YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL AT THE COLES GARDEN MEETING ROOM ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM

AGENDA

- APOLOGIES To receive apologies for absence
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To note any Councillors' interests
- MINUTES To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th December 2019. (Pages 1-5).
- PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME (max 15 mins).
- 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS To approve expenditure as follows

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	Dec Salary	£251.56	£251.56	LGA 1972. S143	001400
Greensward	nsward Grounds maintenance, non selective spray, litter pick		£540.00	LGA 1972 S111	001401
Greensward Tree survey		£240.00	£200	LGA 1972 S111	001402
Gould autoplates and signs ltd	ould Map of the parish (colour)		£15.00	LGA 1972 S143	001403
GB Sport and Leisure	Work to the zip wire	£420.72	£350.60	LGA 1972 S111	001404

- 1. Precept report (Pages 6-12)
- 2. Precept leaflet (Pages 13-14)

6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

PLAYING FIELD

- Damage to a seat of a picnic bench, possible rot underneath. Nick Taylor is investigating.
- See saw taken out of use Sept 2019.
- Trim Trail quote to replace rotten elements update on local help in replacing the timbers (Cllr Nagel)
- 4. Masterplan for the Play Park quotes sent electronically from Wicksteed and Sutcliffe Play
- 5. Tree Report sent electronically from Greensward

- PLANNING APPLICATIONS (Clir Butt) 8.
 - 2019/3056/TCA Ash (T1 and T2)- Reduce crown by approximately 2m. 2 New Bungalows Kilmersdon Hill
- 9. MENDIP LOCAL PLAN (Pages 15-16)
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE
- **OUTSIDE BODIES** 11.
 - Neighbourhood Plan consultation results
- 12. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILTY Quotes are being sought for the next meeting, in the meantime SALC has pointed us to https://www.parish-council.com/index.asp.
- MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING 13.
- DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17th February 2020 14.
- Part 2 To resolve to exclude the press and public under s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- REVIEW OF LEASES Draft from Savills circulated electronically 02/12/19 15.

Utlace Lesley Close

Parish Clerk

12th January 2020 Clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk Tel: 07521 951471 www.kilmersdonpc.co.uk

To Cllrs N Brand, R Butt, E Drewe (Vice Chair), N Ham, D Hudson, K Lewis (Chair), B Nagel.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability) Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.



Minutes of the Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council

Held at the Coles Garden Meeting Room At 7.30pm on Monday 16th December 2019

PRESENT: Cllr K Lewis (Chair) Cllrs N Brand, E Drewe, D Hudson and

B Nagel.

ABSENT: Cllrs R Butt and N Ham.

ATTENDING: Two members of the public - Mr and Mrs Hall.

L Close (Parish Clerk).

113.APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Butt and Ham.

114.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hudson declared a personal interest in item 8 Planning Applications as a member of Babington House.

115.MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

116.PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Mr and Mrs Hall asked for an update on a recent meeting of local parish representatives in relation to the Mendip Local Plan and the proposal of 505 houses on land to the north east, near the White Post. Cllr Lewis gave a summary of the meeting with Rode, Beckington and Norton St Philip local councils, who have already written to Mendip Planning to challenge the proposal. A Planning Consultant from DLA Piper has quoted to represent the parishes. There is to be a further meeting of parishes on 6th January.

Mr and Mrs Hall expressed concern at the size of the development, the increase in traffic on the A367 which is already at over-capacity due to the Beecham Place development, the stress on education, doctors and dentists, which the infrastructure is not set up to accommodate. They stressed the importance of considering the needs of the whole of the parish, including those at the periphery and the fact that a development of 505 homes would really be better on the edge of a large town and that at the proposed location agricultural land and crops would be lost. The Parish Council agreed with this view – the Neighbourhood Plan is for the whole of the parish and at least three Parish Councillors live outside the village of Kilmersdon.

