Kilmersdon Parish Council

**M I N U T E S**

Full Council Meeting held 9th December 2024

In attendance:

Cllrs Ham, Lucas, Hudson

Somerset Councillor Hobbs

Clerk to the Council Jen Gregory

Public Forum

No members of the public in attendance.

24/25 68 Apologies for absence

Cllr Cook gave apologies due to a family engagement would not be in attendance.

**Resolved: Apologies recorded and duly accepted by the meeting.**

24/25 69 Chairman’s Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed by the Chair.

24/25 70 Declarations of Interest

No declarations advised in tonight’s meeting.

24/25 71 Minutes

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held Tuesday 12th November were approved as a correct record.

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

24/25 72 Matters Arising

Village Shop Grant Monies

With Cllr Cook to progress

Grasscutting Contract

Progressing slowly. Despite a request to sign the contract a copy had not been received.

Zip Wire Maintenance

Received a quotation from GB Sport and Leisure for £1122.24 inc VAT which was more than the previous quotation this did include a service.

**Resolved: Agreed for GB quotation to be accepted noting this would be done in better weather**

Banking Admin Update

A call was placed with NatWest who said a box was ticked regarding authorisation which didn’t match the mandate. The whole process has now been completed again and we were awaiting online access to be granted.

Fencing Matters

Correspondence from Mr Matthews reviewed along with fencing quotations.

**Resolved: Fencing quotation from Ben Windel agreed at the cost of £220 plus VAT. Start time to be communicated to neighbour to allow him to remove vehicle.**

Garage Access

Access for storage for short term storage of Coles Garden Meeting Room equipment had been granted and Clerk on hand to provide access.

Bleed Kit

Members would check if this has been installed.

24/25 73 Councillor Items *(Matters raised by Councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda)*

Cllr Hudson had attended the community carol service.

A diary of events was needed which would be noted from the Parish News

Cllr Hudson asked if we could ask the Village Hall about the installing the Boundary Map inside the hall.

Cllr Lucas said an area to advertise what was happening on the Council would be useful. The Clerk would make enquiries of both with the Hall Manager.

24/25 74. Somerset Councillor Report

Councillor Hobbs was in attendance he was looking to get some of those affected by development at the White post area together – Stratton, Chilcompton, Kilmersdon, Westfield and Midsomer Norton at a meeting a central local location. He said he would arrange this for late January with parishioners welcome.

There was talk of planning matters generally within Somerset along with concerns of their financial situation. This brought up questions that there appeared to be inconsistencies with information in that other parishes were given costs (eg.for verge cutting etc) but we hadn’t. Clerk to follow up with Cllr Hobbs for investigation.

24/25 75. Finance

1. Approve payments to be made

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

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| **Payee** | **Detail** | **Gross** | **VAT** | **Net** |
| LSJ Gardening | Grass and hedges | 237.99 | 39.66 | 198.33 |
| J Gregory | Salary August | 445.90 |  | 356.70 |
| G B Sport and Leisure | Quarterly inspection | 135.00 | 22.50 | 112.50 |

**Resolved: Payments agreed as listed above.**

1. Cashbook Reconciliation

Reconciliation of cashbook to bank accounts was completed for the month of November end was £48197.95

1. Budget/ Set Precept

Budget considered with figures increased percentage wise at 5%, 10%, 15% although figures were also discussed at 20 and 25%. This would breach the exemption levels for audit. There was time to consider the precept at the January meeting.

1. Check in with Audit Report

The Clerk had devised an action plan as a result of the internal audit. Looking at the points therein everything was on track bar the banking situation which was work in progress.

24/25 76. Planning

1. Details of “Notification Only” application to:

Oak – remove dead wood, round shape and reduce canopy 15%

The Stables, 8 Hoares Lane, Kilmersdon

T1 Cherry – Reduce and thin canopy,

1. hurch Square, Kilmersdon
2. Previous applications (last 3 months)

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| **Application** | **Location** | **Works** | **KPC - Decision** | **SC - Decision** |
| 2024/1521/LBC | Charlton Inn Cottage -  Charlton Rd to Kilmersdon Hill | Boundary wall repairs and render to side elevation | Recommend approval (decision via email) | Approval |
| 2024/1232TCA | Manor Farm Tumblers Bottom | Fell Trees | Recommend Approval | Approval |
| 2024/0447/OUT | Land At Old Redhouse Farm | 1 Detached and terrace of 5 | Recommend Rejection | Rejected |
| 2024/0856/HSE | 4 Silver Street | 2 storey extension | No comment | Approval |
| 2022/1028/FUL | Land adjacent to Sunlea, Fosse Way | Erection of dwelling | No comment | Decided  Approval |
| 2024/0923/TPO | Babington House | Copper Beech – height reduction | No comment | Decided  Approval |
| 2024/0856/HSE | 4 Silver Street | 2 story extension | No comment | 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 | Pending -  Rejected at Planning Committee 06.08 |

24/25 77 Reports

No policies for review this month.

24/25 78 Items for Next Meeting

To set precept.

24/25 79 Parish News Items

Cllr Recruitment, CSW, Fossefield Update, Surgery March, Grant for Bleed kit, Grant Application by 28/2, Joint Parishes meeting

24/25 80 Correspondence

Request by M Gorman to use Car park for walkers on 13th February. No objection to check with Village Hall before responding

24/25 81 Next Meeting Date

14th January 2025

Meeting closed at 9.20pm with all members thanked for their contribution and efforts.

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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