

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Zoom

At 7.30pm on Monday 16th November 2020

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

ABSENT: Cllr G Doswell

ATTENDING: Cllr Mike Pullin, Somerset County Council, who left the meeting after item 11 Highways; L Close (Parish Clerk).

98. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr G Doswell and Cllr A Barkshire, Mendip District Council.

99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs N Ham and D Hudson declared personal interests in item 13, planning application at Babington House.

The Chair outlined the remit of Declarations of Interest as explained in the Good Councillors Guide page 23.

100. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th October 2020 were **agreed** as a true record and would be signed after the meeting. (5 for and 1 against).

Cllr Drewe noted that he would give an update on the planning system at the next meeting.

101. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

102. 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.

103. REVIEW OF LEASES

Discussion had continued with a member of the Village Shop Committee and a response was awaited.

104. COLES GARDEN

Agreed that Cllrs E Drewe, R Butt and Brian Nagel should represent the Parish Council on the Coles Garden Committee, allowing 12 months to decide the feasibility of taking on the asset. The Chairman to respond to the Committee to this effect. *Action – Cllrs Brand, Drewe, Butt and Nagel*

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105. TO REVERT TO PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting reverted to public session.

106. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**. Following the meeting, the Clerk scheduled the payments for 18th November and sent a screen shot of the electronic banking payment list to all Councillors for confirmation.

Payee	Detail	Gross £	Net £	Power	Electronic banking no
Love Creative	Website final payment	445.50	371.25	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB3
L Close	Salary - October	256.42	256.42	LGA 1972 S112	EB4
L Close	Quarterly web domain fee	25.20	21.00	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB5
Savills	Garage hire	50.00	41.67	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB6
L Close	Petty cash reimbursement Nov 2019-Nov 2020	69.88	68.34	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB7
L Close	Website re-direct	11.00	11.00	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB8

It was confirmed that the garage was still useful for storage. The Clerk to make enquiries regarding the key. *Action – the Clerk*

Budget comparison and first draft of the 2020/21 budget were discussed. **Agreed** (1) to budget a further £2,000 for legal fees for planning purposes; (2) to budget for the renovation of another fingerpost given that the Heritage Lottery fund is still not taking applications of this type; (3) to budget £2,000 for play area maintenance. *Action – the Clerk*

107. ANNUAL GRANTS 2020/21

The grant applications below were considered and **agreed** as detailed below.

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount budgeted
Village Day	-	£150
Kilmersdon Parish News	£400 - agreed	£400
PCC	£1,500 requested. £850 agreed 4 for, 2 against.	£850
Community Transport	£500 proposed, but to postpone decision for a month awaiting confirmation of the number of	Category other grants - £600

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	Kilmersdon residents who benefit from the scheme.	
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108. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chair welcomed Cllr Mike Pullin to the meeting. The need for armco barriers on the bend approaching the village from Ammerdown and moving the 30mph signs back to their original positions would continue to be pursued by him for SIS funding. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had budgeted £2,000 as a contribution to the works. *Action – Cllr Pullin*

Quote to remove the limb overhanging the Jack and Jill path was considered in the amount of £145. **Agreed** to refer in the first instance to Highways, outlining the danger to people using the path, especially children on route to school. *Action – the Clerk*

109. PLAYING FIELD

1. Trim Trail and small wooden train – The Parish Council considered the quote for a replacement trim trail and train in steel. **Agreed** (1) to seek updates on the quotes sought last year in relation to replacing the train only and to take this forward via email; (2) that Cllrs Nagel and Butt to remove the train from the site once the new one has been arranged. *Action – the Clerk*
2. Swing and multi play repairs as raised at the last meeting – **agreed** that Cllr Nagel liaises with Matt Crozier on this work. *Action – Cllr Nagel*
3. Ben Windell to be informed that the work to the football posts was being held back until next year. *Action – the Clerk*

110. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2020/2195/ Replace existing temporary workshop buildings with New Kids Club and transformation existing gym building into additional hotel accommodation. Babington House – **agreed** to defer to the advice of the Listed Buildings Officer.

2020/2086/LBC Replace existing side elevation sash window with like for like sash window. Orange Farm Kilmersdon Hill – **agreed** no objections.

2020/2224/HSE Erection of 1.5 storey side extension.4 Hoares Lane – **agreed** no objections to the application, but as the property is in the conservation area the front and side elevations should be of local natural stone to match existing. Also, the proposed velux windows should be conservation rooflights.

111. WEBSITE COMPLETION

The new accessible website was noted – www.kilmersdonpc.co.uk

112. CORRESPONDENCE

Residents adjacent to the overgrown plot of land next to the play park raised concern about rat infestation and their concerns conveyed to the landowner by the Clerk. It was suggested that the residents also report their concerns to
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Environmental Health. Their feedback when they did so was that Environmental Health could not help by contacting the landowner on their behalf because they did not meet the criteria. Some help from Mendip Councillor Alison Barkshire had been sought and it was further noted that rubbish in terms of litter and food were being thrown into the area which exacerbated the problem. This would be conveyed to Environmental Health and Cllr Barkshire. *Action – the Clerk*

113. OUTSIDE BODIES

It was noted that a Zoom meeting had been arranged for Parish Councillors to meet PC Toni Lines on 25th November at 7.30pm. The Clerk to send the Zoom invite to all. *Action – the Clerk*

114. ITEMS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items raised.

115. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 21st December 2020

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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