

Kilmersdon Parish Council

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

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

In Attendance: Councillors Lucas, Ham & the clerk. Cllr Robbins (SC)

<p>Public Forum There were no members of the public attending.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>Apologies), Cllr Hudson</p>	
<p><u>Chair’s welcome and introduction</u> .Cllr Ham welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
<p><u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors</u> - in items on the Agenda None</p>	
<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of March 2024 meeting were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
<p><u>Police & Crime</u> There has been a report circulated by the local beat team, detailing the low crime figures for the area.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><u>Councillors items</u> # There was a query about the maintenance of hanging baskets in the village, which had been referred on to Groundforce. # There was a discussion about the date for the Annual Parish meeting, probably either Saturday 22nd or 29th of June. This could include a discussion about the possible alternatives for the play area, as well as a general ‘surgery’ for residents.</p>	
<p><u>Play Area</u> The recent inspection report on the play equipment had said that the multi-play castle was unsafe, due to a rotting corner post. The clerk has taped off the equipment, with a ‘danger’ sign also put in place. While there is some money in reserves, play equipment, including safety matting & installation, is prohibitively expensive. It was agreed that the clerk would enquire about possible repairs, although it was thought that would be unlikely to be possible. More likely will be dismantling & replacement. It was suggested that residents, particularly with children, should be asked what play equipment they preferred, via the Parish News & also the Annual Meeting in June. Clerk to also look at different prices from suppliers.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><u>District Councillor’s report</u> # Cllr Robbins circulated a report from SCC. There was also a discussion about how SC prioritised repairs, because there have been recent instances where potholes have been filled on lanes that are not well used or appear to be urgent or unsafe. There was also a discussion about major planning decisions, including Fossefield, & when a decision on the development was likely. #The budget situation remains very challenging, with the 2025-26 financial year being difficult.</p>	
<p><u>Finance</u> # The financial report for April was agreed # The following payments were agreed</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

Payee	Detail	Gross	VAT	Budget Heading:
R.Moss	March Salary	£356.70		Salary
LSJ Gardening Services	Feb 2024	£237.99	£39.66	Playing Fields

Meetings:
 # It was agreed that the next PC meeting will be on the 8th May, with the Annual Parish meeting on the 22nd or 29th June, combined with a village ‘surgery’.
 # There is a meeting of the Somerset LCN on 29th April..

Planning Applications Received –
 a) Planning applications received – none
 b) Planning applications (last 3 months)

Application			KPC	SCC decision
2024/0213/CLE	Cloonellan Farm Lipyeate Cross	Certificate of Lawful Use	No objection	registered
2024/0318/LBC	Charity Cottage	Front porch & garage conversion	No objection	registered
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
2023/1134/VRC	Site West Of Magdapur Fosseway South Midsomer Norton	Vary condition 2021/1509/FUL (Erection of 2no. detached dwellinghouses)	Oppose	registered

Reports
 a) Clerks report –
 a. Clerk’s Report on past month:
 i. The Miner’s silhouette has been agreed, but is waiting instillation, there is a waiting list of village & communities for these to be placed.
 ii. A report to the Parish News is due, clerk to include requests for volunteers as well as an update on the play equipment & recreation ground.

Date of next meeting:
 The next meeting will be Weds 8th May 2024 7.30pm.

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The next full meeting of Kilmersdon Parish Council will be held on Weds 8th May 2024

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 26th April. 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 8 May 2024