

Kilmersdon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Weds 20th September 2023 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Councillors Hutton, Lucas, Cook Ham, Clayton, Hudson. 7 members of the public, clerk.

Before the start of the meeting there was a presentation from representatives of Persimmon Homes, concerning the development at Fossefield Road. This is an outline application for planning consent for 180 homes on a greenfield site.

They outlined that this development would:

create open green spaces, with more street trees & a 20% nett gain in biodiversity.

provide all homes with air source heat pumps, solar panels & electric car charging.

This is a resubmission that has reduced the number of homes from 190 to 180.

There were a number of questions & points made by councillors & residents:

How would the additional demand for school places, doctors, dentists be met ?

The traffic volumes are already high & air quality in the area is already poor. This development will increase the number of cars, which will be diverted away from traffic jams to rural roads, such as the one through Kilmersdon village.

There are not enough jobs in the area for the increase in population from this & other nearby developments. Buyers will have to commute for work.

The developers have advertised their 30% social housing as a positive, while in fact this is the statutory minimum.

Has there been a housing survey, to establish need for this & other local development.

This is a loss of Grade 3 agricultural land, which provides a soakaway for flood waters.

This is on the border of Somerset & BaNES. Much of the demand for local services will fall on BaNES.

The Persimmon reps said that many of these points are for local councils, not for them.

Apologies – none	
<u>Chair’s welcome and introduction</u> Cllr Hutton welcomed all to the meeting.	
<u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</u> None.	
<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of July 2023 meeting were agreed as a correct record. The minutes for the Extraordinary meeting in August were agreed as a correct record.	
<u>Police & Crime</u> There have been newsletters for the Avon & Somerset PCC circulated. Cllr Ham had met a member of the local beat team recently & passed on their contact details to the clerk, who will get in touch.	
<u>Public Forum</u> Residents have commented on the housing development in detail. There was also discussion about campaigning against the proposed development & how best to contact & communicate with parishioners. It was agreed that:	Clerk

Councillors & local residents would design a leaflet for distribution
 # The Parish Council will pay for the production of that leaflet.
 # Cllr Hutton will get in touch with the chairs of adjoining parish councils.
 Clerk provided contact information for the new MP, Sarah Dykes.

Local residents have also been in touch about street lighting on Jack & Jill Hill, vegetation obscuring car drivers views at a junction & the need for a lane to have some attention. Clerk has informed Somerset Council on all these issues.

Councillors items

A resident has been in contact about the lack of a pavement between Bearberry Meadows & the mini roundabout at the A367/ Charlton Lane junction. Councillors have met with residents to discuss options.

The contract for grass cutting & maintenance is up for renewal. It was agreed to renew if the contractor wished to continue to provide the service. There was also a request to clarify how often the hedges will be cut.

It was agreed that the work to paint parking bays in the village hall car park needs to be completed, & 3 quotes should be sought (if possible) for this work. Some of the work has been done by a local contractor, however despite requests for it to be completed this has not happened & some of the completed lines have started to lift. He will be informed that he is no longer required.

Clerk

District Councillor's report

Cllr Robbins circulated a generic report from SCC.

Clerk

Finance

The financial report for September was approved.

Following payments were approved:

Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Budget Heading:
R.Moss	Salary (2 months) & office expenses	£664.94		Salary
HMRC	Payroll deduction	£249.20		Salary
Playsafe	Playground Inspection	£106.80	£17.80	Inspections
LSJ Gardening Services	Sept 2023		£198.33	Playing Fields
Sketch Code Studios	Website back up & maintenance	£140		

Meetings:

On Weds 18th Oct there is a meeting of the Local Community Network – time & venue tbc. This is the same day as the next parish council meeting

Clerk

Planning Applications Received –

a) Planning applications received

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
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It was agreed to Oppose this development, confirming the decision of the August Extraordinary meeting. This is on the grounds of insufficient consultation, generation of traffic without an adequate traffic survey, increased traffic makes the environment more unsafe, a lack of local physical infrastructure as well as deficiencies in social facilities. There is a negative impact on the environment & biodiversity. There is also a lack of an economic infrastructure to provide local jobs, so creating more commuting.

b) Planning applications (last 3 months)

Application			KPC	SCC decision
2023/1192/FUL	Move The Mind, Hoares Lane, Babington BA11 3RP	Erection of new stables next to existing barn	Oppose	
2023/1207/CLE	Magdapur Charlton Lane	Certificate of lawful development	Oppose	
2023/1134/VRC	Site West Of Magdapur Fosseway South Midsomer Norton	Application to vary condition 2 (Plans List) of planning approval 2021/1509/FUL (Erection of 2no. detached dwellingshouses & a double garage) to move the dwellingshouses further back	Oppose	
2023/0194/HSE	Huish House Colliery Lane BA3 5SQ	Proposed Annexe Extension & Associated Formation of Recreation Facilities	No comment	Registered
2023/1072/PAA	Cloonellan Farm Lipyeate Cross To Luckington Cross Newbury Frome	Prior Approval for change of use of 2no. agricultural buildings to 3no.	No comment	Prior approval required & given

	Somerset	dwellinghouses .			
<p>Reports</p> <p>a) Clerks report –</p> <p># The cost of maintaining the website has risen from £15 pcm to £35. It was agreed that Phil Preen be approached to see if could provide a paid service for this work. There was also a wider discussion about communication, in particular how to make better use of the website, linking to local social media as well as better use of physical assets such as notice boards.</p> <p># Somerset council have said that they will be ‘auditing’ the locations & condition of local grit bins. Coincidentally the clerk has reported damage to a local grit bin.</p> <p># A table detailing local problems that have been reported to SC, with the subsequent responses. To date all these referrals have been acknowledged, but not yet resolved.</p> <p># Applications to the grants budget should be sought, with the aim of an end December closing date & a decision in the early new year.</p>					
<p><u>Date of next meeting:</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be Weds 18th October 2023 7.30pm.</p>					

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.

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The next full meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council will be held on Weds 18th October 2023

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 6th October. 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 18 October 2023