

## Kilmersdon Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Weds 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30 pm**

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

**In Attendance:** Councillors Hutton, Ham, Cook, Clayton, Preen, Hudson.  
Clerk & Cllr Berkshire (Mendip DC)

<p><b>Apologies</b> – Cllr Drewe</p> <p>There was a discussion about the ‘6 month rule’, that councillors are disqualified for non-attendance unless council accepts the reasons for absence. There is no day of the week that is perfect for all councillors, so it was agreed that the clerk consult members as to whether Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday is the preferred option. Monday, Friday &amp; weekend evenings were not included as possible options.</p>	
<p><b><u>Chair’s welcome and introduction</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Hutton welcomed all to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Hutton declared an interest in the potential grants to Parish News &amp; Parochial Church Council, Cllr Preen in Parish News</p>	
<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of December 2022 meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p><b><u>Police &amp; Crime</u></b></p> <p>There was a discussion about seeking advice for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The local A&amp;S Police Beat Team to be invited to a future meeting on this issue.</p>	
<p><b><u>Public Forum</u></b></p> <p>A local resident had indicated they wished to speak about parking on Silver Street, but did not attend.</p>	
<p><b><u>Councillors items</u></b></p> <p># Cllr Preen raised the issue of the change of rules for voting at local elections. There are no local elections in Somerset in 2023, but the new ‘Voter ID’ rules will apply at any future elections.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<p><b><u>District Councillor’s report</u></b></p> <p># Cllr Berkshire reported on the progress towards the new unitary Somerset Council.</p>	
<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p># The financial report for January was approved</p> <p># The 2023-24 budget was agreed. This will mean a rise in the precept of 9.9%. Clerk to forward this to Mendip DC finance department.</p> <p># It was agreed that the following grants be approved, from the 2022-23 budget.</p> <p>(1) Parish News - £400</p> <p>(2) Ground Force - £250</p> <p>(3) Church Parochial Council - £550</p> <p># There will be a £200 contingency set aside to support the village Coronation celebration.</p> <p># Kilmersdon Primary School have indicated that they wanted support with £100 with a tree planting scheme. This was agreed.</p> <p># Councillors confirmed that in future there should be an unallocated grants budget &amp; that organisations be invited to apply.</p> <p># There is an issue with online access to the bank account &amp; consequently payments. Payments already agreed at previous PC meetings will be paid by cheque.</p>	

Following payments were approved:				
Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Electronic banking no:
Primrose	Ground maintenance	£193.30	£161.08	
HMRC	Payroll deduction	£231.60		
R.Moss	Salary December	£308.61		
R.Moss	McAfee, software	£42.50		
Lock & Door Wizard	Notice board lock	£80.00		
	Line Marking Village Hall	£816.00	£136.00	
<b><u>Planning &amp; Highways</u></b>				
Nothing to report. Councillor's did ask that a record be kept of requests to Mendip DC (& in Future Somerset Council) & any responses, so residents are able to see what is happening.				Clerk
<b><u>Meetings:</u></b>				
None to report as there were very few meetings over Christmas.				
<b><u>Lease:</u></b>				
There has been no progress on the lease, while legal issues around the estate of the late Andrew Jolliffe are being resolved.				Clerk
<b><u>Planning Applications Received –</u></b>				
None				Clerk
There were questions about the development at White Post, after the judicial review instituted by Norton St Philip PC.				
<b><u>Date of next meeting:</u></b>				
The next meeting will be Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 7.30pm				

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.21 p.m.

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**The next full meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council will be held on Weds 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2023. 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.