117.MENDIP LOCAL PLAN

This item was moved up the agenda so that it could be considered in the light of the previous discussion. Depending on the bus timetable, the fact that Kilmersdon has no shop could be the only item stopping it from

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becoming a primary village and thus open to more development. **Agreed** to wait until the formal consultation starts before contacting Mendip Planning Policy and to put the item on the January agenda. Cllr Drewe to take this issue on board and keep the Parish Council informed.

118.FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were agreed.

Pavee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	Nov Salary	£251.56	£251.56	LGA 1972. S143	001395
D Hudson	Hudson Neighbourhood Plan 23/11/19 event expenses		£34.23	LGA 1972 S143	001396
Gould autoplates and signs ltd	Map of the parish	£36.00	£30.00	LGA 1972 S143	001397
HMRC	Clerk's tax	£188.80	£188.80	LGA 1972. S143	001398
L Close	Refund for toner purchased from the Cartridge People	£37.49	£31.24	LGA 1972, s112	001399

- Budget 2020/21 With the addition of £2,000 for legal fees, the budget was agreed in principle. A comparison of the precept of other parishes would be brought to the next meeting with the precept report. Action – the Clerk
- 2. Online banking Changes to the Financial Regulations were agreed as follows: Item 5, 3rd paragraph add 'including electronic payments so that it reads 'Cheques or orders for payment, including electronic payments, drawn on the bank account in accordance with the schedule as presented to council shall be signed by two members of the council, and may be countersigned by the Clerk. Item 5, 4th pararaph to add '/list of electronic payments' so that it reads, 'To indicate agreement of the details shown on the cheque or order for payment with the counterfoil/list of electronic payments and the invoice or similar documents, the signatories shall also initial the invoice and cheque counterfoil/list of electronic payments. Item 6 paragraph 1, to add 'electronic payment', so that it reads, 'All payments shall be effected by electronic payment, cheque or other instruction drawn on the Council's bankers.' Item 6, paragraph 7 to add 'Lists of electronic payment', so that it reads. Lists of electronic payment, cheques or orders for payment shall be presented for signature at a council meeting.' Item 6, final paragraph, delete 'The council shall not operate internet banking'.

With these amendments the Parish Council **agreed** to set up internet banking and the digital and direct banking form was circulated for signatures accordingly. *Action – the Clerk*

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KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

119.HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 1. Renovation of the Kilmersdon fingerposts A recent meeting with the Head Teacher of Kilmersdon Primary School had seen the school taking on the fingerposts as an all school project. This includes Year 6 persuasive letters to the Heritage Lottery, a geography project, a possible field trip to a fingerpost, a study into the heritage of fingerposts and mapwork. With this much appreciated community involvement the Clerk would look to re-submit the Heritage Lottery application form in January/February when the persuasive letters were ready. Action – the Clerk
- The path at Jack and Jill Hill is still slippery and needs chasing. Action
 - the Clerk
- The map of Kilmersdon was received with thanks and a full colour version to be sought. Action – Cllr Brand and the Clerk

120.PLAYING FIELD

- Nick Taylor to repair rotting bench seat.
- The zip wire the Clerk would continue to chase the maintenance work. Action – the Clerk
- See saw taken out of use Sept 2019. Agreed that Cllr Drewe would source external glulam beams and Cllr Nagel to contact the local building expert for fitting. Action – Cllrs Drewe and Nagel
- Trim Trail replacement of rotten elements agreed that the local building expert should purchase the required replacement timbers on behalf of the Parish Council and fit them accordingly. Action – Cllr Nagel
- Rot in the clatterbridge on the multi play Cllr Lewis reported that Big Wood had done a temporary fix. A quote for a permanent fix was awaited from Nigel Foster, who undertakes play equipment repairs.
- 6. Masterplan for the Play Park this should be available for the next meeting. In the meantime, £5,000 from Sperring Trust providing match funding is obtained was noted with thanks. It was agreed to let the Sperring Trust know that the Parish Council had earmarked £5,000 in match funding from the Local Housing contribution to recreation ground maintenance. The draft application to Bath and West was agreed providing the source of the figures were checked by the Clerk. The work of a local resident in preparing the funding bids was much appreciated. Action the Clerk
- Tree Inspection quote agreed to accept the lowest quote from Greensward in the amount of £200 this year and £150 in subsequent years. Action – the Clerk



121.PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no objections to the planning applications below and the Parish Council would defer to the view of the Listed Building Officer in relation to the Babington House application.

