

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Zoom

At 7.30pm on Monday 20th July 2020

PRESENT: Cllr E Drewe (Vice Chair in the chair) Cllrs R Butt, N Ham, D Hudson and B Nagel.

ABSENT: Cllrs N Brand and G Doswell

ATTENDING: L Close (Parish Clerk).

44. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Brand and Doswell and Mendip Councillor Alison Barkshire.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

46. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th June 2020 were **agreed** as a true record and would be signed after the meeting.

47. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

48. 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.

49. REVIEW OF LEASES

The Parish Council discussed correspondence via Savills and **agreed** (1) the Clerk contacts Savills to raise the fact that the caveat giving the landlord overall control over the wording of the leases/ sub lease is not acceptable and stating that the Parish Council does not have the funds to meet the likely shortfall in legal costs; (2) Cllrs Butt and Nagel contact John Clayton of the Village Shop Committee to outline in person the situation and the shortfall in funds to set up the leases. *Action – The Clerk, Cllrs Butt and Nagel*

50. TO REVERT TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting reverted to public session.

51. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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Payee	Detail	Gross £	Net £	Power	Ch no
ROSPA Playsafety Ltd	Annual play inspection	94.80	79.00	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001430
Greensward	Quarterly grounds maintenance	537	447.50	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001431
HMRC	Clerk's tax	192.20	192.20	LGA 1972 S112	001432
L. Close	Salary - June	256.62	256.62	LGA 1972 S112	001434

Internet banking – It was noted that the application was in progress.

52. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Sara Davies had been in contact regarding the Kilmersdon issues. **Agreed** that the Clerk responds highlighting 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. *Action – the Clerk*

Jack and Jill Hill – vegetation has been cut back. The Clerk to ask the contractors to cut back some overhanging branches. *Action – the Clerk*

Overhanging vegetation opposite the Jolliffe Arms – the Clerk to contact Andrew Jolliffe. *Action – the Clerk*

53. PLAYING FIELD

1. See saw – Grateful thanks were expressed to Matt Crosier and Cllr Nagel for the excellent work on the see saw.
2. Trim trail – There had been no responses to the consultation to move from wooden to metal equipment on the trim trail. However, the annual play inspection by ROSPA categorized the trim trail as low risk, as opposed to medium risk in the quarterly inspections. The annual inspection highlighted instead the football posts, the basket swing and the zip wire as medium risk. **Agreed** that Cllr Nagel talks to Cllr Brand about which items of play equipment should be prioritised for renewal. *Action – Cllr Nagel*
3. Garden area next to the play park – One quote was received. **Agreed** to put it on hold whilst voluntary work by councillors was considered. *Action – all Councillors*
4. Stabilising the football posts – Cllr Ham was looking at addressing this shortly. The Clerk to pass the playing field key to Cllr Nagel for ease of picking it up when required. *Action – Cllr Ham*
5. Items arising from the ROSPA Annual Play Inspection – The items were noted and Cllrs Butt, Drewe and Nagel agreed to meet on site the following week to work out how to address the issues. *Action – Cllrs Butt, Drewe and Nagel*

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54. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2020/1169/OTS Outline Planning Permission for the erection of 6no dwellinghouses with details of access. Land Adj Orchid Close Writhlington Radstock – **Agreed** to object on the grounds that this is open countryside and there is no legitimate reason to build here. Further the scheme is cramped and out of character with the adjacent properties and very close to the road. The Parish Council would be minded to find it acceptable if it was affordable housing and the other issues were addressed.

2020/1226/CLP Change of use from garage to living space, the Tallat House, Silver St – no objections.

2020/0756 - Magdapur, Fosseyway South - **Agreed** in the light of the amended drawings and that it complies with highways standards, that the Parish Council withdraws its objections. The Clerk to contact the public who contacted the Parish Council directly with their concerns. *Action – the Clerk*

55. MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART 2 EXAMINATION

Agreed that Cllr Drewe represents the Parish Council at the hearing. The Clerk to contact the Planning Inspector accordingly. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Drewe for taking this role. *Action – Cllr Drewe, The Clerk*

56. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

57. OUTSIDE BODIES

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Hudson reported that he was drafting a survey which had been delayed due to the current situation.

58. FINGERPOSTS

Agreed (1) to go ahead with the quote from Somerset Forge to renovate Church Square fingerpost, including the crown, at a cost of £540. (2) to submit the application to Heritage Lottery for the rest of the fingerposts when the fund re-opens. *Action – the Clerk*

59. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillors were asked to submit background information about themselves for Kilmersdon Parish News in the next few days. *Action – all Councillors*

60. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st September 2020

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

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