

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council

Held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room
At 7.30pm on Monday 20th January 2020

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

ABSENT: -

ATTENDING: Cllr A Barkshire (Mendip District Council); Six members of the public; L Close (Parish Clerk).

130.APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

131.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

132.MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th December 2019 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chair.

133.PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Three members of the public talked about the B3139 to the north of the parish past the Red House Farm. Accidents on the bend have always taken place there, averaging about three a year over the past 20 years. However, this has recently increased with three before Christmas and one a week since Christmas. The road is too fast, there is no warning of the bend and they queried the camber and road surface. The road was re-surfaced to make it non-skid after a couple died around 1996. It has recently been re-surfaced and it was questioned whether the non-skid element had been missed. The Chair gave an overview of unsuccessful attempts to get Somerset CC Highways to provide accident prevention measures in the area and it was agreed that the members of the public contact County Councillor Mike Pullin to lend weight to the Parish Council's efforts so far.

Members of Fibreway outlined their work as a broadband provider in the parish and it was agreed that they contact Kilmersdon Parish News to highlight what they can offer to residents.

134.FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**.

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Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	Dec Salary	£251.56	£251.56	LGA 1972. S143	001400
Greensward	Grounds maintenance, non selective spray, litter pick	£648.00	£540.00	LGA 1972 S143	001401
Greensward	Tree survey	£240	£200	LGA 1972 s111	001402
Gould autoplates and signs ltd	Map of the parish (colour)	£18.00	£15.00	LGA 1972 S143	001403
GB Sport and Leisure	Work to the zip wire	£420.72	£350.60	LGA 1972 s111	001404
Kilmersdon Meeting Room	Meeting room hire – Neighbourhood Plan	£40.00	£40.00	Localism Act s116-121	001405
Kilmersdon Meeting Room	Meeting room hire – Parish Council	£74.00	£74.00	LGA 1972. S143	001406

1. **Precept Report 2020/21** – The Parish Council considered the precept required to deliver the budget without completely depleting reserves. Total net expenditure for 2020/21 goes up from £14,323 to £16,496 due to the decision to add legal fees to the budget. **Agreed** to set a precept of £15,100, a Band D equivalent of £63.60. To deliver this budget the reserves would reduce by £1,396. *Action – the Clerk*
2. **Precept Leaflet 2020/21** was **agreed** with some minor amendments. *Action – the Clerk*

135.HIGHWAY MATTERS

1. The hedge at Thatched Cottage, Hoares Lane required cutting back to stop large vehicles having to move to the other side of the road when passing. *Action – the Clerk*
2. Kilmersdon Hill – the white lines have been re-painted in reverse of their former state so that it allows drivers to overtake when going up the hill. Double white lines would be preferred. *Action – the Clerk*
3. Jack and Jill Hill – the leaves were never swept and pose a danger with the frost. *Action – the Clerk*
4. Kilmersdon village sweep – it is good to see the village has been swept.

136.PLAYING FIELD

1. Nick Taylor to repair rotting bench seat.
2. See saw – taken out of use Sept 2019. Glulam beams had proved expensive but local seasoned hardwood beams looked feasible at £300. **Agreed** that Cllr Nagel would contact a local building expert for confirmation that he would arrange the fitting and Cllr Drewe to order the beam accordingly. *Action – Cllrs Drewe and Nagel*

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3. Trim Trail replacement of rotten elements – **agreed** that Cllr Nagel to meet the local building expert that week. *Action – Cllr Nagel*
4. Masterplan for the Play Park – the quotes were received and noted should more equipment require replacing.
5. Tree Report – Three quotes were received. **Agreed** to go back to one of the contractors to ensure they all quoted on a like for like basis of the medium and high risk items only. Other quotes to be sought. *Action – Cllr Ham and the Clerk*

137.PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council took the Tree Officer's advice in respect of the application below.

- 2019/3056/TCA Ash (T1 and T2)- Reduce crown by approximately 2m. 2 New Bungalows Kilmersdon Hill

138.MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The consultation on the main modifications' deadline of 2nd March was noted. **Agreed** to consult local residents in order to represent their views to Mendip. A public meeting would be held before the Parish Council meeting in February at the Village Hall. The Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall bookings and confirm the date. Andre Sestini or his colleague to be invited to the meeting. *Action – the Clerk*

139.CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

140.OUTSIDE BODIES

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation results would go on the website shortly.

Cllr Barkshire reported that Somerset CC would like to go Unitary.

There is a consultation on climate change with a drop in session at Shepton on 15th February 10-4 and Frome in the evening of 3rd March.

141.WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

Two quotes for re-designing the website had been received from local web designers, both of which were considered very high. Cllr Drewe to contact Clive Abbott. *Action – Cllr Drewe*

142.MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items raised.

143.DATE OF NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed dependent on the date of the public meeting.

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144.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.

145.REVIEW OF LEASES

The revised location in the car park of the Truespeed box was agreed. *Action – the Clerk*

The draft licence to occupy for the car park and deed of variation for the playing field lease were noted. **Agreed** that the Clerk informs Savills that it did not meet the requirements and to request the solicitor attend a future meeting to understand that first-hand. The Chair to circulate the areas of concern. Cllr Butt to contact Savills by phone. *Action – Cllr Butt, Cllr Lewis and the Clerk*

Cllr Lewis outlined his intention to stand down from the Parish Council as the Chair and as a Councillor. He was thanked for all his work over the years.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

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