

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Skype
At 7.30pm on Monday 20th April 2020

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

ABSENT: Cllr E Drewe (Vice Chair)

ATTENDING: L Close (Parish Clerk).

180.ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Brand was elected Chair and requested that this item remains on the agenda so the role might be passed to another Councillor next month.

181.APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Drewe.

182.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs D Hudson and N Ham declared an interest in item 10 Planning Application at Babington House.

183.MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th March 2020 were **agreed** as a true record.

184.PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public. **Agreed** that the next meeting be convened via Zoom, taking a break if necessary after 40 minutes and logging back in. *Action – the Clerk*

185. VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council noted that no election had been called and it was free to co-opt. Two applications for co-option had been received. **Agreed** to co-opt Kilmersdon resident Gael Doswell. *Action – the Clerk*

186.FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**. They would be passed to Cllr Brand to sign and pass on to another Councillor and return to the Clerk.

Minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.

Signed:

Date:

1

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	Salary - March	£251.76	£251.76	LGA 1972 S143	001416
L Close	Refund to 1&1 quarterly web fee	£23.98	£19.98	LGA 1972 S143	001417
Greensward	Contract landscape maintenance	£648.00	£540.00	LG Misc Provisions Act 1976 s 19	001418
L Close	3 x colour and 1 x black printer toner via Cartridge People	£144.90	£120.75	LGA 1972 S143	001419
B Windel	Tree work at playing field	£300.00	£360.00	LG Misc Provisions Act 1976 s 19	001420

Crowd funding – It was noted that £637.61 had been received in crowdfunding for the play area. The total raised being £660 and from that Just Giving took a share.

The NatWest Bank mandate for telephone and online banking is in progress.

187. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Fingerposts – applications to the Heritage Lottery are on hold until October.

188.PLAYING FIELD

1. Rotting cross beams on the two benches – Cllr Nagel reported that this and item 2 below were on hold until social distancing is relaxed, as they are two person jobs. **Agreed** to bring these items back on the agenda in June.
2. See saw – as above.
3. Trim trail – Quotes were received along with pictures of possible replacements. There was a consensus that the lowest quote looked reasonable, but concern about the visual impact of a change from wood to metal. **Agreed** to consult residents, via Kilmersdon Parish News and the website, on this possible change. *Action – the Clerk*
4. Garden area next to the play park – The Parish Council considered the quote for the ongoing grounds maintenance, which had been amended to include the garden area. **Agreed** to go ahead with the quote for grounds maintenance in the amount of £1,790. In relation to the maintenance of the garden area, the Clerk to chase a quote from J Common who maintains the spiral garden. *Action – the Clerk*
5. Moving and stabilising the goal posts – **Agreed** to accept the quote from Ben Windel in the amount of £280 plus VAT plus materials of approx. £120.
6. Car park hedge cutting – since this had not grown much it was agreed to defer this until September.

189.PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2020/0710/LBC Repairs to mortar and stone work. Replace missing and rotten oak lintels and replacement of existing iron gate. Babington House Vobster – there were no objections.

Minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.

Signed:

Date:

2

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

190. MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART 2

The response of the Planning Inspector was noted.

191. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

192. OUTSIDE BODIES

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hudson outlined a questionnaire which is being created.

193. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Parish Council received the report of the Clerk. **Agreed** that a well designed website would help the Parish Council interact with the village and the Clerk to pursue this with the preferred web developer, Love Creative.

194. ANNUAL LITTER PICK

Cllr Hudson reported that he has the litter picking equipment. **Agreed** to put it on hold for the time being and back on the agenda in June.

195. NOTICEBOARD LOOSE IN THE GROUND (Cllr Ham)

Agreed to undertake this at the same time as the work to the goal posts, but since it is a two person job to defer both until social distancing is relaxed. This will go on the June agenda.

196. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items raised.

197. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18th May 2020

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.

198. REVIEW OF LEASES

Notes of the remote meeting held with the landlord on 31st March had been received and draft documents were awaited from Savills.

199. LANDSCAPE CONTRACT 2020/21

This had been agreed in item 188.4 above.

200. ANNUAL PAY REVIEW OF THE CLERK

Agreed to move the Clerk's salary from sp8 to sp9 for 2020/21.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm

Minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting.

Signed:

Date:

3