## KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council Held at Coles Garden Meeting Room, Kilmersdon At 7.30pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**PRESENT:** Cllrs E Drewe (Vice Chair, in the Chair), R Butt, N Ham, and D

Hudson.

**ABSENT:** Cllrs N Brand (Chair), G Doswell and B Nagel.

**ATTENDING:** Two members of the public; Cllr A Barkshire (Mendip DC), L

Close, Parish Clerk.

#### 144. APOLOGIES

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

## 145. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 146. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 were **agreed** as a true record and signed at the meeting.

## 147. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Two members of the public attended the meeting to observe having just moved to the village.

## 148. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed.** The Clerk scheduled the payments for 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 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	Feb Salary	£256.62	£256.62	LGA 1972 S112	EB86
Primrose	Monthly Ground maintenance – March	£175.50	£146.25	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB87
Primrose	Strimming alongside footpath leading to Silver St	£12.00	£10.00	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB88
GB Sport and Leisure	Sept Play Inspection	£108	£90	LG(Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s.19	EB89
HMRC	Clerks Tax	£192	£192	LGA 1972 S112	EB90

(1) **S.137 limit** for 2021/22 is £8.41 x 250 = £2,102.50. The Parish Council has already paid £2,000 in grants this year and therefore the grant contribution to the Jubilee Celebration should be given in 2022/23. The s.137 limit for 2022/23 is £8.82 x 250 = £2,205. Therefore, care should be taken to ensure that the Parish Council does not exceed this limit next year. One way to

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avoid this is to allocate the £400 Jubilee Celebration grant to the grants budget of £2000.

- (2) Internal Audit Paul Clarke is retiring this year and has handed over his business to Incisive Accounting. Agreed to confirm Incisive Accounting as the Internal Auditor for the 2021/22 accounts.
- (3) Village Hall Hire for the public meeting regarding the Jubilee The Village Hall has kindly waived the fee.

#### 149. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Speeding and Cottages between Charlton and the White Post on the B3139 No further update from Cllr Pullin.
- Chevrons after the bridge, after the Babington turning and on the next bend No further update from Cllr Pullin.

#### 150. PLAYING FIELD

- The slide is cracked at the top thanks to Cllrs Brand and Nagel for removing it.
- Lorries overnight in the Village Hall Car Park. The Clerk contacted the PCSO for advice 22/2/22. Agreed to monitor the situation.
- From the weekly checks Part of the old train was lying in the field, other parts in the train presumably to cover the mud. Noted and to be followed up at the next meeting.

## 151. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2022/0384/HSE 51 Silver St, Conversion of existing garage to ancillary residential accommodation. **Agreed** to object on the grounds that (1) there is insufficient parking for additional residential accommodation; (2) the ancillary residential accommodation could be used as a separate dwelling.

#### 152. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

**Agreed** (1) to pay the £400 contribution to the Queen's Jubilee Celebration (s.137 allocation) from the 2022/23 grant budget next month. *Action – the Clerk*;

(2) to contact the Chair to plan for next steps. *Action – Cllr Hudson and the Clerk* 

## 153. LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

No suggestions from the public had been received for local heritage assets, following an article in KP News. A response would be sent with the initial suggestions from the Parish Council of the Sheep Field and Jack and Jill Hill. *Action – the Clerk* 

#### 154. FORWARD PLANNING

Arrangements would be put in place for the annual test of the zipwire in July. *Action – the Clerk* 

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### 155. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

#### 156. OUTSIDE BODIES

A circular from the local police had been received.

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

- Cllr Barkshire offered the possibility of bike racks for the village. She would convey the Parish Council's interest back to Mendip DC.
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee to be kept on the agenda.
- **158. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS: 2022**: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to be preceded at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish Meeting; 16<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, 21 Nov, 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

### 159. 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.

### 160. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE ON LEASES

The response from the landlord relating to the draft lease had been received. Cllr Butt to draft a response. *Action – Cllr Butt* 

#### 161. PAY REVIEW OF THE CLERK

The pay review of the Clerk was considered. **Agreed** to award a pay increase to sp 12 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm

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