next meeting.

**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 674 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
Somerset Playing Fields Association SPFA	Annual inspection of play park	£80.00	£80.00	LGA 1972, s111	001200
L Welch	Salary (Aug)	£241.62	£241.62	LGA 1972, s112	001201
Clive Leat	Mending the bench	£70.00	£70.00	LGA 1972, s111	001202
SJH Services	Grass cutting	£176.10	£176.10	LGA 1972, s111	001203

- 675 **Resolved:** that the Clerk writes to SJH Services for further details on the strimming of Jack and Jill Hill (£50), with payment held pending further details.

- 676 **Transparency Fund** - An application for £829.10 was made to the Transparency Fund for a Kilmersdon PC laptop, software, scanner/printer and Clerk's time.

- 677 **Annual Review of the Asset List** - The Asset List was reviewed. There are two benches: the Jubilee bench at Coles Garden and the bench on Kilmersdon hill.

## HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 678 **To receive any public feedback on the call for volunteers to run the Community Speed Watch initiative** - Two people had offered to help.
- 679 **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. There was a discussion on the move to restrict speed in the locality.
- 680 **Resolved:** that Cllr Drewe speaks to Highways about linking Kilmersdon into the local initiatives to reduce speed.
- 681 **Jack and Jill footpath, to note any work on the overgrown footpath** - This is being pursued by Cllr Morse.
- 682 **To receive public feedback on the proposed village sign, as requested at the last meeting** - The feedback was noted and it was suggested that the Village Day Committee might be open to contributing to the sign.

## 8. PLAYING FIELD

- 683 **To receive any quotes for the replacement of the cracked swing seat as agreed at the last meeting** - Cllr Morse is in liaison with a play provider.
- 684 **Repair or replacement of the rotting bench seat** - this was to be mended by Tuesday of the following week. (Cllr Morse).
- 685 **To discuss the Annual Play Inspection report** - Following the discussion with Mark Hughes it was **resolved** to delegate authority to Cllrs Morse and Lewis to agree the quote once it has been received, so that work might start immediately.
- 686 **Frequency of play area checks - Resolved:** to ask Mark Hughes to quote for the weekly checks, and to accept the quote for three quarterly checks per year by GB Leisure at £55 each and arrange the annual check with ROSPA, estimated at £80.
- 687 **Frequency of bin emptying** - Cllr Gibbs confirmed that the third bin should be finished this week.
- 688 **Rat infestation** - Cllr Gibbs confirmed that rats had not been seen for about a month.
- 689 **Resolved:** that the Clerk writes to Mr Edwards with a reminder of the request to clear the site now the rats have gone.

## 10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 690 **2017/2420/TCA T1-4 Lime Trees - re-pollard at various points. Church of St Peter and St Paul** - there were no objections.
- 691 **Ash Farm Planning Application for change of use from agricultural to industrial buildings**

692 **Resolved:** Although outside the Parish and not a consultee, to object on the grounds that the road is too narrow and the impact in terms of weight of traffic in Kilmersdon and noting that these buildings had never been agricultural but appeared to be purpose built industrial units.

11. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

693 There were no planning decisions.

12. **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

694 To receive any feedback relating to the garage at No. 3 Kilmersdon - The Clerk spoke with a Mendip Planning Officer, who confirmed that there is an open enforcement case at 3 Kilmersdon relating to the gates, the garage and the track at the back. Mendip has been in contact with the owners and are expecting an application to be submitted shortly.

695 **Resolved:** to bring back on the agenda in two months, providing an application has not been received in the meantime.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE**

696 **Boundary Consultation, Bath and North East Somerset Council** - The Consultation was noted without comments.

14. **OUTSIDE BODIES**

697 **PACT Report** - Cllr Morse to attend a meeting the following evening.

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

698 **The box of Kilmersdon records** to be brought to the Clerk following her move and the possibility of keeping them at the Somerset Archives to be investigated.

699 **Charlton Lane** - there is a large pothole in the road on the side as you drive out of Westfield and there is no sign to alert drivers to the forthcoming junction. Several accidents had occurred there. The Clerk to report to Highways.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

700 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Coles Garden Meeting Room.

701 There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.35pm.