

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council Held at Coles Garden Meeting Room, Kilmersdon At 7.30pm on Thursday 9th December 2021

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

ABSENT: Cllr G Doswell

ATTENDING: L Close, Parish Clerk.

113. APOLOGIES

Cllr A Barkshire, Mendip DC sent apologies for absence.

114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

115. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd November 2021 were **agreed** as a true record and signed at the meeting.

116. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

117. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**. The Clerk scheduled the payments for 13th December and sent a screen shot of the electronic banking payment list to all Councillors for confirmation.

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	Nov salary	£256.62	£256.42	LGA 1972 S112	EB70
Primrose	Monthly Ground maintenance – Sept	£175.50	£146.25	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB71
F Secure via L Close	Annual computer protection	£39.99	£33.32	LGA 1972 S112	EB72

118. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- **The general state of untidiness of the village with weeds on the pavement** – notice for volunteers to go in the next Kilmersdon Parish News
- **Cottages between Charlton and the White Post on the B3139** Sara Davies' email was received. The Parish Council to continue to chase for action to address this accident hotspot every month. Last chased 23/11/21. Cllr Pullin to be invited to the next meeting. *Action – the Clerk*
- **Welcome to Kilmersdon Signs** – Sara Davies' email indicated that the signs were on order and should be installed before the end of the financial year.

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- **Cleaning of road direction signs** – Advice from Highways on whether the signs might be cleaned was sought 21/9/21. Response from Highways: With reference to sign cleaning our Traffic Team undertakes a sign cleaning programme for the majority of A & B roads. If you have any specific sites please let me know and I will forward to the team for consideration. Warning signs and regulatory signs can be actioned on a reactive basis in accordance with the Highway Safety Inspection. **Agreed** to specifically request the cleaning of the 30mph signs at the entrance to the village and from Terry Hill to Kilmersdon just before the Ammerdown entrance there is a sign on the left hand side which needs cleaning. Requested 19/10/21. Chased 29/11/21. Highways have indicated this is now scheduled to be cleaned.
- **Request for two litter bins in laybys in Charlton** – requested 13/10/21. Quote for the standard litter bin requested 29/11/21. Sara Davies' email outlined the necessary permissions. Landowner permission has been given in principle pending licenses from Mendip's Road Records department. The Parish Council would need to meet the cost of the bins which was £1,091.48 plus VAT for two plus installation. Given this unbudgeted cost, **agreed** that funds could not meet this amount at the moment. The Clerk to ask Mendip DC if we might install different bins by different suppliers for better value for money. *Action – the Clerk*
- **Renovation of fingerposts** – **Agreed** that for 2022/23 the fingerpost to be renovated is the one going out of the village towards Terry Hill on the left hand side towards Home Farm. The Clerk to action this in the new financial year. *Action – the Clerk*
- **Request for a speed camera on Fosseyway South** – the request has gone to the Speed Enforcement unit to see if they can utilise the speed enforcement van. It was chased 8/12/21.

119. PLAYING FIELD

1. Post and rail fencing – written spec and quotes. Cllr Ham to measure and obtain written quotes. *Action – Cllr Ham*
2. Checking the Integrity of the swings – per the ROSPA play inspection report. A request for a less invasive test was put to the manufacturers, Wicksteed on 20/7/21, with the response as follows - The problem you are going to have, is that if you start taking apart the head castings (the top sections where the uprights and crossbar go into), it is highly unlikely you won't get them back together! Cllr Ham seeking advice from an Engineer. The Clerk brought quotes for new swings to the Parish Council in the amounts of Caloo - £9,994 and GB Sport and Leisure £8,953.70 with other companies declining to quote due to lack of personnel. Further examination of the swing by Cllr Ham and an engineer awaited. *Action – Cllr Ham*
3. Re-painting the car park lines and clarifying the number of accessible parking spaces required – advice sought from Highways 19/10/21, chased 23/11/21. Sara Davies' email outlined the accessibility requirements. **Agreed** to contact WJ South West Ltd for a quote to re-paint the existing lines. *Action – the Clerk*
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4. From the weekly checks – the slide is cracked at the top. The bins are overflowing – the Clerk has chased this with Mendip DC. **Agreed** that Cllr Nagel checks the status of the slide for appropriate action. *Action – Cllr Nagel*

120. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 2021/2360/HSE Extension to external staircase platform. The Hayes, School Lane – there were no objections.
- 2021/2268/OTS Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for the erection of up to 255 dwellings (including 30% affordable housing) with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points
Location: Land At 370544 154233 Frome Road Hemington Frome Somerset Applicant: Gladman Developments Ltd – The Parish Council objected on the grounds that although this development is outside its boundary it will result in an increase in traffic through the village and pressure on local services. There are clear and obvious highways safety issues on the proposed development which will have a negative impact on Kilmersdon village and no tangible benefits.

121. SIX MONTHS ACCOUNTS AND BUDGET

Agreed to accept the six months accounts and 2022/23 budget.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no further correspondence.

123. OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no items raised.

124. ITEMS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING⁷

It was noted that there would be parish council elections in May 2022.

125. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 2022:**17th Jan, 21st Feb, 21 March, Tuesday 19th April, 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 19th Sept, 17th Oct, 21 Nov, 19th Dec.

126. 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.

127. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON LEASES

It was noted that legal costs came to £4,800 in total for the head lease and £2,000 to date for the sub lease. **Agreed** to ask the solicitor to put the sub lease on hold to limit costs and we will contact them when the Village Shop Committee is ready to go ahead. *Action – the Clerk*

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A letter of response to John Clayton outlining the points he raised was confirmed. **Agreed** that the wording be finalised by Cllr Butt and signed and circulated by the Chair, Cllr Brand. *Action – Cllrs Butt and Brand*

Letter of response to Andrew Jolliffe was confirmed. **Agreed** that this be finalised by Cllr Butt and signed and circulated by Cllr Brand. *Action – Cllrs Butt and Brand*

The meeting ended at 8.10pm

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