- 2019/2843/VRC Variation of condition 1 (Plans List) and removal of condition 3(Condenser Housing) of permission
- 2019/0320/LBC.Babington House Vobster Cross
- 2019/2859/HSE Replace concrete roof tiles on kitchen building with more appropriate conservation clay tiles to match existing vernacular and install improved insulation. Installation of 2no conservation roof lights. The Old Vicarage Church Street
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122.CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence from Mr and Mrs Hall had been discussed under the Mendip Local Plan (minute 117).

123.OUTSIDE BODIES

Neighbourhood Plan- the drop-in consultation on 23rd November had been a success and the written report would be available for the next meeting.

Action – Cllr Hudson.

The Planning Inspector for the Local Plan had made two suggestions on the designated Local Green Spaces resulting in Mendip removing them from the Plan, with a separate exercise to be undertaken to review/propose them in the future.

124 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

A quote for an accessibility report on the website for WCAG 2.1 AA compliance was received from Ability Net in the amount of £1,408. **Agreed** to seek quotes for a new, compliant website and bring back to the next meeting. *Action – the Clerk*

125.FORWARD PLANNING

The forward planning summary was received. **Agreed** that Sustrans be chased on work replacing the bollards at the treatment works and installing a dog bin on the cycle path. *Action – the Clerk*

126 MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Mendip Local Plan; Neighbourhood Plan result of consultation;

127.DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 20th January 2020.

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128.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.

129.REVIEW OF LEASES

The draft licence to occupy for the car park and deed of variation for the playing field lease were received. It was disappointing that the comments of the Parish Council had not been incorporated. Agreed to defer to the next meeting to capture the comments of all councilors. The Clerk to contact Savills accordingly. Action – the Clerk

It was noted that Truespeed had requested that a green cabinet be installed in the car park by the Ambulance Trust cabinet. Agreed that this was acceptable providing (1) it be hidden from the road with planting, possibly by moving the large shrub; (2) the permission of the Landlord, Lord Hylton, be sought. Agreed to ask if there was a possibility of free internet access at Coles Garden meeting room. Action – the Clerk

The meeting ended at 9.20pm



Explanation of the Precept calculation 2020/21

Using the figures from the draft budget, we can predict that the total net expenditure at year end 2019/20 will be £9,703.72. This is less than the predicted £14,323 due to the Neighbourhood Plan grant of £4,931.28 of which very little has been spent.

Using the figures from the draft budget, the proposed total net expenditure for 2020/21 is £16,496, compared with £14,323 in 2019/20. An increase of about £2,000 due to the decision to add £2,000 in legal fees to the 2020/21 budget.

The tax base for 2020/21 is going up from 234.91 to 237.41.

Precept options

- (1) Model A (attached) Due to the increase in predicted net expenditure, we might wish to consider correspondingly increasing the precept from £14,323 to £16,496. This equates to a Band D increase from £60.97 to £69.48. This would ensure that the budget was funded entirely through the year's precept, without depleting any reserves.
- (2) Model B (attached) Another way of looking at it would be to see the £2,000 for the legal fees as one off expenditure and therefore acceptable to take this amount from the general reserves and keep the precept Band D approximately the same at £60.33 and a precept of £14,323. This option would see the reserves deplete by £2,173 and as a result the Parish Council would not be holding in the bank the listed ear marked reserves and cash flow reserves.
- (3) Model C (attached) A third option would be to take a middle path and increase the precept to £15,100, a Band D equivalent of £63.60 the advantage being that the reserves would not be depleted to the same extent as a nil increase in precept. This option would see the reserves deplete by £1,396 and there would be sufficient funds in the bank to meet the earmarked reserves and cash flow reserves.

