

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Zoom

At 7.30pm on Monday 26th April 2021

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

ABSENT: Cllrs G Doswell and B Nagel

ATTENDING: L Close, Parish Clerk

188. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Doswell and B Nagel.

189. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

190. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th March 2021 were **agreed** as a true record and would be signed after the meeting.

191. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

192. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**. Following the meeting, the Clerk scheduled the payments for 30th April and sent a screen shot of the electronic banking payment list to all Councillors for confirmation.

Payee	Detail	Gross £	Net £	Power	Electronic banking no
HMRC	Clerk's Tax paid 7/4/21 to meet the 19/4 deadline	192.20	192.20	LGA 1972 S112	EB18
L Close	Salary – March	256.42	256.42	LGA 1972 S112	EB19
Greensward	Quarterly grounds maintenance	627.00	522.50	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB20
J&K Primrose	Monthly grounds maintenance - April	175.50	146.25	LGA Misc Provisions Act 1976 s.19	EB21
Love Creative UK	Email fix	81.00	67.50	LGA 1972 S112	EB22
Zurich	Insurance	609.38	609.38	LGA 1972 S112	EB23

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193. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Flooding on the Mells to Babington Road – This is happening at two points on the road. Cllr Butt confirmed that Cllr Pullin had not responded to him on this yet. The Clerk to chase again. *Action – the Clerk*
- Treacherous highways in freezing weather on Hoares Lane – Cllr Butt confirmed that a response is awaited from Cllr Pullin. The Clerk to chase again. *Action – the Clerk*
- Renewal of the Village Signs was in progress via Highways.
- The bench on Kilmersdon Hill has been replaced.

194. PLAYING FIELD

- The small train and trim trail installation had been deferred until 5th May, the base of the small train will be removed free of charge. Cllr Nagel had offered to open the field gate when the contractors arrive. *Action – Cllr Nagel*
- The Annual Tree Inspection was **agreed** at a cost of £150. *Action – the Clerk*
- The bench on the edge of the field has a rough/broken edge – the Clerk to take a photo and get quote for repair when visiting the site later that week. *Action – the Clerk*
- The zipwire was scheduled for installation on 17th May and the Clerk and Cllr Nagel would meet a contractor on site on Wednesday 28th April at 9.30am to determine the exact positioning. *Action – Cllr Nagel and the Clerk*
- **Agreed** to renew the car park lighting contract with SSE. *Action – the Clerk*
- The play inspection report had been received that day. Most items related to the trim trail, small train and zip wire which are being replaced next month. **Agreed** to seek quotes from GB Sport and Leisure for the renewal of the Fireman's pole, fixing the bolts at the rear of the goalpost and from Primrose Garden Care for the erosion of grass surface creating a raised edge next to the basket swing. *Action – the Clerk*
- Concern was raised at the safety implications and damage to the ground of a resident driving from the car park over the grass to their property. The Clerk to contact Savills as the landowners. *Action – the Clerk*
- It was noted that the motorhome is parked on the car park again. The Clerk to seek quotes for a key operated restricted height frame over the entrance to the site. *Action – the Clerk*

195. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2021/0586/LBC Reinstatement works following fire damage. Prospect House White Post To Charlton Road Charlton – there were no objections

2021/0786/HSE Erection of single storey rear extension. Sunnyholme Fosseway – there were no objections.

196. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

197. OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no outside bodies reports.

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198. FINGERPOST RENOVATION

The post in Charlton at the junction of the B3139 and Charlton Road (to Holcombe) is in need of renovation and is very prominent when driving from the White Post direction. **Agreed** that this should be renovated next. *Action – the Clerk*

199. DEFIBRILATOR

It was noted that defibrillator training had been arranged for 23rd April for Kilmersdon residents. **Agreed** to grant fund this training in the amount of £100. *Action – the Clerk*

200. ITEMS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Hudson had borrowed the garage key to put the litter pickers inside for storage, the garage being the second from the left of the main road. **Agreed** that Cllr Hudson would return to take photos and an inventory. It was noted also that the garage door is not robust. The Clerk to contact Savills. *Action – Cllr Hudson and the Clerk*

201. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 17th May 2021, pending a decision on the Judicial Review on whether meetings are allowed to continue on Zoom. In the meantime the Clerk to contact the Village Hall to confirm availability for meetings. *Action – the Clerk*

202. 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.

203. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON LEASES

The Chair gave an update on the status of the head lease, which is awaiting a response from the landlord on four queries.

The Business Plan had been received from the Village Shop Committee. The conundrum whereby the Village Shop Committee require security of tenure before they can apply for funds was recognized. **Agreed** that once the Parish Council is in a position to set up the sub lease, that an early break clause is inserted to be enacted if the Village Shop Committee has not provided a deposit to cover the cost of disposal and making good the ground should the shop close.

The fact that the soakaway would be on Parish Council land and the youth shelter on Village Shop Committee land was raised. **Agreed** that the Chair arranges a site meeting with John Clayton to discuss this and the above point. *Action – Cllr Brand*

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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