

Kilmersdon Parish Council

MINUTES

Full Council Meeting held 17th July 2024

In attendance:

Cllrs Ham, Lucas, Cook, Hudson

6 members of the public

Clerk to the Council (Current) Robin Moss and (Interim) Clerk Jen Gregory

Public Forum

Item 1. Residents in number came to object to the planning application of 6 dwellings at Old Red House Farm. In brief their submission covered (but not limited to) views, flooding, light, privacy, single track use and HGV's, covenants in place, septic tank capacity, car parking availability, destruction of trees, overdevelopment. This item was discussed by Council under item 11b

Item 2. A resident stated that the road closure had caused problems with the bus service through the village, sometimes not running and had personally experienced an occasion where a bus turned up but wouldn't go back through Kilmersdon leaving him stranded for another 2 hours. The Clerk would pick the matter up with Somerset Bus Partnership.

24/25 1. Apologies for absence

Somerset Cllr Robbins expressed his apologies for non-attendance which was duly noted.

24/25 2. Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated he was pleased to see so many residents in attendance.

24/25 3. Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General and Full Council meeting held Wednesday 12th June 2024 were approved as a correct record with an amendment as follows "*Councillors Reports – Cllr Hudson would be recording the defibrillator maintenance with Ken carrying out inspections*"

Resolved: Minutes duly signed in the presence of the meeting.

24/25 4. Correspondence

a. Request to use Recreation Ground for a car boot Sale and BBQ by Kilmersdon Church

Resolved: Agreed unanimously with arrangements for access communicated by Clerk

b. Jack and Jill Hill – Overgrown

Resolved: Contact with Ammerdown Estate's Agent to be made in preparation for the start of the school year. Failing which Councillors would arrange to cut back from the path to allow children access to the school.

24/25 5. Police and Crime Report / Neighbourhood Watch

Report circulated prior to the meeting for the Somerset East NPT. Items of note – 2/3 crimes in a large area. There had been some officers taken off the rural area recently.

24/25 5. Councillor Items (which do not appear elsewhere on the agenda)

Following previous discussions that the village needed a "Village Orderly", which would allow small matters of tidying and small general maintenance to be addressed. Time, rate and possible candidates discussed

Resolved: This was offered to Stuart ? at the rate of £15.00 per hour on an invoicing basis.

24/25 6. District Councillors Report

Not received. Clerk was requested to communicate to obtain some regular attendances.

24/25 7. Finance

a. Financial Report

Submission of Financial Report by Clerk indicating an error on the report in relation to salary which should be £1701 not £10701.00 – The year to date spend therefore was £3253.10

Resolved: Financial statement unanimously approved by Councillors present

b. AGAR

Not completed and extension requested – will pick up with new Clerk at Handover.

c. Approval of payments

Below is a submission of payments to be made this month:

Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Budget Heading
Clear Councils	Annual Insurance	603.13		Insurance
R Moss	June Salary	356.70		Salary
LSJ Gardening Services	June Invoice	237.99	39.66	Playing Field

Resolved: Payments agreed as listed above with a cheque payment of £100 agreed and provided to Cllr Hudson to deliver in relation to Coles Garden Rent, noting the Clerk had some issue with online payment.

d. Signatories on Account

With the new Clerk now appointed changes it was suggested that changes be made to the bank account to remove the old Clerk and implement the new as a signatory.

Resolved: This was agreed with two clerks implementing during handover.

24/25 8. Future Meetings

The Clerk indicated that the Village Hall had indicated Tuesday’s were welcomed. If continuing to look at Wednesday’s they had a booking on the second Wednesday. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to book the 2nd Tuesday of a month. The interim Clerk stated that annual leave would impact the September meeting which would be moved to a week later. Council felt it prudent to have a short August meeting to provide some support and for the new Clerk.

Resolved: Future meeting dates 13th August and 17th September

24/25 9. Planning

a. Mendip Local Plan Part II

Correspondence had been received indicating the sites included in the Plan – In short this was a consultation exercise providing notice of the sites that would form that plan (some of which already had planning permission) to comply with the conditions of the Judicial Review.

b. Planning Applications to consider:

2024/0447OUT	Land at Old Redhouse Farm, White Post to Charlton Rd	1 Detached plus terrace of 5
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Discussion was had encompassing some thoughts from residents regarding the site.

Resolved: The Council would OBJECT to this application on the basis of overdevelopment, loss of privacy and amenities. Concerns to be expressed in relation to environmental impact such as flooding, and provision for a treatment plant.

2024/1232/TCA	Manor Farm Tumblers Bottom – Tree Felling	T1 Weeping Ash – Fell, T2 Norway Spruce – Fell, T3/4 Ash- Fell
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Resolved: The Council recommend APPROVAL

c. Previous Applications (last 3 months)

Application	Location	Works	KPC	SCC Decision
2024/0856/HSE	4 Silver Stret	2 Storey Extension	No Comment	Registered
2022/1028/FUL	Land at Sunlea, Fosse Way	Erection of Dwelling	No Comment	
2024/0923/TPO	Babington House	Copper Beech Height Reduction	No Comment	

2024/0614/OUT	Land South of Fossefield Road, SOF	Outline up to 180 dwellings	Oppose	Registered
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24/25 10. Reports

a. Clerk Report on last month

Handover planned for Monday with new Clerk. Cllr Hudson asked of the Dropbox situation – The Clerk reported that it was tied to a personal account. Cllr Hudson suggested paying for something going forward and the Clerk said he would try Leslie again for gaining access to download.

24/25 11. Items for Next Meeting

AGAR and Public Inspection Notice

24/25 12. Any Other Business

Play Area – The Clerk had looked at grant providers however without quotations it was not possible to proceed. Engagement as to what might be needed should be assessed and engagement with the School or through the village magazine would be helpful.

Spiral Garden Repairs – Ball-part quote of £500 for the triangled area in stone – Cllr Lucas to follow up with contractor in writing. LSJ to be contacted regarding a price to look at the timber / removal at the back of Spiral Garden.

Jet Wash – Cllrs to arrange suitable date outside of the meeting.

Lease – Cllr Hudson said there was a query in relation to the land insurance from the Village Hall. The Lease has been obtained for clarity.

The Chair and fellow members expressed thanks to Robin for his work over the last two years

24/25 13. Next Meeting Date

To be confirmed with Village Hall but provisionally 13th August 7.30pm (at Village Hall)

A signed copy of the minutes can be obtained from the Clerk.