

KILMERSDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Councillors

Held remotely via Zoom

At 7.30pm on Monday 15th June 2020

PRESENT: Cllr N Brand (Chair) Cllrs R Butt, G Doswell, E Drewe (Vice Chair), N Ham, D Hudson and B Nagel.

ABSENT: -

ATTENDING: Alison Barkshire, Mendip District Councillor, Ken Lewis, L Close (Parish Clerk).

25. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR AND TO RECEIVE THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIR

Cllr Brand was elected Chair and Cllr Drewe was elected Vice Chair. Cllr Brand signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

26. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from County Councillor Pullin, who intends to join the July Parish Council meeting.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

28. MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2020 were **agreed** as a true record and would be signed after the meeting.

29. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were no members of the public.

30. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was agreed to exclude the press and public under s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that the publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

31. REVIEW OF LEASES

The Chair welcomed Ken Lewis and there was a discussion on the lease proposal which had been put forward by the landlord's agents. Following a detailed discussion it was **agreed** that, with the exception of the change of curtilage area around the Village Hall, the landlord's proposal was not acceptable because it put the Parish Council in the untenable position of maintaining the car park without authority to do so. Referring back to the remote meeting with the landlord, the new proposal goes against what was agreed verbally. The position of the Parish Council therefore is that either an agreement is set up which gives the Parish Council authority to maintain and regulate the car park, or these duties revert to the landlord. Since the current arrangement does not give the Parish Council authority to maintain and

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regulate the car park and given the fact that the Parish Council has a duty to manage the spending of the precept with due diligence, the Parish Council will stop maintaining the car park until/unless it has the proper authority to do so. The Clerk would draft a response for circulation to the Parish Council before it is sent. It was further agreed that the Parish Council's position in this be outlined in the next Kilmersdon Parish News. *Action – the Clerk*

32. TO REVERT TO PUBLIC SESSION

Ken Lewis was thanked for his input and the meeting reverted to public session.

33. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were **agreed**. They would be passed to Cllr Brand to sign and pass on to another Councillor to sign and return to the Clerk.

Payee	Detail	Gross	Net	Power	Ch no
L Close	Salary - May	£256.42	£256.42	LGA 1972 S112	001427
Paul Clark Accountants Ltd	Internal audit	£180.00	£150.00	LGA 1972 S143	001428
SALC	Affiliation fee	£167.19	£167.19	LGA 1972 S112	001429

Internet banking – It was noted that one more signature is required before the revised form is returned to NatWest. *Action – the Clerk*

Bank signatories – The addition to the bank mandate of new councillors was confirmed and the removal of former councillors.

34. HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Chair outlined a meeting with Cllr Mike Pullin regarding the moving of the 30mph signs, He has discussed this with Highways and is looking to have them moved further up the hill, Mike Pullin will continue to discuss this with Highways and will attend the next meeting with a further update.

35. PLAYING FIELD

1. See saw – Cllr Nagel reported that an industrial sized sander and fixings were now available and attempts would be made to install the see saw this weekend. *Action – Cllr Nagel*
2. Trim trail – There had been no responses to the consultation to move from wooden to metal equipment on the trim trail. **Agreed** to extend the consultation deadline, with a note in Kilmersdon Parish News to the effect that if no negative responses are received then the Parish Council will look to proceed with the new metal play equipment. *Action – the Clerk*
3. Garden area next to the play park – The Clerk was currently going out to tender and would hope to bring back costings to the next meeting. *Action – the Clerk*

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Notification of outline planning application for erection of up to 6 x dwellings at land adjoining Orchid Close, Writhlington – the Parish Council cannot comment until this application is registered with the planning authority.

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37. FORWARD PLANNING

Item 4 relating to stabilising the goalposts would be done shortly. *Action – Cllr Ham*

Item 5 relating to the cutting back of the car park hedges would be held in abeyance until there was more certainty on the lease.

The meeting adjourned at 8.10pm due to the closure of Zoom and re-started five minutes later. Cllrs Alison Barkshire, Raph Butt and Gael Doswell left the meeting at this point.

38. ONE SOMERSET CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSAL TO CREATE ONE COUNCIL FOR SOMERSET

Given the deadline of 3rd July, **agreed** to complete and return the forms individually. The Clerk to re-circulate the link. *Action – the Clerk*

39. CORRESPONDENCE

Royal British Legion consultation on the dressing of military graves – the Parish Council had no objection to the Royal British Legion's proposal to dress the military graves and hold a small ceremony and prayer on the Sunday preceding Remembrance Sunday, provided of course that any Government regulations particularly on distancing at that time are met. *Action – the Clerk*

40. OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports.

41. TRUESPEED IN THE VILLAGE

It was noted that installation was scheduled to finish in September/October.

42. MATTERS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Fingerposts in the Village – it was suggested that, given the delay in being able to re-submit the application for Heritage Lottery Funding, that the Parish Council considers funding the renovation of the fingerpost at Church Square itself. The Clerk to check costings, look at the budget and email all Councillors. *Action – the Clerk*

43. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 20TH July 2020

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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