Kilmersdon Parish Council

**M I N U T E S**

Full Council Meeting held 8th October 2024

In attendance:

Cllrs Ham, Lucas, Hudson

Clerk to the Council Jen Gregory

Public Forum

No members of the public in attendance.

24/25 54 Apologies for absence

 Cllr Cook gave apologies at the last meeting.

24/25 55 Chairman’s Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed by the Chair.

24/25 56 Declarations of Interest

No declarations advised in tonight’s meeting.

24/25 57 Minutes

 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held Wednesday 8th October were approved as a correct record.

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

24/25 58 Matters Arising

 Zip Wire and Insurance

 GB will provide a quotation. Insurance have advised that we only need an annual ROSPA inspection with weekly inspection by volunteers with a Risk Assessment. Form to be provided by Cllr Cook and a rota system set up…

Councillors Surgery 22nd October

 Useful meeting in conjunction with the PCSO’s, small number of attendees however useful to gain feelings from residents especially around traffic, speeding, cleaning and planning issues. A number of actions in place not least advertising for a Community Speed Watch, looking at speed devices and thoughts on the Fossefield development enabling decisions to be considered. Clerk would look at the cost for a road sweep on a quarterly basis.

 Village Shop Grant Monies

 Cllr Cook addressing with John Clayton

Grasscutting strimming and Contract

Following the last meeting the Clerk stated for LSJ not to strim around trees and play equipment. Contract to be chased

Banking admin update

Progressing slowly. Today Cllr Hudson was accepted with online banking which he already had yet Cllr Ham and the Clerk had access refused.

24/25 59. Police and Crime Report / Neighbourhood Watch

PSCO William Mortimer attended the Council Surgery. There was a conversation about the crime figures which reduced some concern. He would be attending the village with the community vehicle in November and December, date’s and times to be advertised.

24/25 60. Councillor Items *(which do not appear elsewhere on the agenda)*

Creation of a pedestrian and vehicular access at Matthew’s property next to the Hall, using the grassed area to gain access. This is subject to a possible low-level fence or hedge planting.

 **Resolved: Agreed to write to property owner and ask of intentions and notify them of the installation of a fence or hedge area.**

24/25 61. District Councillors Report

No report available.

24/25 62. Finance

1. Approve payments to be made

 Below is a submission of payments to be made this month: There was a couple of late editions of Village Hall Rental for September and October. A grant request was made for CPR and a bleed kit to enhance the defib offer of £300 in total

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| **Payee** | **Detail** | **Gross** | **VAT** | **Net** |
| LSJ Gardening | Grass and hedges | 237.99 | 39.66 | 198.33 |
| Savilles | Garage Rent | 50.00 |  | 50.00 |
| J Gregory | Salary August  | 445.90 |  | 356.70 |
| PKF  | 2 x late charges | 96.00 |  | 96.00 |
| Clarke Wilmott | Legal costs (Shop) | 3000.00 | 500.00 | 2500.00 (inv recvd) |

 **Resolved: Payments agreed as listed above together with the late editions.**

1. Cashbook Reconciliation

Reconciliation of cashbook to bank accounts was completed for the month of October £49.403.16

1. Budget

Budget considerations made with a few editions, Clerk asked to circulate percentage increases of 5%, 10% and 15% for comparison. It was noted that the council were sailing very close to the 25k exemption so the Clerk pointed out that any increase would likely push them over the threshold and a more rigorous audit process and costs associated would take place.

24/25 63. Planning

* 1. Planning Appeal Fossefield road

The Fossefield Road Appeal notice had been served with the Parish Council being offered to make new submissions by 3rd December. To emphasise this needed to be different to the previous submission/reasons. Concept Planning – a specialist company advised by Norton St Philip, which had helped them in appeals within their village – had been contacted.”

Cllr Ham had spoken to them in detail about costs and possibilities which he relayed to the meeting. Next steps were discussed at length it was felt at this stage that we would not pursue the legal route not least as there was little appetite from villagers even from the Surgery feedback. This decision would be open to amendment if there was anything that would change this thinking.

**Resolved: Not to pursue legal route at this stage (voting unanimous)**

* 1. 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)  | Registered  |
| 2024/1232TCA | Manor Farm Tumblers Bottom | Fell Trees  | Recommend Approval | Pending Consideration |
| 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 | DecidedApproval  |
| 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 64 Reports

 The Council continue to review policies with Privacy Policies

 **Resolved: Policy Updated and scheduled for a review annually.**

24/25 65 Items for Next Meeting

 Request for standing items:

Parish News: to build a list of items for inclusion by the 20th of every other month. The next edition being 20th December

Forthcoming Events: to have a presence at community events such as the festive tree lighting, wassailing etc.

24/25 66 Any Other Business

 Reminder for Village Hall – the hall was particularly cold despite turning up the thermostat.

24/25 67 Next Meeting Date

 10th December 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.25pm with all members thanked for their contribution and efforts.

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