

Kilmersdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Weds 17th January 2024 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Councillors Lucas, Cook, Ham, Hudson, 5 members of the public, Cllr Robbins (SC) & the clerk.

<p>Public Forum</p> <p>Ian Hasell (chair, Norton St Philip Parish Council) outlined the history of the successful judicial review NStP PC took against Mendip District Council, successfully arguing that their housing allocation & location policies were wrong. The current planning application to Somerset Council for Fossefield appears to contravene the ruling that 80% of housing in the district should be in the 5 main towns, with the remaining housing in the 17 primary villages. Ian gave contact details for the firm DLA Piper who represented the PC at the judicial review. The PC were awarded costs in winning their case, but this did not cover the full financial outlay.</p> <p>Norton St Philip PC also undertook a housing needs survey, it was suggested that Kilmersdon PC may want to do a similar survey.</p>											
<p>Apologies Cllr Robbins (SC)</p>											
<p><u>Chair’s welcome and introduction</u></p> <p>.Cllr Ham welcomed everyone to the meeting. He talked about the vacancies on the Parish Council & how the PC was looking for volunteers to be co-opted. One member of the public expressed an interest & the clerk will contact them after the meetings to discuss.</p>											
<p><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</u></p> <p>Cllr Ham & Cllr Hudson declared an interest as members at Babington House.</p>											
<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of December 2023 meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>											
<p><u>Police & Crime</u></p> <p>There have been newsletters for the Avon & Somerset PCC circulated. The clerk has been in touch with the local PCSO, wanting to arrange to meet, to discuss local issues.</p>	Clerk										
<p><u>District Councillor’s report</u></p> <p># Cllr Robbins circulated a generic report from SCC.</p>	Clerk										
<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p># The financial report for January was approved.</p> <p># The budget for 2024-25 was agreed, with a precept of £24,776. This represents a rise of approx. 9% (exact figure dependant on the tax base), as some services currently provided by Somerset Council may not be continuing & may have to be funded.</p> <p># The current standing orders need to be updated, to take account of online banking.</p> <p># Following payments were approved:</p>	Clerk										
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R.Moss	Salary December & office expenses	£395.68		Salary & office expenses
LSJ Gardening Services	Sept 2023	£237.99	£39.66	Playing Fields

Meetings:

The Local Community Network meeting was held on January 11th, the clerk attended remotely. It was mainly outlining the financial problems at Somerset Council.

Clerk

Planning Applications Received –

- a) Planning applications received – Application from Babington House 2024/0058/TPO – This is mainly work on crown reduction, pruning unhealthy trees & cutting some dead elms. There was no comment.
- b) Fossefield 2022/0614/OUT
Clerk to contact DLA Piper, to speak to case solicitor about the Norton St Philip PC judicial review, also investigate Housing Needs Survey process.
- c) Planning applications (last 3 months)

Application			KPC	SCC decision
2023/2119/FUL	Coles Gardens	Conversion to single dwelling	No objection	Approved
2022/0614/OUT	Land South Of Fossefield Road, Fosse Way, Stratton On The Fosse	Application for Outline Planning Permission for erection of up to 180 dwellings	Oppose	registered
2023/1192/FUL	Move The Mind, Hoares Lane, Babington BA11 3RP	Erection of new stables next to existing barn	Oppose	Approved
2023/1134/VRC	Site West Of Magdapur Fosseway South Midsomer Norton	Vary condition 2021/1509/FUL (Erection of 2no. detached dwellinghouses)	Oppose	registered

Grant Applications 2023-24

There were 3 applications submitted by 31st December 2023, all for £ 500. These were from the Parish News, from Groundforce & from the Parish Church. These were all agreed.

Reports

- a) Clerks report –
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 - i. Website – The updating & backup service is now being undertaken by Phil Preen. Most of the passwords & details have been forwarded by SketchCode Studios to him.

<p>ii. Miner’s silhouette - The Miners Welfare trust have agreed to install a silhouette, the location being close to the notice board. It is still not clear who owns the piece of land & who is responsible for upkeep. Clerk to contact, as the placing of the plinth may interfere with grass cutting.</p> <p>iii. Village Hall – car park lines. WJ SWest Ltd have been provided with photos & will be emailing a quote.</p>	
<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u> The next meeting will be Weds 21st February 2024 7.30pm.</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

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The next full meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council will be held on Weds 21st February 2024

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 5th January. 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.

Signed 21 February 2024