Kilmersdon Parish Council

**M I N U T E S**

Full Council Meeting held 14th January 2025

In attendance:

Cllrs Ham, Lucas, Hudson, Cook

1 member of the public

Clerk to the Council Jen Gregory

Public Forum

No matters raised:

24/25 96 Apologies for absence

All Councillors in attendance.

24/25 97 Chairman’s Welcome and Introductions

Everyone was welcomed by the Chair.

24/25 98 Declarations of Interest

No declarations advised in tonight’s meeting.

24/25 99 Minutes

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held Tuesday 14th January were approved as a correct record.

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

24/25 100 Matters Arising

Grasscutting Contract – Ongoing latest payment withheld pending draft contract.

Zip Wire Maintenance – Agreed quotation for replacement

Banking admin update – tied with item

Fencing matters (Hall /Matthews) - vehicle had been removed, Ben to be advised to commence works

Joint Villages Planning Meeting Cllr Hobbs – Awaiting date – chaser email to be sent

Playing Field RA – SH up and running with RA

Street Light Reported 67100

Bridleway Sign Church St 80052

Redirection of Sustrans correspondence – Complete

Grit Bin and shovel – Ordered and delivered. Cllr Ham and Hudson to arrange installation

Highways Process children/ Junction Charlton Lane – Responded today, no to signage for school on B3139 and miscommunication with regard to Charlton Lane – Clerk to address and respond.

Ames Lane Flooding 836255

Jack and Jill Hill Leaves – Reported to Estate Manager

Icy Sign for Railway Cottages 836258

24/25 101 Councillor Items *(Matters raised by Councillors that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda)*

Residents on Hoares Lane reported damage to the grit bin. A further bin to be sourced and residents have advised they would seek to reinstall on the opposite verge with a concrete pad. The new bin for the top of Hoares Lane would be installed by Cllrs Ham and Hudson in due course.

No grant applications had been received to date. Clerk would further promote on Kilmersdon Whatsappening.

Cllr Cook asked if the Council were taking over the defib checks and training. Cllr Hudson would take on the checks and training if need would be provided once a year at the Hall. The Clerk would contact Heartsafe for information and Cllr Cook would ask of Ken Hutton reference the training.

Cllr Lucas required some help with the cutting around the finger post. Cllr Ham to assist.

The Lengthsman to be tasked with looking at the spiral garden (especially the rotten timber) and whether this was within his capabilities or required contractors.

24/25 102 Somerset Councillor Report

Nothing to report.

24/25 103 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 December |  |  | 356.70 |
| Village Hall | Rental | 40.00 |  | 40.00 |
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**Resolved: Proposed Cllr Lucas, Seconded cllr Cook to agreed the above payments. Payments made by Cllr Hudson in the presence of the meeting.**

1. Cashbook Reconciliation

Reconciliation of Bank Account to Cashbook with balance of £43865.94

1. Budget/ Set Precept

Sent and completed.

1. Banking

Enquiries with Unity Bank advised that a formal resolution needed to happen. Clerk to have to hand personal details and parameters for banking. It was agreed that two councillors authorise all payments regardless of amount with all Councillors afforded that opportunity and have access. Personal information would be advised by email to the Clerk

**Resolved: Proposed Cllr Ham, seconded Cllr Hudson with all in agreement for a move to Unity Bank.**

24/25 104. Planning

1. No applications this month.
2. Previous applications (last 3 months)
3. Appeal on 2022/0614/OUT Council represented however the Somerset Council changed view and did not oppose. There was a couple of residents from Fossefield Road also opposing but with the tilted balance of harm outweighing the benefits there was little to object to that hadn’t been previously mentioned. The Council would look to pursue the S106 monies for the village.

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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 |

24/25 105 Reports

No policies for review this month. As in previous months Council aware of the need to update Financial Regulations which would be reviewed and updated once the banking situation had been resolved. Councillors ensuring that protocols were being followed and negating risks.

24/25 106 Items for Next Meeting

Councillor surgery dates to be looked at to liaise with the PCSO and Hall availability with a view to holding Saturday 29th March or an evening alternative.

Requests for grant applications to be considered in March.

24/25 107 Parish News Items

Fossefield Update, Surgery March, Precept, updates on Zip wire, village cleansing & grit bin.

24/25 108 Correspondence

Nothing to report

24/25 109 Next Meeting Date

11th March

Meeting closed at 8.40pm with all members thanked for their contribution and efforts.

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