In terms of reserves, it is recommended to have 6 months net expenditure as a minimum cash flow reserve (£8,248). We also have earmarked reserves of £13,112 which have gone up from £6,330 last year due to adding the £2,000 for moving the 30mph signs and £4,782 for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Comparison with other Parish Councils

As requested at the last meeting, below is a table of **2018/19** income of neighbouring councils, as outlined in the published annual returns. I asked Mendip DC for the **2019/20** precepts but they could not give me this information.

Parish	Precept	Other income
Kilmersdon	£12,630	£219
Holcombe	£11,300	£5,718
Hemington, Hardington and Foxcote	£8,490	£1,529
Buckland Dinham	£6,999	£1,470
Stratton on the Fosse	£10,000	£2,863
Chilcompton	£27,500	£5,522

KILMEHSDON PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21 Figures are net

		2019/20			2020/21	
				2019/20		
	Budget	Actual at 6 months	Estimate to year end	Actual at year end	Budget	5.137
EXPENDITURE						
Clerks Salary	2950.00	1500.02	3006.00		3012.00	
Tax	736.00	558.40	746.00		750.00	
Payroll admin	215.00	00.00	215.00		215.00	
Office expenses						
Postage	100.00	00.00	100.00		100,00	
Stationery	80.00	27.92	00.09		60,00	-
Website	85.00	29.94	85.00		85.00	
Recruitment ad	00.00	00:00	00.00		00.00	
IT security	25.00	00:00	25.00		25.00	
Website accessibility	0.00	00.00	00.00		1408.00	
Hire of Meeting Rooms	206.00	72.00	206.00		206.00	-
Insurance	540.00	512.16	512.16		540.00	
Audit	160.00	150.00	150.00	1	160.00	TOTAL STREET
Subscriptions						
SALC	160.00	153.69	153.69		160.00	
C C for Somerset	35.00	00.00	35.00		35.00	21
Legal fees	The second second				2000.00	-1
Grass Cutting	1800.00	1080.00	1800.00		1800.00	-
Village Cleaning/Tidying						
Footpaths	750,00	98.90	750.00		250.00	
Noticeboard and bench repairs	00.00	410,15	410.15		200.00	
Fingerpost renovation	00.00	00.00	00.00		475.00	
Moving 30mph signs	2000.00	00.00	2000.00		00.00	
Neighbourhood Plan	00.00	39.00	39,00		00:00	21
Playing Field						
Rent	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	6
Garage	50.00	00.00	50.00		20.00	
Inspections	250.00	55.00	250.00		314.00	



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Play Equipment	Tree inspection Capital Expenditure	Computer equipment General expenditure	Street Lighting	Contingency cover	Election expenses	Grants	Village Day	Parish Magazine	POC	Others	Total

