

## **Kilmeston Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Assembly held 21st May 2019**

#### **Venue Kilmeston Village Hall**

Present: - Mr Mike Curtis (MC) - Chairman  
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)  
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)  
Mr Nick Gerrard (NG)  
Mr Simon Young (SY)  
Cllr. Rob Humby – HCC/WCC  
Cllr. Laurence Ruffell & Cllr. Hugh Lumby - WCC  
Mr Kenrick Fell – Clerk  
15 Parishioners were present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018.**

The Minutes had been agreed previously and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.**

Kilmeston Parish Council met every two months during the period under review. The attendance record is as follows:- Mr M. Curtis 6, Mr N. Gerrard 6, Mr J. Bridgen 6, Mr C. Parry 6 and Mr S. Young 4.

Planning still takes up a lot of our time. This is not helped by the continuation of "WCC Affordable houses in every parish" policy. We have managed to keep it squarely in the eyes of both WCC and SDNP that there is no possibility of building anything new in the parish. It seems a pity that the leader of WCC did not wish to reply to our report concerning Kilmeston purely and simply because of

her incorrect understanding of the status of our parish. We have succeeded in getting both WCC and SDBNP to accept that there is no SHELAA (strategic economic housing land assessment) allocation on the fields to the west of the main lane through the village (submitted by Savills). We are aware of plot SD63 west of the Hinton Arms which is within the SDNP local plan pre-submission. This is an erroneously indicated as being within the settlement of Kilmeston and Cheriton...it is not. No such nomenclature exists. It is totally within the parish of Kilmeston. It has been suggested that 12 to 16 management style houses will be built on this plot (by the National Trust). No planning application has been received as yet.

The SDNP Dark Skies policy seems to be totally ignored in that not only are outrageous lights allowed for Boomtown but restricted lights (nov/mar 1600 to 1800) are allowed for private locations.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> a seminar was held in the village hall for members of the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee to receive initial training in the use of the defibrillator by the providers Community Heartbeat. 12 people attended. The event had been widely advertised. We have enough trained members for when it will be needed. In time further residents will need to be trained.

The Parish Council is being held back in its planning for the future by the inability of the Parish Plan Steering Committee to finalise the results. Very few meetings appear to have been held to keep a finger on the pulse together with no regular reports back to the Parish Council. It would appear that nearly all the work has been left to one lady who is finding it difficult.

#### **4. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.**

Cllr. Humby spoke about the changes at HCC due to the retirement of the Leader. Cllr. Keith Mann was the new Leader and Cllr. Humby had been elected Deputy Leader of the County Council. He gave details of the financial commitment to schools £1B and social care £0.5B. Savings of £0.5 B had been made since 2010 but the budget remained the same. The County was using technology to reduce its energy bills. The dragon patcher was mentioned and the £10m cost of running the 25 refuse centres. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Humby.

#### **5. CITY COUNCIL REPORT.**

Cllr. Lumby/Cllr. Ruffell had submitted a report which the Clerk had circulated. (Also attached to these Minutes).

#### **6. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS - CLERK.**

The Clerk stated that the 2018/19 accounts had been balanced and they showed a balance to be carried forward of £1,956.89. The VAT had been reclaimed £512.10. This was high this year due to the purchase of the

de-fibrillator. The insurance this year was £294.17, an increase of £8.57 on last year. A query was raised as to what it covered and the Clerk explained that the Parish Council used a specialist local government broker who compared several quotes before recommending a particular company. Parish Councils had to have high Liability etc. cover to satisfy the Auditors. The papers would now be prepared for the Internal Auditor and finally External Audit.

#### **7. QUESTIONS FROM PARISHIONERS.**

A resident asked Cllr. Humby how many children from Hampshire had been taken into care. Cllr. Humby replied that he knew of one from a neighbouring County but the rest were from Hampshire.

The number of potholes was raised by Mr. Robinson. The Chairman replied that he had recently walked the roads with the Highways Inspector and the holes had been marked and/or photographed for repair.

#### **8. CLOSURE OF MEETING.**

The Chairman closed the meeting and opened the Annual Parish Council Meeting.