

Kilmersdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2023 at 7.30 pm

(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)

In Attendance: Councillors Hutton, Ham, Cook, Hudson, Clayton, Preen,

Clerk: Robin Moss & 1 member of the public.

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| <p>Apologies – Edward Drewe</p> | |
| <p><u>Chair’s welcome and introduction</u> Cllr Hutton welcomed all to the meeting. This is the first meeting of the Parish Council since July, as the September meeting was postponed for Queen Elizabeth II’s funeral. There was a minutes silence to remember Andrew Jolliffe, who died earlier this month.</p> | |
| <p><u>Confirmation of appointment of Clerk:</u> Cllr Hutton welcomed the new clerk Robin Moss. Council confirmed his appointment to the post. Moved Cllr Clayton, 2nd Cllr Cook</p> | |
| <p><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</u> None received.</p> | |
| <p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the July meeting were agreed.</p> | |
| <p><u>Public Forum</u> Jim Plunkett-Cole provided a briefing on the economic development plans being proposed by the new Somerset Unitary Authority, outlined at a recent briefing meeting. The attendance at the meeting was not very high, about 2 people. Topics included transport & infrastructure, high speed broadband, food & agriculture. There was a discussion about potential opportunities & possible risks. While there did not appear to be much direct relevance to Kilmersdon, the locally proposed housing developments will change the demographics in the area & it will be important to keep monitoring what the new council is saying & proposing. Councillors thanked Mr Plunkett-Cole for his presentation.</p> | |
| <p><u>Councillors items</u> # Queen Elizabeth II condolence book. The chair will keep this book at present, as it is not clear what the national plans are for storage. #Play area – the castle needs replacing & renewing soon, as there is some degradation of the wood. The playgroup has requested that the slide be replaced, as it has had to be removed recently. Currently the inspection regime is a visual check by local volunteers, 3 professional quarterly inspections & an annual inspection from RoSPA (as the fourth quarter) Clerk to investigate what is the legal requirement. # Car Park. A car has been parked on the car park for some time & has been SORNed, so not legally allowed on the road. Mendip DC have been informed & have placed a removal notice on it. The repainting of the parking lines on the car park is progressing & will be completed soon.</p> | Clerk |
| <p><u>Finance</u> . The financial report & payments for October was approved Monthly report sheets will be available at Following payments were approved:</p> | |

| Payee | Detail | Gross | Net | Electronic banking no: |
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| L Close | September salary | £284.61 | £284.61 | |
| Primrose | Ground maintenance - Sept | £193.30 | £161.08 | |

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| <p><u>Highways Issues</u></p> <p>The dangerous parking opposite the Jolliffe Arms was raised. The local PCSO team should be asked to visit.</p> | Clerk | | | |
| <p><u>Meetings:</u></p> <p>The AGM of the Village Hall committee is on the 16th November</p> | | | | |
| <p><u>Lease:</u></p> <p>There have been discussions with the Ammerdown Estate & their solicitors. There are some suggestions as to actions that need to be taken.. Costs to date have been quite high, so anything to limit future spending & to seek more financial support from the Village Shop Ctte.</p> <p>The new clerk will update himself on the current position & also to investigate alternative legal support with cost estimates.</p> | Clerk | | | |
| <p><u>Planning Applications Received –</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">2022/2046/TCA</td> <td style="width: 40%;">270 Kilmersdon Hill To Silver Street BA3 5SZ</td> <td style="width: 40%;">T1- Beech Tree Group- reduce/ prune overhanging limbs on boundary by a maximum of 2m</td> </tr> </table> <p>No comment was made.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the need for a Neighbourhood Plan. While the process has started there does need to be progress, especially considering there is now a new unitary council.</p> | 2022/2046/TCA | 270 Kilmersdon Hill To Silver Street BA3 5SZ | T1- Beech Tree Group- reduce/ prune overhanging limbs on boundary by a maximum of 2m | Clerk |
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| <p><u>Date of next meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be Weds 22nd November 7.30pm</p> | | | | |

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.14 p.m.

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The next full meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council will be held on Weds 21st December 2022

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 9th December 2022. You can also raise matters in the Public Forum but, depending on the subject, full discussion may have to be left to the following meeting.