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL RESERVES

	at 1/4/19	2019 20	in 2019 20	Total	
Earmarked reserves					
	1				
Kilmersdon Play Park Committee transfer of funds for maintenance	830.00				830.00
Local Housing contribution to recreation ground maintenance	5,000.00				5,000.00
Street lighting contingency cover	200.00				200.00
Moving 30mph signs		2,000.00			2,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan		4,821.00		39.00	4,782.00
Total	6,330.00	6,821.00		39.00	13,112.00
6 months net expenditure	8.248.00				
Balances at bank	at 1/4/19				
Current	3,000,90				
Reserve	15,134.88				
Total	18,135.78				
Total cash at hank at 1/4/19	18.135.78				
plus estimated income to 2019 20 year end	19,259.00				
less estimated expenditure to 2019 20 year end	14,635.00				
Estimated balance at 2019 20 year end	22,759.78				
Estimated income 2020 21	15.00				
Estimated expenditure 2020 21	16,496.00				
Estimated balance in bank at 31/3/21	6,278.78				
Total reserves (earmarked and cashflow)	21,360.00				
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Kilmersdon Parish Council			Compiled 2nd	January 2020
Budget Summary			Year Ending 3	1st March 2021
	2019		2020/21	Budget
REVENUE EXPENDITURE	Projected	Budgeted	Proposed	Incr/Decr
REVENUE EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure	14635	14323	16496	2173
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NCOME				
	4931.28	0	0	0
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NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE	9703.72	14323	16496	2173
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET)				
	- 0	0		-
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	9703.72	14323	16496	2173
Financed as follows				
Balance in bank at 1st April Balance in bank at 31st March	18135.78 22755.06		22755.06 22755.06 **	
Used to Fund Expenditure	-4619.28		0	
PRECEPT	14323	14323	16496	2173
	9703.72	14323	16496	217
Band D Equivalent Tax Base	234.91	234.91	237.41	
Precept per Band D Equivalent	£60.97	£60.97	£69.48	£8.5
**Note: Recommended minimum reserve 6 months net expenditure	equal to	978	8248	
Earmarked Reserves	31/03/2019	31/03/2020 (Projected)	31/03/2021 (Projected)	
Play equipment reserve	7600	7600	5830	
Street lighting contingency	500 2000	500 2000	500 2000	
Moving 30mph signs Neighbourhood Plan	4821	4782	4782	
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NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE	9703.72	14323	16496	217
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET)				
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TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	9703.72	14323	16496	217
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PRECEPT	14323	14323	14323	1
	9703.72	14323	16496	
Band D Equivalent Tax Base	234.91	234.91	237.41	
Precept per Band D Equivalent	£60.97	£60.97	£60.33	-£0.6
*Note: Recommended minimum reserve 6 months net expenditure	equal to		8248	
Earmarked Reserves	31/03/2019	31/03/2020 (Projected)	31/03/2021 (Projected)	
Play equipment reserve	7600	7600	5830	
Street lighting contingency Moving 30mph signs	500 2000	500 2000	500 2000	
Neighbourhood Plan	4821	4782	4782	
	10100	10100	13112	



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Budget Summary			Year Ending 3	1st March 2021
	2019	9/20	2020/21	Budget
	Projected	Budgeted	Proposed	Incr/Decr
REVENUE EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure	14635	14323	16496	2173
	14635	14323	16496	217
NCOME				
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	Total Constitution		16496	217
NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE	9703.72	14323	10490	217
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (NET)				
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TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	9703.72	14323	16496	217
Financed as follows				
Balance in bank at 1st April Balance in bank at 31st March	18135.78 22755.06		22755.06 21359.06 **	
Used to Fund Expenditure	-4619.28		1396	
PRECEPT	14323	14323	15100	77
	9703.72	14323	16496	77
Band D Equivalent Tax Base	234.91	234.91	237.41	
Precept per Band D Equivalent	£60.97	£60.97	£63.60	£2.6
*Note: Recommended minimum reserv 6 months net expenditure	e equal to		8248	
Earmarked Reserves	31/03/2019	31/03/2020	31/03/2021 (Projected)	
Play equipment reserve	7600	(Projected) 7600	(Projected) 5830	
Street lighting contingency	500	500	500	
Moving 30mph signs	2000	2000	2000	
Neighbourhood Plan	4821 10100	4782 10100	4782 13112	
	10100	10100	10/12	



Kilmersdon Parish Precept 2020/21

Last year (2018/19) Kilmersdon Parish Council precepted £14,232 which equated to £60.97 per annum for a Band D Property. For 2020/21 the precept is

What services does the Parish Council offer?

