

KILMERSDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Kilmersdon Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7.00pm at Coles Garden Meeting Room, Kilmersdon

Present: Cllr K Lewis (Vice Chair in the Chair), Cllrs D Hudson and N Brand (Kilmersdon Parish Council), District Councillor Edward Drewe, two members of the public.

Attending: L Close (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cherry Gilham and Cllrs R Butt, S Gibbs and R Morse (Kilmersdon Parish Council).

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2018

The minutes were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.

3. Welcome by the Parish Council

Cllr Lewis gave a snapshot of events over the past year.

- Graffiti to the youth shelter had prompted it being repainted in a product which makes it easier to clean and harder for graffiti to adhere.
- Thanks to Sue Meadows for driving forward the new Kilmersdon Village signs.
- A sign for the overflow parking at the Village Hall had made a huge difference.
- Litter is now being picked monthly in the car park and field by the contractors who do the grass cutting.
- The Neighbourhood Plan has started, consisting of five active members who are looking at funding, workshops, analysis of data. Thanks to Cllr Hudson for representing the Parish Council on this working group.
- Moving the 30mph signs is a priority and is in the Highway's schedule for 2019/20.
- Fingerpost renovation is going ahead and funding sources are being investigated.
- Play equipment is heavily used and thanks to the people who raised funds for its purchase. Whilst the timber looks good, it is rotting particularly at ground level with reserves of funds being spent on its upkeep.
- Safety surfacing had been installed under the swing seat.
- Soil shrinkage loosened the football posts, which have now been rectified.
- The picnic table has been repaired following the set in of rot.

4. Update from Truespeed on faster broadband in the village

Truespeed sent a written report outlining the need for another 7 sign ups to make faster broadband feasible in Kilmersdon.

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5. Kilmersdon Play Park – a discussion on its future in the light of the deterioration of the wood

Following the Parish Council's article in Kilmersdon Parish News, there had been 11 written objections to the removal of the zip wire. The meeting took these views on board and considered too the monthly expenditure to keep the play park safe. 2018/19 saw £3,767 spent on play equipment maintenance. This reduced earmarked reserves from £7,600 to £5,830. £2,000 has been added to the 2019/20 budget but at this rate the reserves will disappear over the next few years. Whilst there was a general consensus to continue to maintain the play area this year, the meeting asked whether it is fair to put the full cost of maintenance on the precept? There was a discussion on donation boxes and other forms of fund raising.

6. General forum for questions from members of the public

Dog bin on the cycle path – This had been chased, with Sustrans and the Parish Council sharing the cost of its purchase and installation and Mendip DC undertaking the emptying.

Sewerage works are now complete and a local resident had contacted Savills regarding some of the land becoming a car park.

The Parish Councillors were thanked for putting in time voluntarily and for doing a good job which is much appreciated.

There being no further questions the meeting ended at 7.35pm.