

# KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council Held at Coles Garden Meeting Room, Kilmersdon At 7.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** Cllr N Brand,

**ATTENDING:** Six members of the public, L Close, Parish Clerk

The meeting was held outside the front door of Coles Garden Meeting Room to facilitate social distancing.

### **45. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Brand and from Cllr A Barkshire (Mendip DC).

### **46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hudson declared an interest in item 9, Correspondence, Funding for the defibrillator course, as an attendee.

### **47. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 were **agreed** as a true record and were signed after the meeting.

### **48. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

Members of the public gave their views on planning application, : 2021/1509/FUL Erection of 3no. detached dwelling houses & a double garage: Site West Of Magnapur Charlton Lane. Views included overdevelopment of the site, misinformation in the planning application, increase in traffic, impact on neighbours and impact on wildlife.

There was an enquiry about the estimated completion date of the lease for the Village Shop. They Clerk would make enquiries and get back to the Village Shop Committee. *Action – the Clerk*

### **49. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The following payments were **agreed**. The Clerk scheduled the payments for 21<sup>st</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> August and sent a screen shot of the electronic banking payment list to all Councillors for confirmation.

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Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	June salary	£256.62	£256.62	LGA 1972 S112	EB38
Kilmerston Village Hall Management Committee	Monthly Ground maintenance	£20.00	£20.00	LGA 1972 Sch 12	EB39
N Brand	Reimbursement of statutory declaration witness by Thatcher and Hallam	£5.00	£5.00	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB40
Primrose	Monthly Ground maintenance - July	£175.50	£146.25	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB41
Primrose	Monthly Ground maintenance – <b>August to be scheduled 20/8/21</b>	£175.50	£146.25	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB42
Caloo	Zip wire – <b>80% to be paid now</b> with the remaining 20% when the wire tightening has been resolved.	£8,464.08	£7,053.40	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB43
SALC	Membership of NALC and SALC	£161.67	£161.67	LGA 1972 S112	EB44

### Income

- £1,000 grant from Tesco Bags for Life, as submitted by Vanessa Dale, for spending on the play park within 12 months had been awarded.
- £1,000 received from the Village Shop Committee towards legal fees.
- A contribution from the landlord of £1,800 was received by cheque.

### 50. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- **Flooding on the Mells to Babington Road** – reported to Highways 23/6/21 Response from Highways was noted as follows: I can confirm that we have put this site forward for inclusion in our 2022/2023 drainage improvements programme, should budgets allow we will try to include this site in this financial year's programme. Due to the topography of this area and the adjacent field run-off water naturally falls from East-West. It's possible that improvement works could potentially increase the water discharge at a greater rate than it is naturally doing so at present, for this reason we will have to consult with the adjacent landowner, this may influence how the works are designed and undertaken.
- **Treacherous highway in freezing weather at Hoares Lane** – reported to Highways 23/6/21. For a length of 50 metres there is a blocked spring/drain which means that the road gets excessively and dangerously icy in freezing weather. It was noted that there had been no response from Highways and also that the field on the right used to have a ditch which would have helped with drainage. **Agreed** to send a letter to Savills in respect of the ditch. *Action – the Clerk*

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- **Jack and Jill Hill** – the wall at the top of the hill on the right-hand side showed signs of bulging under pressure with stones coming out and danger of collapse. Reported to Savills 23/6/21 for the attention of the landowner. The Clerk to chase and also to report the fact that the footpath requires tidying. *Action – the Clerk*
- **The general state of untidiness of the village with weeds on the pavements** was reported to Highways 23/6/21 with a request for the schedule of weed killing. **Agreed** to respond to Highways to highlight that the weeds have not been maintained for 6 years and as a result there are 4 foot stinging nettles and weedkilling is urgently required. *Action – the Clerk*