The Parish Council is a statutory consultee on planning applications and provides a local voice on highways and environmental matters. The play area adjacent to the Village Hall comes under its remit. It supports the parish environment by paying for the street lighting at the Village Hall, grass cutting of the playing field and Jack and Jill Hill, where it also funds the cutting back of the footpath and hedge trimming. The Parish Council maintains some of the benches in the parish.

How did the Parish Council perform last year?

The Parish Council said a sad goodbye to two of its Councillors, Roy Morse and Shayne Gibbs, who decided not to stand for election in May. It welcomed three new councillors, Edward Drewe, Nick Ham and Brian Nagel and is now at full capacity.

The Parish Council was pleased to support a number of local organisations through grant provision this year, amongst them the Parish Church, the Parish magazine and the Village Day.

The Parish Council located and mapped the nine fingerposts in the parish and has started to look for funding for their renovation. Working with Kilmersdon Primary School the Parish Council hopes that Heritage Lottery funding might be

secured to help preserve this important piece of local heritage.



The Parish Council lobbied its County Councillors to improve the safety of the B3139 through Kilmersdon through a series of meetings.

It is preparing a response, along with neighbouring parishes, to the proposed development of 505 houses near the White Post.

The Parish Council was pleased to see the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group go from strength to strength with a drop-in event in November. The Parish Council holds the grant funding for the Group.

During the year the Parish Council consulted local people on the future of the play park which is suffering from rot on the wooden beams. The overwhelming response was that this is a much loved play park and all must be done to keep it going. The Parish Council set up a crowd funding page and, thanks to the work



of a local resident, successfully applied for a grant from the Sperring Trust.



Grateful thanks go to the team of five local people who undertake weekly checks of the play park by turn throughout the year. It is such valuable work and gives the Parish Council advance warning of deterioration of the equipment.

This year essential repairs were undertaken on the equipment and the playing field noticeboard was renewed. The spiral garden was tidied up and arrangements put in place for this to be done regularly.

The Coles Garden noticeboard also underwent a renovation, having fallen over earlier in the year.

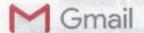
What is new for the next financial year?

The £2,000 increase in the budget allows the Parish Council to hold a reserve for legal fees in order to regularise the lease and licence for the playing field and car park. New accessibility regulations mean that the Parish Council must update the format of its website by September 2020.

The Parish Council is working to represent the people of Kilmersdon and make decisions in the best interests of the village. We welcome your views and input.

Kilmersdon Parish Council clerk@kilmersdonpc.co.uk





Lesley Close <kilmersdonclerk@gmail.com>

Planning for 505 houses in North East Mendip

3 messages

Malcolm Daniels <web@strattonpc.org>

Thu, Dec 19, 2019 at 10:54 AM

To: parishclerk@chilcompton.org, clerk@hemington-pc.org.uk, kilmersdonclerk@gmail.com,

antheabrooks@btinternet.com

Cc: John Padfield <johnpadfield@hotmail.co.uk>, Clerk Stratton on the Fosse Parish Council <clerk@strattonpc.org>

Hello,

I am acting Clerk and Parish Councillor at Stratton on the Fosse.

It has come to the attention of the Council that the matter of the possible building a sizeable number (up to 505) houses adjacent to the towns of Midsomer Norton and Radstock, but within our County has been mentioned in a document by the inspector concerning Part Two of the Mendip District Local Plan. This document is the Interim Note (ED20) the full text of which may be found at https://www.mendip.gov.uk/media/22966/ED20-Inspector-s-Interim-Note-on-Post-Hearing-Advice-10-Sep-2019/pdf/ED20_-_Mendip_Local_Plan_Part_2_Examination_-_Inspector's_Interim_Note_on_Post_Hearing_Advice_-_10_S.pdf?m=637037287236430000.

