

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council Held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room At 7.30pm on Monday 15th April 2019

PRESENT: Cllr K Lewis (Vice Chair, in the chair), Cllrs N Brand and D Hudson.

ABSENT: Cllr R Morse, Cllr R Butt and Cllr S Gibbs.

ATTENDING: Cllr E Drewe, Mendip District Councillor for Kilmersdon
L Close, Parish Clerk.

183. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Morse, Butt and Gibbs.

184. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

185. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2019 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.

186. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no comments from the public.

187. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Hudson reported that funding would be applied for and consultants were being considered.

188. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**.

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
Zurich	Insurance	£512.16	£512.16	LGA 1972 s.111	001295
Holcombe PC	Contribution to grit bin agreed 18/3/19	£43.90	£43.90	LGA 1972, s 112	001296
L Close	Salary (Mar)	£241.62	£241.62	LGA 1972 s.143	001297
HMRC	Clerk's tax	£181	£181	LGA 1972 s.143	001298
L Close	Reimburse- ment printer toner	33.50	27.92	LGA 1972, s 112	001292

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- 189. SSE BUSINESS ENERGY CONTRACT RENEWAL STREET LIGHTING**
The street lighting contract was **agreed**.

190. HIGHWAY MATTERS

(1) Renovation of the finger post at Church Square – Heritage Lottery Funding in the minimum amount of £3,000 was discussed.

Agreed to ask Highways for a list of fingerposts in the Parish with a view to putting in a bid. *Action – the Clerk*

(2) The following items had been reported to Highways

- Light on Jack and Jill hill – Cllr Hudson to confirm whether it had been repaired.
- Charlton Lane – a marked improvement in litter.

(3) Dangerous stretch of the B3139 before the bridge as you approach Kilmersdon from Ammerdown – The possibility of Armco barriers was raised by a local resident and had been put to Cllr Drewe and the Highways Officer. Cllr Drewe confirmed that 7-8 cars had gone over the edge at that point. Armco barriers and at least chevrons were the preference. Cllr Drewe raised the fact that the budget for the year might already be assigned. The Clerk to contact Highways. *Action – the Clerk*

191. PLAYING FIELD

- Damage to a seat of a **picnic bench**, possible rot underneath had been repaired. The other bench is suffering the same problems. **Agreed** Nick Taylor is asked to mend this bench also. *Action – the Clerk*
- **The aerial cableway** – there had been 11 written objections to the possible removal of the zip wire due to the cost of its maintenance. **Agreed** to undertake the repair in the amount of £250 to Big Wood and Councillors to look at the maintenance manual in relation to the weekly checks. *Action – the Clerk* Further agreed to look at funding future maintenance via a donation box and fundraising with the school PTA.
- **The junior climber** – the Clerk to check with Big Wood that this work is complete. *Action – the Clerk*
- **The trim trail** – the Clerk to check with Big Wood that this work is complete. *Action – the Clerk*
- **The seesaw** – **agreed** to undertake the repair by Big Wood in the amount of £120. *Action – the Clerk*
- **Swing** – **agreed** to arrange the replacement of two cradle swings and paint the crossbar and legs in the amount of £390 by Big Wood. The Clerk to check that the legs were included in the quote. *Action – the Clerk*
- **Wobbly football post** – this had been repaired.

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- **Weed spraying around the car park, kerb edges, tree bases etc – agreed** to commission the work with Greensward in the amount of £45 per application, with three applications per year. *Action – the Clerk*

192. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 2019/0513/VRC Application to remove condition 2 (28 day holiday let restriction) of planning approval 2013/2142/VRC (Conversion of redundant farm buildings to 2 units for holiday letting purposes (variation of original planning permission 110422/000). – The Parish Council objected on the ground that these isolated buildings were converted for a purpose, which should remain. They are totally unsuitable for permanent dwellings and to do so would allow a creep of development in a rural area where a straight application for planning permission would never be allowed.
- 2019/0422/VRC Application to remove condition 10 (occupation of holiday let) on planning consent 107992/001 (CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT FARM BUILDINGS INTO 9 UNITS OF HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION) Red House Farm White Post To Charlton Road - The Parish Council objected on the ground that these isolated buildings were converted for a purpose, which should remain. They are totally unsuitable for permanent dwellings and to do so would allow a creep of development in a rural area where a straight application for planning permission would never be allowed.
- 2019/0802/TCA Works to trees in conservation area, Church Street – The advice of the Tree Officer was taken and it was requested that they re-plant accordingly.

193. FORWARD PLANNING

With regard to the rat infestation next to the playing field – **agreed** to put the landowner in contact with the playing field contractors to keep the vegetation down and, as a duty of care, to report this ongoing issue to Mendip DC
Action – the Clerk

194. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk to respond to the 11 people who wrote in relation to the zip wire confirming that maintenance was continuing this year, highlighting the diminishing reserves and the need for other forms of funding, for example a donation box. *Action - Cllr Hudson to investigate donation box options and how it might work.*

195. OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no outside bodies reports.

196. NOTICEBOARD AT COLES GARDEN

Cllr Lewis to arrange purchase of Perspex for the door at around £56 per door (2 doors required). *Action – Cllr Lewis*

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197. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

A litter picking group had offered to litter pick. Agreed that 19th May should be the preferred date with Cllr Hudson contacting the group and the Clerk putting it in Kilmersdon Parish News with Cllr Hudson as the contact. *Action – Cllr Hudson and the Clerk*

198. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 14th May 2019.

It was noted that co-option to the four vacancies on the Parish Council would be on the May agenda. Neil Brand agreed to stand for co-option. **Agreed** the Clerk asks Edward Drewe if he would be willing to stand. An article to go in Kilmersdon Parish News highlighting the huge need for councilors. *Action – the Clerk*

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.

199. REVIEW OF LEASES

The Parish Council discussed the fact that it is wishing to correct all current leases in by means of rectifying the discrepancies in the boundaries of the Village Hall lease and the Parish Council's playing field lease and set up a car park lease.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

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