### 51. PLAYING FIELD

- 1.Post and rail fencing – quote in progress. *Action – Cllr Ham*
- 2.Concreting down the floor standing bin – £85, to be done along with the tree and bench work. Permission to be obtained first in that the tree has a TPO. *Action – the Clerk*
- 3.Checking the Integrity of the swings – per the attached ROSPA play inspection report. GB Sport and Leisure report: An integrity check would include dismantling the head castings to check the internal condition of the head studs, crossbar, head castings, wedges and legs. As the crossbars are solid steel and weigh approximately 60kgs per section we would need towers to support the crossbar if a full dismantling inspection is required. Another option would be to remove the top of the castings to check for wear and corrosion providing it is possible to get the bolts out. If we found excessive wear and/or corrosion you would need replacement castings. The ID plate shows that the swing was manufactured in 1971 which tallies with the style ie the balls on the tops of the castings which were discontinued around 1976. There were other safety issues with this type of swing that may or may not apply to your swing which I will gladly discuss with you if required. As the swing is 50 years old it may be time to consider a replacement so please let me know if you would like a price for this option. Given that externally the swing appears to be robust, **agreed** to make enquiries of other less invasive integrity tests. *Action – the Clerk*
- 4.Installing a steel slide on the MPU – GB Sport and Leisure requested the dimensions of the aperture and its distance to the ground, which the Clerk sent w/c 5/7/21. Awaiting a quote.
- 5.Cutting back the hedge to the boundary line on the right-hand side of the field – Primrose has requested a site meeting because there is a lot to cut back. Cllr Ham to seek a quote as well for comparison. *Action – Cllr Ham*
- 6.To note the small train and trim trail are being installed now.
- 7.Repair the bench at the edge of the field and raising the canopy of the tree above it – as per item 2.
- 8.Erosion to soil around the base of the basket swing – some soil from the existing works to be built up around the base of the basket swing.

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- 9. From the play park weekly inspections – there are some stones missing from the wall of the spiral garden at the entrance – photos circulated by email. To be looked at on site. *Action – all Councillors*
- 10. Abandoned car in village hall car park – reported to Mendip DC 23/6/21. Ian Glover of Mendip reported that it is a private car park and as such the Parish Council has to provide indemnity for it to be removed. Cllr Drewe to talk over the options with Ian Glover and report back. *Action – Cllr Drewe*
- 11. Letter to the person who drives over the playing field – the letter had been printed out and would be delivered by Cllr Doswell the following day. *Action – Cllr Doswell*
- 12. Keys for the field gate, the noticeboard and the garage were given to the Clerk.

### 52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- ENF/2021/0120 – 3 Kilmersdon Hill is now an enforcement issue and an update has been chased 23/6/21.
- Application Number: 2021/1509/FUL Erection of 3no. detached dwelling houses & a double garage: Site West Of Magnapur Charlton Lane. **Agreed** to object on the grounds of (1) overdevelopment of the site in that three houses were being squeezed into a minimal amount of space with no room for turning vehicles, refuse and commercial vehicles; (2) inappropriate development in that it does not reflect the character of the existing homes; (3) doubt over the accuracy of the drawings especially the driveway and the fact that not including the postcode in the application heading meant it was almost impossible for interested parties to find the application on the website.

### 53. CORRESPONDENCE

- Karen and Simon Ford-Havens asked that the fact that the verge was not being maintained as it had once been be escalated. It was noted that Highways had seen the land registry details and agreed that it belonged to them, but that it would be maintained on an ad hoc basis until next year's schedule is devised. **Agreed** to chase this with Highways and to ask Mr and Mrs Ford-Havens to complain directly to Highways as well. *Action – the Clerk*
- Request from Ken Hutton for £100 towards another CPR training session on 17<sup>th</sup> September. **Agreed** to award £100 from the grants budget. *Action – the Clerk*

### 54. OUTSIDE BODIES

Village Hall – it was noted that the Village Hall is getting quotes to renew their noticeboard.

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### 55. TO NOTE THE NOTICE HAS GONE UP ON THE NOTICEBOARD AND WEBSITE FOR THE PERIOD OF ELECTORS RIGHTS

It was noted that the notice was on the noticeboard giving the period of elector's rights.

### 56. ITEMS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no items raised.

### 57. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### 58. 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.

### 59. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON LEASES

The sub lease had been commissioned with Clarke Willmott. The following items were raised for inclusion. *Action – the Clerk*

1. Maintenance costs to cover litter picking, grass cutting etc.
2. Location of the soakaway on Parish Council land
3. Maintaining the youth shelter
4. To create and maintain a hard standing path from the car park to the shop door
5. Keeping the hedge cut back to the fence line to allow full access
6. An early break clause to be enacted if the Village Shop has not provided a deposit to cover the disposal and making good of the ground should the shop close
7. Operating hours should be in line with the planning consent
8. Rent deposit
9. Option to retain the structure at the end of the tenancy or if the tenancy ended early.
10. Waste bins to be enclosed and located on their own demise, with paving so that bins are not taken over grass.

The schedule of condition in relation to the head lease was noted as being out of date. **Agreed** to ask for this to be brought up to date before signing.

*Action – the Clerk*

### 60. QUOTES FOR WORKS AT THE PLAYING FIELD

The existing financial commitments were noted.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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