

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Zoom

At 7.30pm on Monday 21st September 2020

- PRESENT:** Cllr N Brand (Chair) Cllrs R Butt, N Ham, D Hudson.
- ABSENT:** Cllrs B Nagel, G Doswell and E Drewe.
- ATTENDING:** Cllr A Barkshire (Mendip DC), L Close (Parish Clerk).

61. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Nagel and Doswell.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

63. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th July 2020 were **agreed** as a true record and would be signed after the meeting.

64. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

65. 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.

66. REVIEW OF LEASES

The Parish Council discussed correspondence via Savills and the meeting with a rep from the Village Shop Committee. Their contribution along with that of the landlord should cover the cost of the legal work. It was **agreed** (1) the Clerk contacts Savills to request agreement to a fifteen year lease; (2) Cllrs Butt and Brand go out to tender to solicitors. It was **agreed** (3 for and 1 against) that searches should be included in the remit of the solicitor. Cllr Ham asked for his objection to be recorded. *Action – The Clerk, Cllrs Butt and Brand*

67. TO REVERT TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting reverted to public session.

68. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were ratified and **agreed**. They would be passed to Cllr Brand 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
Love Creative	Second instalment of website design fee.	445.50	371.25	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001435 paid 18/8/20
1&1	Website quarterly fee	25.20	21.00	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001436 paid 18/8/20
L Close	Salary - July	256.42	256.42	LGA 1972 S112	001437 paid 18/8/20
Savills	Playing field rent	1.00	1.00	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001437
L Close	Salary - August	256.42	256.42	LGA 1972 S112	001438
Somerset Forge	Renovation of Fingerpost	648.00	540.00	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	001439

Fingerpost in Church Square – It was noted that renovation was now complete.

Internet banking – There is now online access to the bank account, but as yet not the facility to undertake transactions.

69. HIGHWAY MATTERS

There had been no further update from Highways. **Agreed** that the Clerk chases Sara Davies and Cllr Mike Pullin regarding 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. In addition, 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. *Action – the Clerk*

Overgrown vegetation opposite the Jolliffe – **Agreed** that the Clerk responds to the landlord stating that the Parish Council has reviewed the agreement in place and does not have the remit to cut back the hedge. It would be wrong to spend public money on cutting a hedge which is outside its remit. *Action – the Clerk*

70. PLAYING FIELD

1. Trim Trail – The latest play area inspection report was received. Rot to the wood is prevalent to varying extents in all aspects of the play equipment. It was noted that the suggestion in the last two editions of Kilmersdon Parish News that the wooden play equipment be replaced sequentially with steel had not raised any objections. As a result it was **agreed** to replace the trim trail and the train with steel alternatives giving the same play value. The Clerk to check the budget and the quotes and circulate by email prior to placing an order. *Action – the Clerk*

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2. Swing and Multi Play Unit – It was agreed to contact GB Sport and Leisure for the urgent repairs to the swings (tightening of bolts) and minor repairs to the multi play unit.
3. Garden Area in Manor Close and the spiral garden – Grateful thanks to Cllrs Nagel and Butt for offering to cut these areas back voluntarily. This will be done in October as there are hedgehogs in there at the moment. The Clerk to ask for more volunteers via Kilmersdon Parish News. *Action – Cllrs Butt, Nagel and the Clerk*
4. Stabilising the football posts – Cllr Ham was looking at addressing this shortly. *Action – Cllr Ham*
5. From the weekly checks – scorch marks on the wooden play equipment. **Agreed** this should be raised with the local Police Beat Officer and photos to be taken *Action – the Clerk*

71. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications.

72. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

73. LITTER PICKING PROPOSAL IN KILMERSDON

The Parish Council received an offer from a local resident to arrange a litter pick for the new Kilmersdon Happening Group on Saturday 20th February. The Parish Council was supportive of this event and the date did not conflict with any other known items. *Action – the Clerk*

74. LOCAL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Agreed that the Clerk circulates the Plan again to all Councillors with the request that they read and 'reply all' with their views. *Action – the Clerk and all Councillors*

75. MDC MEETING INVITE

The Parish Council received an invitation to a consider schemes which promote biking across the parish. **Agreed** to contact Stuart Green the Footpath expert in Kilmersdon for his view and to respond with the view that Kilmersdon is well placed and would like to see its cycle path extended to Frome. *Action – the Clerk*

76. NEW POLICE BEAT MANAGER

Agreed to invite PC Toni Lines to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss vandalism in the play area and any other concerns. *Action – the Clerk*

77. OUTSIDE BODIES

It was noted that the Village Hall has received a grant which should keep it operating despite the loss of income due to Covid.

78. FORWARD PLANNING

All items on the Forward Planning report had been addressed in the course of the meeting.

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Cllr Barkshire reported that the District Council had put forward an alternative to Somerset County Council's proposal for a unitary authority, which was on its website. Councillors were invited to take a look at this and respond either individually or as a Parish Council. There is to be no formal referendum.

The proposed changes to the planning system were raised by Cllr Barkshire which many see as a loss of democracy.

79. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Hudson to draft a tribute to Roy Morse, circulate it as appropriate before sending to Kilmerston Parish News. The Clerk to ascertain the deadline date.
Action – Cllr Hudson and the Clerk

Coles Garden Meeting Room – the Chair to talk to Dave Durkin of the Coles Garden Meeting Room and feedback to the Parish Council via email. *Action – Cllr Brand*

80. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19th October 2020

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

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