Further to this, the Parish Chairs of Rode, Norton St Philip and Beckington have written to the Deputy Chief Executive of Mendip District Council. The last paragraph of this email, which was forwarded to our Council, says 'We would suggest that rather than accept the Inspector's suggestion that you allocate these 505 dwellings in the North East your response could be to offer other options, such as deferral to the Single Plan review or a single strategic site around either Midsomer Norton or Frome, whether this be a sustainable urban extension or a new garden village.'

The part of the document ED20 that most concerns us is:

16.Land to the North-East of Mendip District: The overall distribution of development proposed in the Plan broadly conforms with the relevant policies in LPP1, with one exception. The table in policy CP2 of LPP1 makes specific reference to an additional figure of 505 dwellings; furthermore, paragraph 4.21 in LPP1 refers to the requirement to address the housing needs of the north-eastern part of the District, including land adjacent to the towns of Radstock and Midsomer Norton. These two towns are located just over the Mendip border in the local planning authority (LPA) of Bath and North-East Somerset (BANES).

17.From my reading of the LPP1 Inspector's Report and LPP1 itself, and from the discussion at the Hearing sessions, it seems to me that there is a strategic expectation that allocations for development in this part of the Plan area should be considered. I consider that in these circumstances it is appropriate for this additional element of 505 dwellings to be apportioned to sustainable settlements in the north-east part of the District, both on sites adjacent to the two aforementioned towns within BANES, and possibly also within other settlements which lie within the District, which could lead to other sustainable benefits, for example to provide additional pupils to assist schools with decreasing complements, or where the future existence of these schools within the plan period is at risk.

18.It is not within my remit to suggest where these additional 505 dwellings should be allocated. However, several sites were suggested by representors, and these could form a starting point for the Council to put forward main modifications (MMs).

The comments clearly in this document refer to a period before planning application 2016/0980/OTS and the contents of paragraphs 16 and 17 are very familiar to us, being almost verbatim to those used by the developer who made this application, except for the number of houses. It would seem that his arguments were the subject of discussions 'at the Hearing Sessions' whereas we were not able to put a counter view.

The information in these three paragraphs is also clearly out of date. The planning application was submitted in mid June 2016 and decided a short while after. The school which was a significant although small part of this application was later given planning approval within BANES at a site the developer had assured us could not be available when we opposed application 2016/0980/OTS. The 600 plus pupil school is in the process of being built, which totally negates the comment '....could lead to other sustainable benefits, for example to provide additional pupils to assist schools with decreasing complements, or where the future existence of these schools within the plan period is at risk.' Clearly by building a new school, neither BANES nor the Department of Education hold this view otherwise the new school would be unviable.

Stratton on the Fosse has been fighting the extension of the towns of Midsomer Norton into its Parish for a long time and have managed to persuade the Planning Board that a. this would create a divided, unsustainable parish/village b. would use up valuable agricultural land when there are suitable brown field sites within BANES itself and c. would put a very heavy and too great a burden on various elements of infrastructure including roads, some junctions of which are already over safety limits, Medical services which are already under tremendous strain and many other reasons.



Apart from anything else, it is not acceptable for the three Parishes to make such a suggestion, not only without consulting with our Parishes involved, but also without informing our Parishes before sending such a document.

I have written both to the Parish Chairs of Beckington, Norton St Philip and Rode and to the Member of Cabinet MDC for such matters, Janine Nash and she has offered me a meeting with Andres Sestini. I have written back to her, accepting her offer and await her response.

I have had no response from the three Parish Councils involved.

After our meeting this week, I was asked to contact your Parish Councils and hence this email. Perhaps you could put it to your Parish Councils and I would be happy to talk with anyone as necessary.

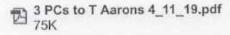
I attach a copy of the Three Councils' full emails to Tracy Aarons, deputy Chief Executive of Mendip District Council, from one of which which I have quoted a passage above.

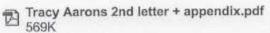
I look forward to your response and hope you have a good Christmas. Best wishes, Malcolm

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