

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Zoom

At 7.30pm on Monday 19th October 2020

PRESENT: Cllr N Brand (Chair) Cllrs R Butt, E Drewe, G Doswell, N Ham, D Hudson, B Nagel.

ABSENT: -

ATTENDING: L Close (Parish Clerk).

81. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr A Barkshire, Mendip District Council.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

83. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2020 were **agreed** as a true record and would be signed after the meeting.

84. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

85. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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.

86. REVIEW OF LEASES

The Parish Council discussed correspondence via Savills. **Agreed** to present the quote to the Village Shop Committee, making it clear that, if the Village Shop Committee is happy for it to go ahead, it would be funded by them and the landlord. *Action – the Clerk*

87. TO REVERT TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting reverted to public session.

88. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were ratified and **agreed**. The Clerk shared her desktop and the payments EB1 and EB2 were made electronically after the meeting, witnessed by Cllrs Brand, Doswell and Nagel.

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Payee	Detail	Gross £	Net £	Power	Ch no
HMRC	Clerk's tax	192.20	192.2037 1.25	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001321 paid 6/10/20
Greensward	Quarterly maintenance	537.00	447.50	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB1
L Close	Salary - September	256.62	256.62	LGA 1972 S112	EB2
L Close	Internet security renewal via F Secure	44.50	37.09	LGA 1972 S112	EB2

Six month accounts to 30/9/2020 – were **agreed**.

Budget comparison and first draft of the 2020/21 budget were noted and would be circulated on paper for further discussion at the next meeting. *Action – the Clerk*

89. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The need for armco barriers on the bend approaching the village from Ammerdown; double white lines on Kilmersdon Hill; moving the 30mph signs back to their original positions and addressing parking outside the Jolliffe Arms, together with the fact that the 30mph sign on the left hand side approaching from Ammerdown is so faded it cannot be read and the two Welcome to Kilmersdon signs have still not been repaired were all discussed and the response from Sara Davis of Somerset Highways was noted. (1) **Agreed** to respond to Sara Davis to the effect that it is remiss not to have armco barriers on the first bend because there is a drop of 30 feet with trees in the way and three cars have already gone over. The likelihood of a car bouncing back off such barriers into the path of another vehicle is remote and the danger of not having them is much higher. Cllr Mike Pullin would be asked for his support in this; (2) parking outside the Jolliffe does have a traffic calming effect and whilst it is hard to navigate such parking with a large vehicle, it was felt that the traffic calming element was important and **agreed** to take this off the agenda; (3) **agreed** to ask Sara Davis who their contractor is for the Welcome to Kilmersdon signs in order that they may be contacted for compensation; (4) Ames Lane verges have not been trimmed all year, **agreed** to contact Somerset Highways about this; (5) there is a large tree (possibly on private land) on the corner opposite Church Square. **Agreed** that Cllr Doswell confirms the address and the Clerk drafts a letter. *Action – Cllr Doswell and the Clerk*

Overgrown vegetation opposite the Jolliffe – It was noted that this had been cut back by the landowner on this occasion. **Agreed** that the Chairman writes a letter on behalf of the Parish Council outlining responsibility for this land. *Action – Cllr Brand*

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90. PLAYING FIELD

1. Trim Trail – There was a meeting scheduled with the play provider to review the costs on Wednesday at 2.30pm, all councillors welcome to attend.
2. Stabilising the football posts – **agreed** to remove this from the agenda until the summer. The change in ground conditions meant that this was no longer an issue in the last play inspection
3. Swing and multi play repairs as raised at the last meeting – the quote of £585 plus VAT was discussed and it was **agreed** to delegate authority to the Chair and Cllr Nagel who were visiting the site on Wednesday. *Action – Cllrs Brand and Nagel*

91. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2020/1794/HSE Demolition of existing garage and replace/erect an oak framed car port with ancillary workshop, Parsons Paddock, Ames Lane – **agreed** that there were no objections providing the applicants repair/rebuild the existing white lias roadside wall, given that it is in a conservation area.

92. GOVERNMENT PROPOSED PLANNING CHANGES

The Parish Council discussed substantial changes to permitted development rights and use classes order. Cllr Hudson attended a Mendip webinar where it was confirmed that Mendip DC would be putting forward its views. **Agreed** that Cllr Drewe investigates further and sends a response to the Clerk to circulate. *Action – Cllr Drewe*

93. CORRESPONDENCE

1. A local resident had raised concern about lack of communication with Truespeed – the Clerk had offered to raise this with the Truespeed Regional Manager.
2. Residents adjacent to the overgrown plot of land next to the play park – concern about rat infestation had been raised by local residents and their concerns conveyed to the landowner by the Clerk. It was suggested that the residents also report their concerns to Environmental Health.

94. OUTSIDE BODIES

It was noted that a Zoom meeting had been arranged for Parish Councillors to meet PC Toni Lines on 28th October. This would be re-arranged for November in order to accommodate more councillors. *Action – the Clerk*

95. ITEMS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

1. Coles Garden Meeting Room – the Parish Council reverted to confidential session for this item and was recorded in confidential minutes accordingly.
2. Website – this is nearing completion and will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

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96. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 16th November 2020

97. PROPOSED MEETING DATES 2021

Agreed as 18th January, 15th February, 15th March, 12th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July, 20th September, 18th October, 22nd November, 20th December

The meeting ended at 8.40pm

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